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The Austrian high mountain valley “Kleinwalsertal” lies amid majestic peaks, idyllically nestled on the northern edge of the Alps.

Ski runs on perfectly prepared slopes, cross-country tours through snow-covered valleys, or leisurely winter walks – the Kleinwalsertal is a paradise for winter sports enthusiasts and those seeking relaxation.

Spread across three altitudes, from 1,100 metres in the valley to the highest peaks such as the Grosser Widderstein (2,533 m), the region offers a wealth of alpine experiences, with 130 kilometres of pistes, 50 kilometres of cross-country trails, and more than 50 kilometres of well-maintained winter hiking routes. On top of that, there are pristine snow-covered landscapes that invite you to pause and marvel. Meeting the people of the valley is an especially unforgettable experience. People who reflect on their roots and at the same time dare to try something new. They inspire with passion and courage, delight you with culinary treats, and create unforgettable winter moments.

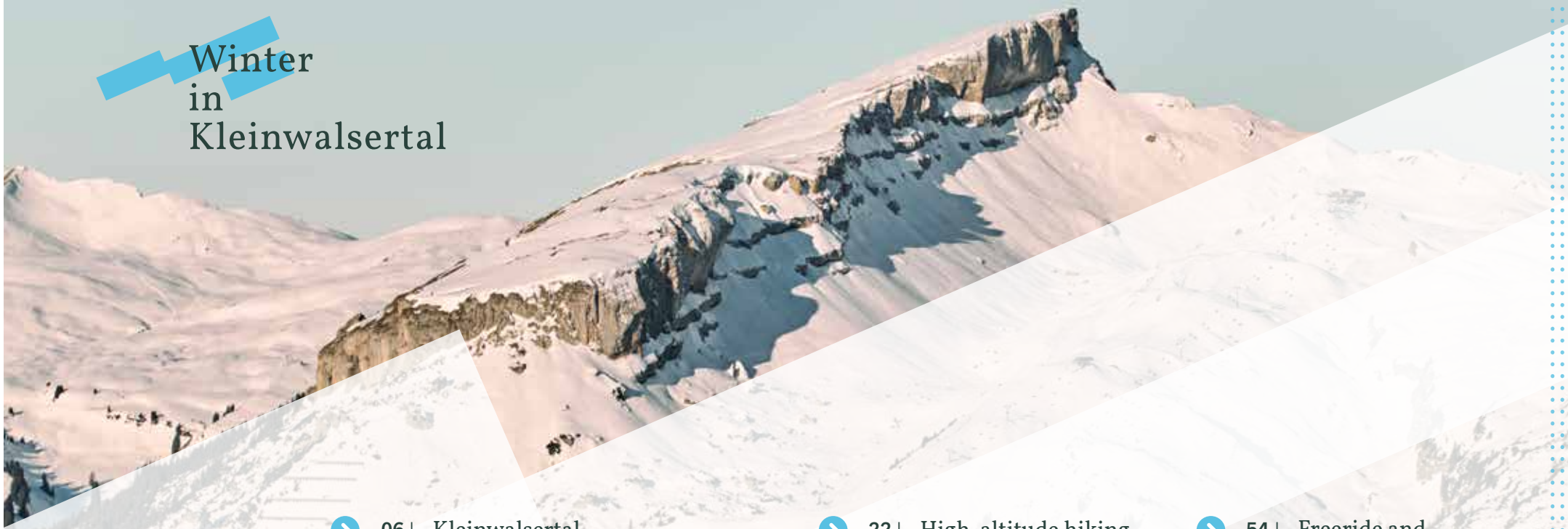
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Kleinwalsertal at a glance

With around 5,000 inhabitants, the valley is made up of three villages: Riezlern, Hirschegg, and Mittelberg, which includes Baad.

Kleinwalsertal is a high mountain valley bordered to the east and south-east by the Lechtal Alps. The Vorarlberg and Allgäu Alpine foothills open up to the north and west.
The Grosser Widderstein forms the boundary of the valley in the south and closes it off towards the Bregenzerwald and Hochtannberg. The valley extends over an area of 97 km², is about 15 km long and around 6.5 km wide.

Riezlern

Crossing the Walserschanze, you reach Riezlern, which impresses with the imposing Hohe Ifen (2,230 m) in the background. The lively village centre and the quieter hamlets of Schwende and Egg are a delight at any time of year. The Kanzelwandbahn takes you straight into the cross-border ski area.

