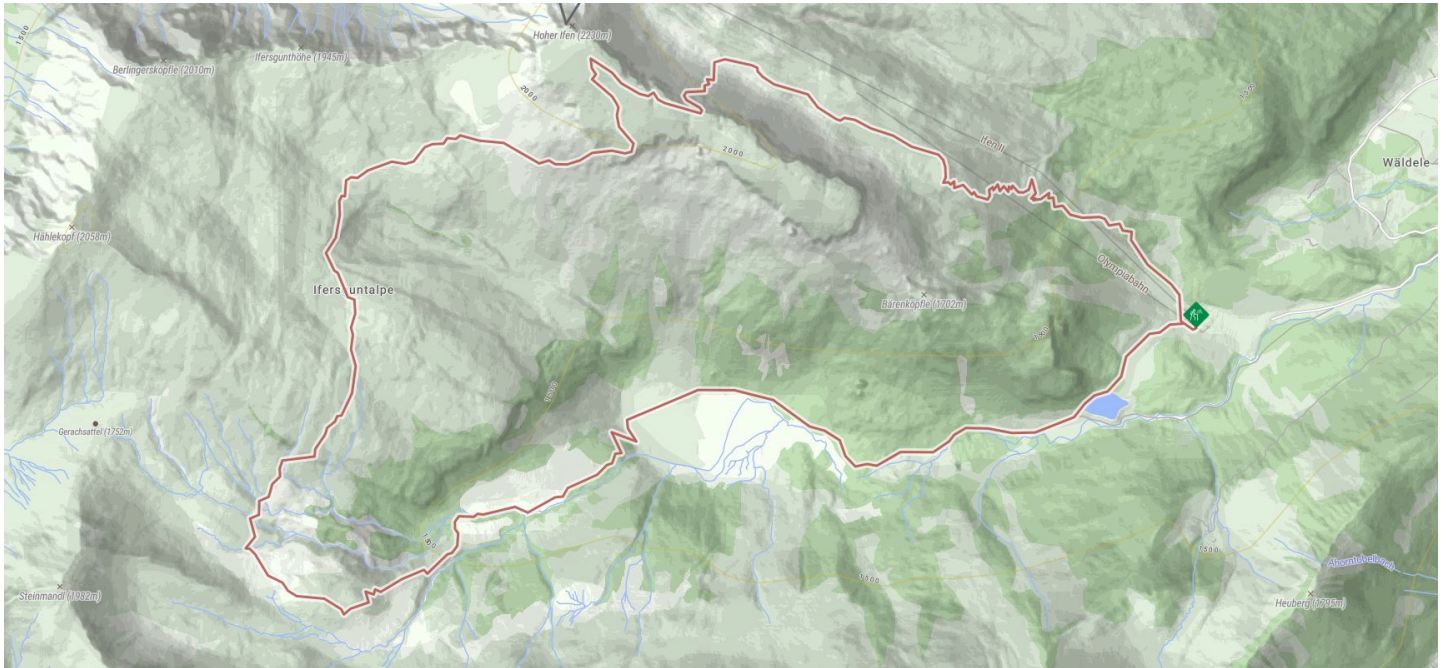


MEDIUM HIKING


TOUR DESCRIPTION

A challenging alpine circular tour for experienced mountaineers over the Hoher Ifen, one of the most famous Walser peaks. It is extremely varied and offers unique views.

The challenging and varied mountain tour over the Hoher Ifen starts at the valley station of the Ifenbahn cable car. From here, you can either take the cable car to the middle station and start the hike from the Ifenhütte hut. Alternatively, hike about 300 meters in altitude from the valley station of the Ifenbahn on the natural hiking trail to the middle station. From there, a well-marked trail leads towards Ifen. Through the Ifenmulde and then climbing more steeply, the mountain trail leads over a rough scree field and along the massive rock face to the summit plateau of the Ifen. Difficult sections on this part of the trail are secured with safety ropes in summer, so a head for heights and sure-footedness are required. On the plateau, the trail to the summit climbs only slightly. At the summit cross, there is a unique view over the steep northern slopes of the Ifen to the Gottesacker plateau and out to the Allgäu and Vorarlberg mountains. The difficult hiking trail leads down to the Ifersguntalpe, where several longer rope-secured passages and scree fields have to be crossed again. From the Ifersguntalpe, the tour leads to the Schwarzwasserhütte. From there to the Alpe Melköde and through the Schwarzwassertal valley to the starting point of the tour.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

From the Auenhütte ascent with the Ifen chairlift to the Ifenhütte (alternatively: follow the trail on the right to the mountain station +50 min.). Uphill walk in serpentines on well-marked paths to the Ifenboard. Then hike in the Ifenmulde through a boulder field changing into rocks up onto the plateau of Ifen. Difficult passages are secured by ropes. On the plateau slight ascent to the summit. In spring you may find dangerous snowfields. Otherwise a pleasant mountain tour for good mountaineers. Descent over the Schwarzwasserhütte. Partially fairly steep descent through scree and tethered rock slabs. From the Schwarzwasserhütte nice trail to the Auenhütte.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

EMERGENCY: 140 Alpine Emergencies Austria wide 144 Alpine Emergencies Vorarlberg 112 Euro-Emergencies (works with every mobile network) www.vorarlberg.travel/sicherheitstipps Weather-appropriate clothing, sturdy footwear and hiking poles.

In early summer, there may still be hard-frozen, dangerous snowfields both on the ascent and descent. Be aware of the risk of falling here.

FURTHER INFO & LINKS

Further links

↔ Distance
13.89 KM

🕒 Duration
6:30 H

⚡ Altitude meters
914 M

⚡ Highest point
2230 M



Condition



Best season

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

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Goal: Hirschegg

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

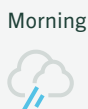
Alpine landscapes are touching with their contrast: Imposing peaks and natural forests alternate with gentle valleys, well-tended meadows and pastures. In the Kleinwalsertal too, this delightful landscape at three altitudes is no coincidence, but the result of an interplay of natural and cultural landscapes. 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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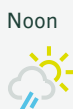
Safe on tour - for you and others

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