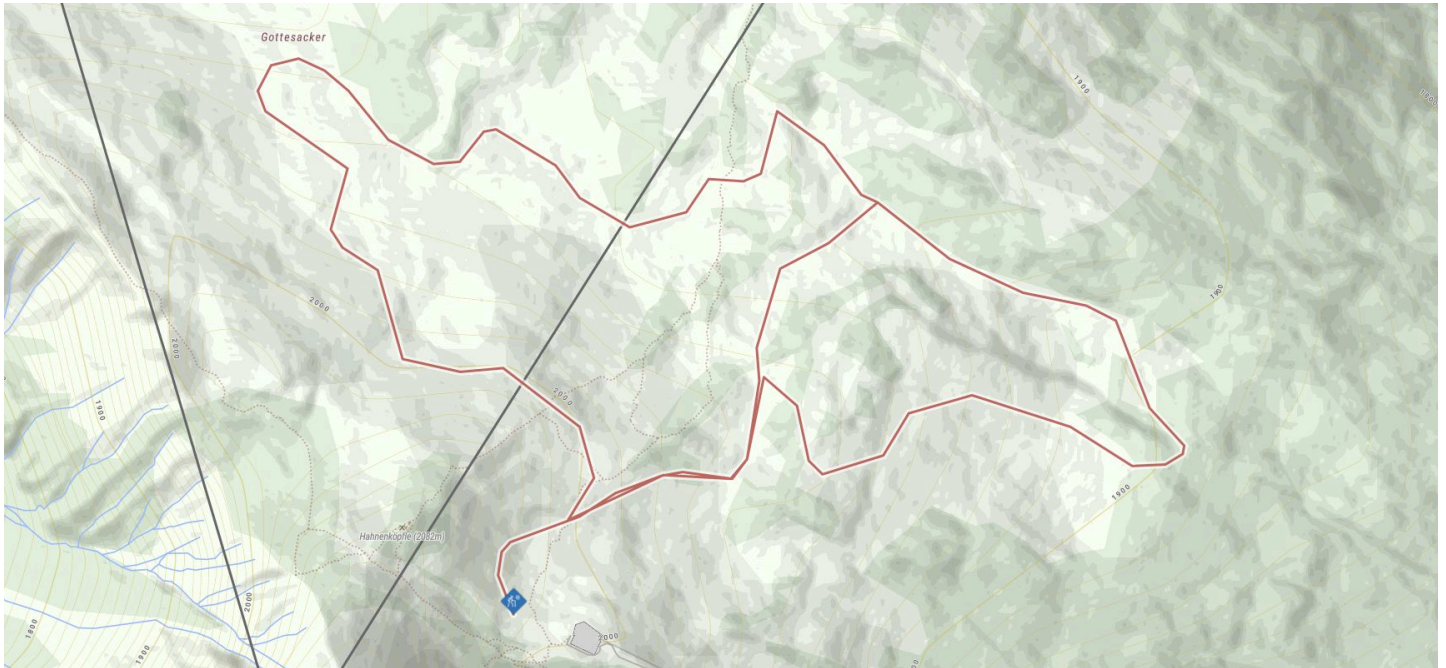


# WINTER CIRCULAR HIKE ON THE GOTTESACKER

MEDIUM

WINTER HIKING



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

This winter hiking trail is the highest winter hiking trail in the Kleinwalsertal valley at an altitude of around 2000 meters. The winter hike is a unique experience thanks to the impressive view of the north faces of the Hoher Ifen and the bizarre shapes of the snow dunes in the karst landscape. The trail can be reached with the Ifen cable car; from the Auenhütte at the Ifen valley station, take the Ifen cable car up to the mountain station. From there, a signposted, groomed panoramic circular trail leads towards the Gottesacker plateau. After a short time on the hiking trail among the numerous skiers from the Ifen cable car mountain station, you can enjoy the seclusion of the Gottesacker. This probably best-known karst area in the Alps enchants in winter with the bizarre shapes of the snow dunes in the karst landscape. The circular hiking trail is prepared for a 5 km hike and a 3 km hike.

## ROUTE DESCRIPTION

As soon as we have arrived at the mountain station with the cable car, we can start! We keep to the right and follow the hiking trail signs to the winter circular hiking trail! After just a few meters, we are captivated by the gigantic view of the highest winter hiking trail in the Kleinwalsertal, which can be reached by train and which will be with us from now on.

## 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](http://www.vorarlberg.travel/sicherheitstipps)

Sturdy footwear. Trekking poles recommended for steeper sections. Trekking poles recommended for steeper sections. Rainproof clothing and headgear if necessary.

## FURTHER INFO & LINKS

### Tips

The snow dunes on the Gottesacker, shaped by the wind, are unique.

### 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

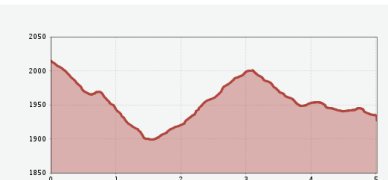
CONSCIOUS together

↔ Distance  
**5.02 KM**

🕒 Duration  
**1:30 H**

⚓ Altitude meters  
**112 M**

⚓ Highest point  
**2016 M**



### Condition



### Best season

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

**Sart:** Hirschegg

**Goal:** Hirschegg

## 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**