Hirschegg

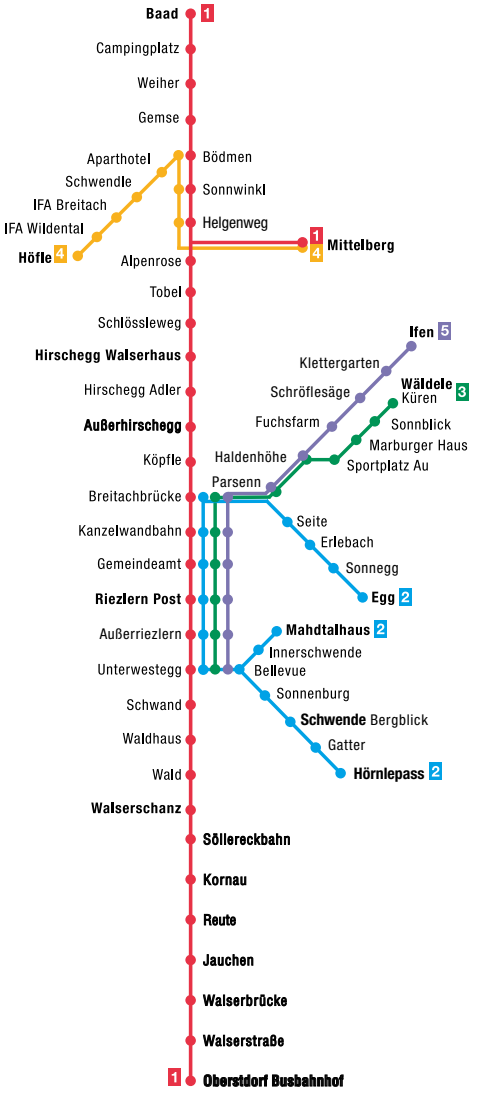
Hirschegg is a classic scattered settlement in the geographical heart of the valley. In the old Walser style, the houses and guesthouses nestle on the slope below the Söller and Heuberg mountains. The imposing mountain backdrop with the peaks of Elfer, Zwölfer and Widderstein as well as the picturesque parish church of St. Anna make the village a popular photo motif.

Mittelberg and Baad

The parish church of St. Jodok is at the highest point of Mittelberg, whose foundation wall bears the date 1302 – a sign of the early Walser settlement. Tradition and customs are particularly lively here. The mountain village of Baad forms the southern end of the Kleinwalsertal.



Our tip – the Walser bus



More comfort and service with the Walser bus!

The Walser bus offers a convenient way to reach the desired starting points in Kleinwalsertal. With a high frequency and connections to the side valleys, the service is used at any time of year. The journey is free for Kleinwalsertal guests between Baad and Walserschanz with the Allgäu Walser Pass

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Group bookings for 20 people or more are required. +49 (0)152 375 27 993

Dogs are allowed on the bus – dogs of all sizes must be muzzled and kept on a lead on all Walser-bus routes, including route 1 to Oberstdorf.

Walser bus

- **Line 1** Oberstdorf – Baad
- **Line 2** Schwende – Egg
- **Line 3** Riezlern – Wäldele
- **Line 4** Mittelberg – Höfle
- **Line 5** Riezlern – Ifen

Aktuelle Infos zum Walserbus

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A small valley – plenty of nature

With the “Experience nature consciously” initiative, Kleinwalsertal is promoting a sustainable future.

A small valley with plenty of nature. Kleinwalsertal is known for its impressive landscape: rare high moors, unique biodiversity and a fascinating mountain world. All this makes Kleinwalsertal a place to dream, relax and be active in summer and winter. In order to protect this fragile beauty so that Kleinwalsertal can remain a special place today and for future generations, we all need to be careful.

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Mehr über Natur bewusst erleben



Habitat 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 supply valuable raw materials such as wood, it also protects against avalanches and mudslides and regulates the climate. Experience nature consciously is a sustainability initiative with the aim of giving more weight and attention to the value of nature for humans. This can be done with a few simple tips. After all, even small gestures can make a big difference.

- **Think ahead: Plan your outings carefully and conscientiously.**
- **Respect the environment: Stay on marked paths and routes, avoid twilight and nighttime hours, take your rubbish with you, read up on outdoor toilet tips and what applies for your four-legged friend.**
- **Be conscious of others: Take care of others, appreciate the interaction between cultural and natural landscape**

Mehr über Natur bewusst erleben

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Safety first

On a winter walk, make sure to wear ankle-high boots with good grip, suitable mountain clothing, and sun and cold protection. Always carry an up-to-date trail map and follow the marked winter walking paths. Do not overexert yourself and know your physical limits. Inform your host about the destination and time of your return!

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Experience shop – unique tours & experiences

Book your tour with one of our experienced guides and discover the natural and living environment of the Kleinwalsertal up close. Each tour promises an unforgettable experience.

