

MEDIUM HIKING



TOUR DESCRIPTION

Starting at the valley station of the Ifenbahn cable car, a nature-friendly forest trail leads to the middle station / Ifenhütte. Alternatively, you can take the Ifenbahn up to this point. From there, a wide hiking trail ascends in switchbacks along a moderately steep path into the Ifenmulde. The landscape here is dominated by the impressive, steep walls of the Ifen.

The hiking trail then continues to the right towards the summit cross of the Hahnenköpfle. From here, the marked trail descends over the summit of Hahnenköpfle down onto the Gottesacker plateau. The route loops through the rugged, wild karst landscape of the Gottesacker to the Ifenbahn mountain station.

This section of the Ifenbahn operates only in winter, so the descent is made via the previously known hiking trail back to the middle station of the Ifenbahn, with the option to use the cable car to return to the Schwarzwassertal.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

The starting point is the valley station of the Ifenbahn, which brings us to 1582 m. At the mountain station we take the path below the Ifenhütte towards Hahnenköpfle. In serpentine it goes up a moderately steep path into the Ifenmulde. At the junction towards Ifen we keep to the right and follow the signs to the Hahnenköpfle. We climb up the partly very stony, washed-out path on the right edge of the Ifenmulde. After a while, the area opens up and we can already see the beginnings of the Gottesacker plateau on the right and the mountain station of the Hahnenköpflebahn, which is closed in summer. However, we climb another 10 minutes to the summit of the Hahnenköpfle. From the summit cross we can either descend the same way or make a 20-minute longer dangling over the Gottesacker plateau. However, surefootedness is required on the perforated surface; a short descent can be mastered with two iron clamps on your back. Behind the little lift house you meet the path that leads through the Ifenmulde back to the Ifenhütte.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

EMERGENCY: 140 Alpine Emergencies Austria wide 144 Alpine Emergencies Vorarlberg 112 Euro-Emergencies (works with every mobile network) www.vorarlberg.travel/sicherheitstipps Sturdy shoes and hiking poles for steep sections recommended. When necessary, rainproof clothing and head covering.

FURTHER INFO & LINKS

Tips

A longer alternative for fit and sure-footed hikers is the mountain tour across the Gottesacker plateau.

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

 ↔ Distance
5.99 KM

 ⌚ Duration
3:30 H

 ⚡ Altitude meters
500 M

 ⚡ Highest point
2077 M


Condition



Best season

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

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Goal: Hirschegg

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.

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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



6 °C
MOUNTAIN
12 °C
VALLEY

Noon



5 °C
MOUNTAIN
15 °C
VALLEY

Evening



6 °C
MOUNTAIN
13 °C
VALLEY