

HARD HIKING



TOUR DESCRIPTION

This 4-day hut tour takes you around and over the highest mountain peaks of the Kleinwalsertal valley. Overnight stays at the Fiderepasshütte, Widdersteinhütte, and Schwarzwasserhütte huts. The sections are characterized by varied, unique scenic highlights. The first two stages between Kanzelwand and Mindelheimer Hut are dominated by views of the majestic peaks of the Allgäu Alps and a high alpine environment. Between Gemsteltal and Bärgunttal, the highest peak in the Kleinwalsertal valley, the Große Widderstein, dominates the panorama. The section in the Duratal valley, which is characterized by cultivated alpine meadows, contrasts with the barren Gottesacker plateau, which, together with the Hoher Ifen, is the highlight of the last stage.

Huts:
Fiderepasshütte (DAV) Mindelheimer Hütte (DAV)Widdersteinhütte (privat)Schwarzwasserhütte (DAV)

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

1st day – medium mountain hike (2,5 to 3 resp. 4 to 5 hours):
The first big climb can easily be overcome with the Kanzelwandbahn (paid). From the mountain station, you first reach the Kanzelwand summit (2058 m), then over the German mountain flank with an extensive descent and ascent to Fiderepass hut (2070 m). Overnight on the DAV hut.

2nd day – medium mountain hike (6 to 7 hours):
First a gravel road up to the Fiderepass gap, there you find partly rope belay. Rocky, initially descent downhill over the so-called Saubuckel towards Taufersberg alp. From here you can walk along the Krumbach high path below the climbing route through rocky terrain to the Mindelheimer hut (2013 m), which only requires a moderate ascent. From the hut continue along the high path across the Geisshorn ridge (1982 m) and the Gemstel pass (1971 m). The only noteworthy ascent (200 hm) is just below the Geisshorn. Gentle walk to Widderstein hut (2009 m).

3rd day – medium mountain hike (6 to 7 hours):
Partly very steep descent over the Hochalppass to Bärgunttal. Approximately 45 min. after the Bärgunt hut, you reach Baad (1244 m). In Baad, turn north to Duratal. The path leads you first through shady forests, then rocky terrain over the Starzelalp (1678 m) to the Starzel ridge, then to the Ochsenhofer gap (1850 m). From here descent to Schwarzwasser hut (1620 m).

4th day – medium mountain hike with difficult points (6 to 7 hours):
On the Eugen-Köhler-Weg, you cross the Ifersgunt alp up to the Ifen plateau (rope belays on the rock slabs). From the summit of the Hohen Ifen (2229 m) you leave the plateau in the eastern direction with a rocky descent through the Ifen wall. Cross the scree material in the direction of the Hahnenköpfle (do not descent on the serpentine path). Past the mountain station of the Ifen II cable car (2020 m), the path over the Gottesacker begins - here it is

↔ Distance

46.87 KM

🕒 Duration

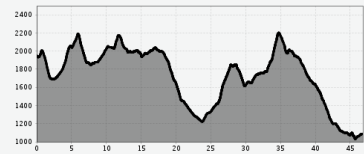
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⚡ Altitude meters

2468 M

⚡ Highest point

2222 M



Condition

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Best season

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

Sart: Riezlern

Goal: Riezlern

absolutely necessary to observe the land markings and cross only with good visibility. Climb over the rugged platelets to the ruins of the Upper Gottesacker (1835 m). Turn right here in the direction of Wäldele / Hirschegg. Descent through the "Gottesacker hole" and the Kürenwald. In Waldele with Walserbus to Riezern or on foot along the Schwarzwasser brook. Caution: no refreshment facilities and water supply between Ifersgunt alp and Wäldele - Mountainstation restaurant Tafel & Zunder is not open in summer!

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

Alpine experience as well as absolute sure-footedness and a head for heights required! Cross the Gottesacker Plateau only in good visibility - danger of getting lost in fog!

Emergency Numbers **EMERGENCY:** 140 Alpine Emergencies Austria wide 144 Alpine Emergencies Vorarlberg 112 Euro-Emergencies (works with every mobile network)

www.vorarlberg.travel/sicherheitstipps

Equipment for overnight stays in 3 managed huts, including sturdy footwear and weather-appropriate clothing. Hiking poles may be recommended.

Bring sufficient drinks and provisions for longer sections without refreshment stops.

FURTHER INFO & LINKS

Tips

Overnight stays at the Fiderepass Hut (DAV), Mindelheimer Hut (DAV), Widderstein Hut (private) and Schwarzwasser Hut (DAV) must be booked in advance. The huts fill up quickly, especially during holiday periods.

If the sleeping places in the huts are already fully booked or the length of the stages needs to be adjusted individually, the Mindelheimer Hütte (DAV) can be considered as an additional base.

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



6 °C

MOUNTAIN

12 °C

VALLEY

Noon



5 °C

MOUNTAIN

15 °C

VALLEY

Evening



6 °C

MOUNTAIN

13 °C

VALLEY