Hiking maps

Available at the Tourist Information Office in the Walserhaus and at specialist shops.

Kleinwalsertal nature experience map Scale 1:12,000

Info & Anmeldung Erlebnisshop

Summer trail markings

- **Walking or hiking trail:**
  Easy to walk on, shoes with a grippy sole recommended
- **Mountain hiking trail:**
  Surefootedness required
- **Alpine climb:**
  Mountaineering experience, surefootedness and a head for heights required

Winter trail marking

- **Prepared winter hiking trail**

Stay on paths and marked routes

This way, you will be sure to find new favourite places and respect protected areas, because many animals and plants need special protection.

Avoid twilight and nighttime hours

The morning and evening hours are the time when most wildlife is out foraging. If they are disturbed, they become stressed. If it cannot be avoided, stay on marked paths, do not use a bright headlamp and keep quiet.

Keep dogs on a leash

If people and their four-legged companions stay on the paths, they are predictable for wildlife and do not pose a threat. Respect and space for grazing livestock! Unleash the dog if an attack is imminent.

Stay clean and take your rubbish with you

Please also take organic waste with you, as it decomposes much more slowly at altitude. You can dispose of your rubbish properly at home or at your accommodation – there are no rubbish bins in public areas in Kleinwalsertal.

Going to the toilet outdoors

If you are looking for a quiet place, then please stay at least 50 m away from bodies of water. Bury excrement or cover it with a large stone. Use leaves or recyclable toilet paper and take the paper with you in a waste bag.

Show consideration for sportspeople and recreational hikers

Conscious experience of nature begins with respectful interaction. Allowing yourself time, moving aside to let others pass, assisting anyone who needs help and always showing a smile – there is enough room for everyone.

Appreciation of the cultural landscape

Staying on marked trails and enjoying regional products goes a long way to saying thank you for the work of farmers, alpine and forestry industry and hunters.

Safe on the trail – for you and others

No matter whether you are on a ski or snowshoe hike in winter or mountain hiking in summer; if you are travelling in alpine terrain, you need to be well prepared. This includes careful gathering of information and route planning as well as the right equipment.



Valley hikes

The winter fairy tale begins right on your doorstep.

Snow-covered paths through the valley invite you to enjoy relaxed winter moments. At times the route gently follows a sparkling stream, at others it opens up to wide views over tranquil winter landscapes. Be it a short walk or a longer route, the valley trails provide calm, fresh air, and the perfect opportunity to savour the winter season. Along the way, cosy inns invite you to recharge with a warm drink and soak in the winter idyll at your leisure.

Legend

- Approximate walking time
- Altitude difference
- Walser bus stop
- Walserweg
- Huts, alps and mountain restaurants

Geöffnete Alp- und Berghütten

Bärgunt valley circular hike

Difficulty

Start|Finish: Ⓗ Baad | 1.5-2 h | 182 m | 4.7 km

Via: Baad » Brunnenweg » Bärgunthütte » Talweg » Baad

Starting at the Baad bus stop, the path heads south into the Bärgunttal valley. From the western side of the Grosser Widderstein (2,533 m), you are treated to breathtaking views of the high mountains. For the ascent, take the left-turning panorama trail (with limited winter maintenance). For the return, the salted valley path along the Bärguntbach provides a safe route back. | Refreshment stop: Bärgunthütte.

Baader Höhenweg

Difficulty

Start: Ⓗ Mittelberg | Finish: Ⓗ Baad | 1.5 h | 130 m | approx. 3.5 km

Via: Mittelberg Stütze » Erlenboden » Alpenwald » Baad

The sunny winter walking trail leads from Mittelberg to Baad. Gently ascending, the trail follows the Stützeweg through the settlements in Erleboden and the Alpine forest, with wide views of the peaks surrounding the Gemsteltal. From the highest point, the trail descends a little more steeply down to Baad. | Refreshment stop: Cafe Alpenwald.

From Hirschegg to the Auenhütte

Difficulty

Start: Ⓗ Hirschegg Adler | Finish: Ⓗ Ifen Auenhütte | 1.5 h | 168 m | approx. 3.8 km

Via: Am Sonnenbühl street » Windegge (Caution: ski slope crossing) » Brennbodenweg »Bruder Klaus chapel » Wäldelestrasse » Oberwäldele » Auenhütte

The trail leads you out of the village to the wildly romantic Schwarzwasserbach stream, through rustic forests, to the Auenhütte hut at the foot of Hoher Ifen. In 1950, on the feast of St. Stephen, the Bruder Klaus chapel was consecrated in honour of the Swiss patron saint, Nicholas of Flüe. Refreshment stop: Auenhütte, Das Küren, Naturzeithof.

