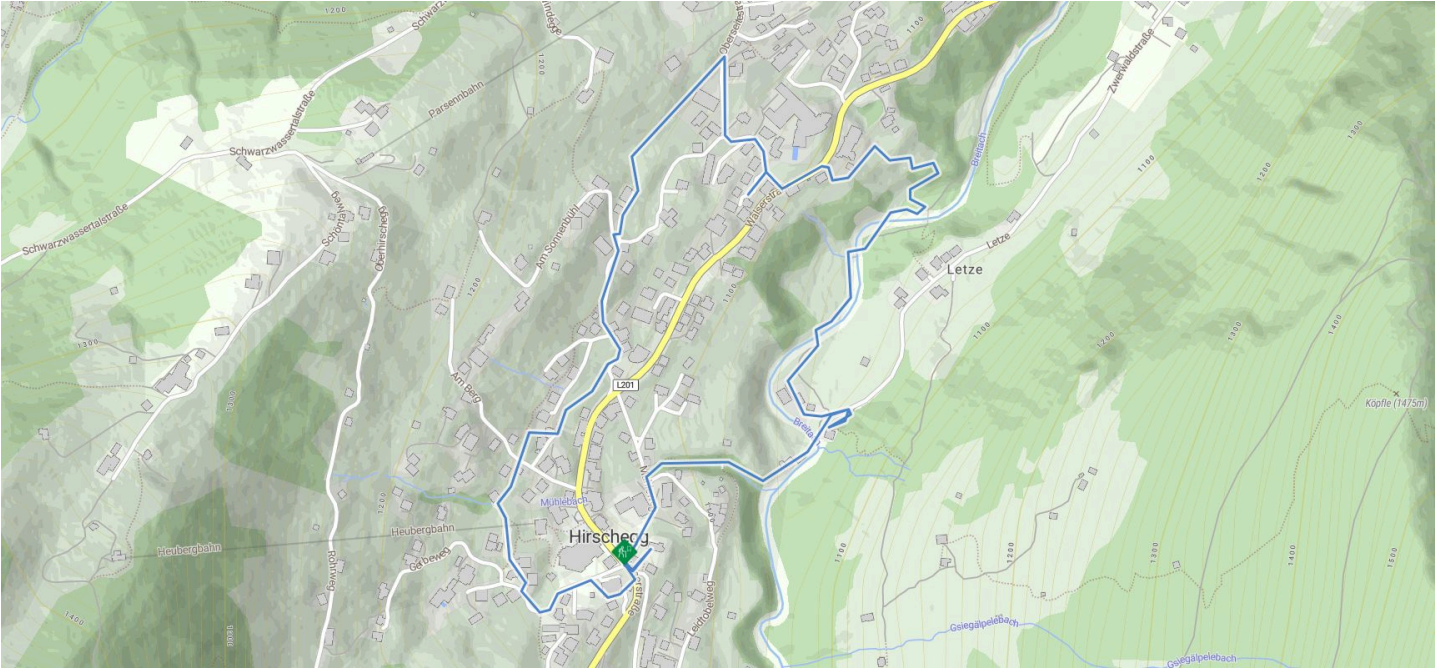


EASY THEMED TRAIL



TOUR DESCRIPTION

Cultural Trail Hirschegg – Stories Told by Historic Walls

Along this cultural hiking trail, old houses, barns, and other historical landmarks share their centuries-old stories. Information boards at the buildings and cultural-historical sites along the Walser Cultural Trail provide fascinating insights into the region's past. Additionally, each stop is accompanied by an audio guide available in the Outdooractive app. The trail—telling the story of the Walser people—is embedded in a unique natural landscape, offering beautiful panoramic views.

The village walk begins at St. Anna Parish Church in Hirschegg and leads past the school building and sacristan’s house. From the village center, the trail descends steeply down to the Breitach river. It then follows the Breitach Trail, passing the Maria-Hilf Chapel. After crossing the Leidtobel Bridge, a covered wooden bridge, the route briefly leaves the main path for a short detour to the Schützenhaus (marksmen’s house) near the bridge.

Returning to the Breitach Trail, the next stop is the Maria Höll mineral spring, known for its healing powers. The path then climbs across the main road to the Walserhaus Kessler, a traditional house over 400 years old.

Continuing along the Panorama Trail, hikers reach the Old Municipal Building, which served as the administrative center of the valley community for more than 150 years. A bit further on stands a small, freestanding storage house, once a typical feature of every Walser farm, used to store grain, flour, and food until about 200 years ago.

The trail then leads to the Kreuzkirche, built in 1953 as the first and only Protestant mountain church in Kleinwalsertal. The final stop on the Hirschegg Cultural Trail is the War Memorial Chapel, built in 1935.

Distance 3.77 KM

Duration 1:10 H

Altitude meters 100 M

Highest point 1144 M



Condition



Best season

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

Sart: Hirschegg

Goal: Hirschegg

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

1 Pfarrkirche St. Anna 2 Schul- und Mesnerhaus 3 Leidtobel-Kapelle Maria Hilf 4 Leidtobelbrücke 5 Schützenhaus 6 Schwefelquelle 7 Walserhaus Kessler 8 Altes Gemeindehaus 9 Schpiicher 10 Kreuzkirche 11 Kriegerdenkmal

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

Emergency Numbers 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

Check out the audio guide at the various buildings / points. For detailed information about the Walser culture, the booklet "Originales & Originelles" is available at the tourist office. (only in german)

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.

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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 **7 °C**
MOUNTAIN

Noon **11 °C**
MOUNTAIN

Evening **8 °C**
MOUNTAIN



13 °C
VALLEY



20 °C
VALLEY



15 °C
VALLEY