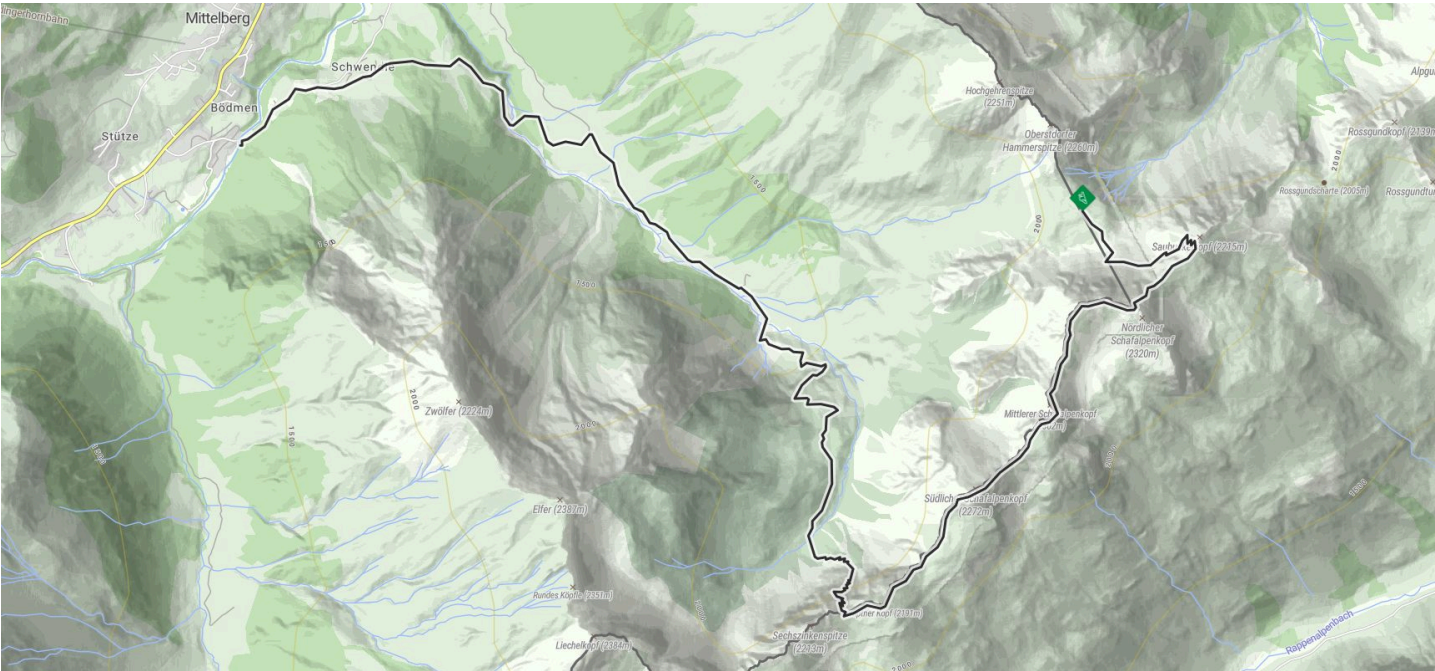


# FROM THE FIDEREPASSHÜTTE OVER THE MINDELHEIMER VIA FERRATA

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## TOUR DESCRIPTION

The Mindelheimer Via Ferrata is an alpine via ferrata (difficulty C) for experienced mountaineers with sure footing and a head for heights, equipped with full via ferrata gear. It leads through high alpine terrain and offers impressive panoramic views over the rugged summit ridge of the Schafalpenköpfe. The Mindelheimer via ferrata is a very demanding tour, particularly due to its length and the fact that the climb is not secured by ropes throughout. Coming from the Fiderepasshütte, the via ferrata leads along the Austrian-German border over the summits of the three Schafalpenköpfe peaks to the Kemptner Köpfle. The view during the entire ridge crossing is unique, and the route through the rugged Hauptdolomit reveals varied and impressive rock formations. The via ferrata ends at the Kemptner Scharte. From there, descend via the Wildental.

## ROUTE DESCRIPTION

The tour starts after a good night on the Fiderepasshütte. From there we walk downhill to the Fiderepass and then up to the Fiderescharte. Keep to the right and after a short time you reach the ridge to the entry point. Use the help of several iron straps, while crossing a vertical draw. Climb on well secured on wire ropes. In the further course of the ridge repeatedly fuses and brackets help you to reach the Kemptner Köpfle, the fourth summit of the tour. From there walk down to the Kemptner Scharte (saddle). It is always worth a short trip (10 min.) to the Mindelheimer hut. Back at the Kemptner Scharte, serpentine take you down to a plateau and further down to the Fluchtalpe, another possibility for refreshments. From here a wider footpath through the two Wiesalpen takes you to Höfle and to the bus stop.

## RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

Alpine experience as well as absolute surefootedness and a head for heights required! Unsuitable for beginners and inexperienced users. No escape or emergency exit.  
There is a danger to life in thunderstorms on via ferrata. Risk of falling rocks from people ahead. Commit at your own risk!

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- 140 Alpine Emergencies Austria wide
- 144 Alpine Emergencies Vorarlberg
- 112 Euro-Emergencies (works with every mobile network)

[www.vorarlberg.travel/safety-tips-on-the-mountain/](http://www.vorarlberg.travel/safety-tips-on-the-mountain/)

Complete via ferrata equipment (climbing harness, via ferrata kit, helmet), sturdy shoes, food supplies, weather-proof clothing.

## FURTHER INFO & LINKS

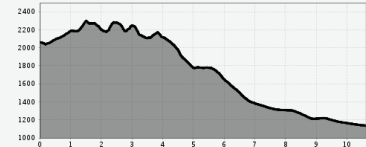
Tips

↔ Distance  
**10.62 KM**

⌚ Duration  
**5:30 H**

⚡ Altitude meters  
**574 M**

⚡ Highest point  
**2314 M**



### Condition



### Best season

JAN FEB MAR APR MAI **JUN**  
**JUL** **AUG** **SEP** **OCT** NOV DEC

Sart: Riezlern  
Goal: Mittelberg

This is a long tour and should not be underestimated in terms of overall difficulty. If you want to take a little more time, instead of descending directly into the Wildental valley via the Kemptner Scharte at the end of the Mindelheimer via ferrata, you can continue hiking to the Mindelheimer Hut and plan to stay there overnight.

#### Further links

##### 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**



Noon **11 °C**  
**MOUNTAIN**  
**20 °C**  
**VALLEY**



Evening **8 °C**  
**MOUNTAIN**  
**15 °C**  
**VALLEY**

