# MOUNTAIN BIKE CIRCULAR TOUR "SMALL BORDER TRAFFICESER

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MOUNTAINBIKE



# TOUR DESCRIPTION

Challenging and Scenic Bike Loop via Söllereck and Breitachklamm

This varied and challenging bike loop starts in Unterwestegg, climbing steadily on both paved and gravel paths up to the top station of the Söllereck cable car. Along the Panorama Trail, you'll enjoy beautiful views over the Kleinwalsertal and the Allgäu region.

From the top station, the route descends steeply on a paved service road to the valley station. Caution is advised here due to the steep gradient and the presence of pedestrians — this section is only suitable for experienced cyclists.

From the valley station, the tour continues through the Oberstdorf neighborhoods of Kornau and Reute. After crossing the main road, the route drops down via the Burgbichl to the outskirts of Oberstdorf. Here, turn left and follow the cycle path along the Breitach River toward Tiefenbach, continuing on a gravel path in the direction of the Breitachklamm. Shortly before reaching the Breitachklamm car park, turn right onto a steep service road toward Sesselalpe. Enjoy impressive panoramic views of the Oberstdorf mountains as you pass Alpe Hintere Enge and continue over the Hörnle Pass into the Schwende district of Riezlern. From there, follow the road back to Unterwestegg.

#### **ROUTE DESCRIPTION**

Start your tour in Riezlern - Unterwestegg. From there drive up "Schwandweg" until you reach "Mittelalpe". From there on the path to "Amannsalpe-Schrattenwang" till Schönblick. Steep descent till Kornau. From there 400m along the main road, then left via "Reute" to "Jauchen". Turn left into the path to "Breitachbrücke" and continue till "Geiger Kreisel". Turn left and follow the bike path till "Weidach". At the crossing turn left - direction "Breitachklamm". Shortly before the Breitachklamm parking turn right in direction of "Sesselalpe". Do not take the turn-off to "Sesselalpe" later on but continue in direction "Hinterenge". Turn left here and follow the "Straußbergweg" to Schwende. Cross "Schendebrücke" to reach the starting point.

## RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

 $140 \ \text{Alpine Emergencies Austria wide } 144 \ \text{Alpine Emergencies Vorarlberg } 112 \ \text{Euro-Emergencies (works with every mobile network)}$ 

www.vorarlberg.travel/sicherheitstipps

Solid footwear. Weatherproof clothing is recommended. Something to drink!

### **FURTHER INFO & LINKS**

Tips

The mountain bike tour can also be ridden in the opposite direction.

Further links



Goal: Riezlern

#### How do you consciously experience nature?

Nature is so much more than the backdrop for unforgettable mountain experiences. It is a habitat for animals and plants. It provides drinking water and supplies us with high quality food. Not only does it provide valuable raw materials such as wood, it also protects against avalanches and mudslides and regulates the climate. It is up to us to support nature in everything that it does for us. One thing is certain, together we can achieve more:

Smart in NATURE

CONSCIOUS together

**EXPERIENCE** foresight

#### **Smart in NATURE**

Take a deep breath and recharge your batteries, be outside and feel free. When we enjoy nature, we are guests in the living room of shy animals and rare plants. If you behave smart, they will be happy to share their living space with you in the future too.

#### Stay on paths and marked routes

If you follow the marked paths and routes, you are sure to come to new favorite places. In this way you also respect protected areas, because many animals and plants need special protection. Especially in winter, any disturbance unnecessarily costs the wild animals the strength they need to survive.

#### Avoiding twilight times

Standing on a mountain at sunrise is a special experience. The morning and evening hours are also the time when most wild animals are in search of food. If they are disturbed, they get stressed. If it cannot be avoided, please stay on the marked path, do not use a bright headlamp and enjoy the silence.

#### Stay clean & take rubbish with you

It goes without saying: You take rubbish with you again, on the mountain and in the valley. Please also organic waste, because it is composted much more slowly at altitude. You can dispose of the rubbish properly at home or in your accommodation - please remember that there are no rubbish bins in public spaces in Kleinwalsertal.

#### On the natural toilet

If you are looking for a quiet place, please be at least 50 m away from water. Bury excrement or cover it with a large stone. Use fallen leaves or recycled toilet paper and put the paper back in the trash bag.

#### On tour with a dog

Are you always in control of your four-legged partner, even if he gets his nose for marmots, deer or other wild animals? You are both on the safe side on a leash. Keep dogs on a short leash near grazing cattle. If an attack by a grazing animal is foreseeable: leash off immediately. There are numerous dog stations in the valley for the disposal of dog bags. The farmers and alpine farmers thank you because manure in meadows and fields contaminates the feed and makes grazing cattle sick.

#### **CONSCIOUS** to each other

## Consideration for other athletes and those looking for relaxation

Everyone loves to enjoy a special piece of earth for themselves. But most of the time we are not traveling alone. No problem, because there is enough space. Allow time, open the way in an accommodating manner, provide support when someone needs help and always give a smile. So nothing stands in the way of friendly cooperation and relaxed enjoyment of nature.

## Appreciating the preservation of the cultural landscape

Alpine landscapes are touching with their contrast: Imposing peaks and natural forests alternate with gentle valleys, well-tended meadows and pastures. In the Kleinwalsertal too, this delightful landscape at three altitudes is no coincidence, but the result of an interplay of natural and cultural landscapes. Behind this is the work of farmers, alpine and forestry as well as hunters. With their work, they ensure that the attractiveness of the recreation and leisure area and the diversity of species are preserved. We already say thank you if we stay on the marked trails and enjoy regional products.

## **EXPERIENCE** farsighted

# Safe on tour - for you and others

Whether on a ski or snowshoe tour in winter or on a mountain tour in summer, anyone who is out and about in alpine terrain has to be well prepared. This includes careful information and tour planning as well as the right equipment. Correctly assessing alpine dangers requires a lot of knowledge and experience. Why not learn from professionals and go on tour with one of the experienced guides?

Nature experience map, scale 1:12,000; Kleinwalsertal tour map (with hiking guide), scale 1:25,000; DAV hiking map, scale 1:25,000; the respective cards are available for a fee in the Walserhaus Hirschegg.

Morning 7 °C MOUNTAIN - 13 °C VALLEY



