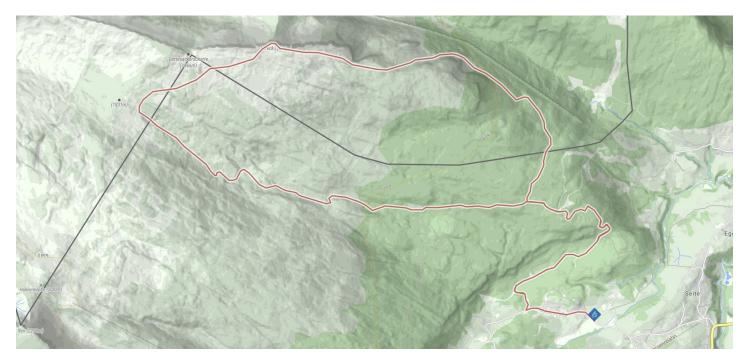
SKI TOUR FROM AU TO TORECK



SKI TOURING





TOUR DESCRIPTION

A scenically stunning ski tour, starting at the football field in Au. Even the ascent impresses with the wild beauty of the Kürental valley, and in the upper section, the tour rewards you with a magnificent panoramic view of the surrounding peaks.

"Experience nature consciously" stands for a respectful coexistence among winter sports enthusiasts and toward the natural environment. This route is planned to respect the designated forest and wildlife protection zones in the Kleinwalsertal, ensuring a sustainable and enjoyable mountain experience.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Ascen

The tour starts in the hamlet of "Schwende", which can be easily reached by bus (see "Arrival"). Arriving at the Mahdtalhaus, we first orientate ourselves on the DAV overview board about 100m away (right on the street). From here we follow the ski touring signs, straight up the beginning of the slope. From here we switch to the aisle on our right and follow the free area that climbs up to the left. Next we go past a hut (this is on the left edge of the forest), past a sun-exposed path to the left & over through the forest to the next aisle. Further up we come to a crossing forest path, which we follow approx. 100m to the left & then climb the next aisle to the right. Once at the top, another signpost shows us the way, to the right through the forest to a flat area. We continue to the right along the initially level path, past the Grafenkürenalpe. We continue below the rising rock face on the left until the slope opens up and we climb it. At the top we have a great view of the Hoher Ifen & enjoy the sun for a few more minutes.

Descent

The descent is via the "Schneiderkuren - Schmalzboden", from the summit of the Sonnenberg we make beautiful curves in the direction of the ski area. Shortly before we have to climb up again, we turn left and get to the "Schneiderkuren" hut. (Here is also the Stone Age hunter's camp) Now the path is almost prescribed for us & we get to the "Schmalzboden" hut. Towards the end of the descent it's time to "stay on track". We follow the forest path and come out in the Wäldele at the Wäldele-Egg cross-country ski trail. About 500 meters down the street we reach a bus stop (Marburger Haus) line 3.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

In particular the steep grass slopes in the upper area require a safe avalanche situation, so take the avalanche report into account! The specified GPS track is only a suggestion. No liability can be assumed for the correctness of the information. Away from secured pistes, everyone is responsible for finding out about alpine dangers, especially avalanches. Ski touring in alpine terrain is always at your own risk. Weather and snow conditions may make changes to the route necessary. For experienced ski tourers.



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- 140 Alpine Emergencies Austria wide
- 144 Alpine Emergencies Vorarlberg
- 112 Euro-Emergencies (works with every mobile network)

www.vorarlberg.travel/safety-tips

Careful planning, study the avalanche report:(www.vorarlberg.at/web/land-

vorarlberg/contentdetailseite/-/asset_publisher/qA6AJ38txu0k/content/lawinenwarndienst), for an avalanche emergency: avalanche transceiver, shovel and probe (standard), risk assessments on site always undertake, complete ski touring training.

FURTHER INFO & LINKS

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.

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?
For the planning of ski tours we recommend the maps of the German Alpine Club.

Morning 6 °C MOUNTAIN

11 °C VALLEY

6 °C MOUNTAIN Noon 15 °C VALLEY

6°C MOUNTAIN Evening 13 °C VALLEY