Wildental circular hike

Difficulty

Start: Ⓗ Mittelberg | Finish: Ⓗ Schwendle, Höfle | 2.5 h | 252 m | approx. 6 km

Via: Mittelberg music pavilion » Bödmen (Aparthotel) » Wildentalstrasse » Schwendle » Wildental » Höfle » Mittelberg

Starting at the Mittelberg music pavilion, the path leads down to Bödmen, passes the Aparthotel zur Breitach, and continues along the side road to the quaint hamlet of Schwendle. From there, it winds up through the forest along the steep northern flank of the “Zwölfer” with wonderful views of the snow-covered Wildental and the Schafalpköpfe, rising to around 2,300 m. Passing the two Wiesalpen, the trail climbs again over the Höfle and the Breitach back to Mittelberg. You can shorten parts of the route using the “Höfle Bus” (Line 4), with Schwendle and Höfle stops serving as convenient start and end points. | Refreshment stop: Innere Wiesalpe & Gasthof Alpenblick

From Riezlern to Mittelberg

Difficulty

Start: Ⓗ Municipality of Riezlern | Finish: Ⓗ Mittelberg Alpenrose | 3 h | 216 m | approx. 5.5 km

Via: Riezlern church » Zwerwald » Letze » Nebenwasser » Höfle » Höflerbrücke » Mittelberg

From Riezlern, the trail branches off the main road in front of the Xond farm, passing through the Hirschegg district of Letzte with views of the Widderstein. From there, the well-maintained winter trail climbs more steeply to a panoramic ridge path, providing sweeping views of Hirschegg with the Ifen, and Mittelberg with the Bärenkopf and Widderstein. After a short, steep ravine, the panorama trail continues relatively flat towards the Mittelberg district of Höfle. From there, the trail passes the Gasthof Alpenblick, crosses the Höfler Bridge, and climbs up onto the Höflerweg. Refreshment stop: Gasthof Alpenblick.

From Schwende towards Osterberg

Difficulty

Start|Finish: Bergblick | 1.5 h 123 m | approx. 6.4 km

Via: Bergblick » Ausserschwende » Gatter » Klausenwald » Gasthof Hörnlepass » Ausserwald » Follow the same path back

This scenic winter walk begins at Gasthof Bergblick, taking you over sunlit slopes and through a snowy moorland to reach the Alpengasthof Hörnlepass. From there, the path follows the country border to the picturesque high valley basin in the Ausserwald. At the end of the tour, an old barn on a sunny slope awaits, offering magnificent views of the Kleinwalsertal and Allgäu peaks. Follow the same path back to the starting point. | Refreshment stop: Bergblick, Hörnlepass.

From Wäldele, through the Mahdtal, to Riezlern

Difficulty

Start: Sportplatz Au | Finish: Centre of Riezlern | 1.5 h | 143 m | approx. 4.5 km

Via: Au » Auweg » Kesselschwand » Innerschwende » Alte Schwendebrücke » Fellhornweg » Centre of Riezlern

Starting at the Sportplatz Au bus stop, the well-prepared winter trail heads towards the Schwarzwasserbach. The trail continues past the Mahdtalhaus, over the Höfle Bridge, into the village hamlet of Egg. Follow the Mahdtalweg past Eberlehof, cross the Eggertobel suspension bridge, and continue into Riezlern village centre. | Refreshment stop: Mahdtalhaus.

Around the Straussberg

Difficulty

Start/Finish: Bergblick | 1.5 h | 143 m | approx. 5.3 km

Via: Bergblick » Straussbergweg » Fuchsloch » Waldhaus » Breitachweg » Bergblick

A well-prepared winter trail starts in front of Gasthof Bergblick, heading towards Straussberg. This part of the trail offers stunning panoramic views across the Kleinwalsertal and the surrounding Oberstdorf peaks. From the settlement in Straussberg, the trail descends past the individual farms Schmalzloch and Fuchsloch down to the Breitach River, reaching the lowest point of the tour at Gasthof Waldhaus. From there, gently ascending, follow the wintery Breitachweg downstream and return to the starting point in Schwende. | Refreshment stop: Sonnenburg, Bellevue, Bergblick, Waldhaus.

Along the Schwarzwasserbach to Walserschanz

Difficulty

Start: Hirschegg, Au | Finish: Waldhaus | 3 h | 248 m | approx. 9.1 km

Via: Au » Auweg » Kesselschwand » Mahdtalhaus » Schwarzwasserbach » Ausserschwende » Straussbergweg » Fuchsloch » Waldhaus » Breitachweg » Walserschanz

The winter walk starts at Sportplatz Au and follows the valley downstream along the Schwarzwasserbach to Ausserschwende. Via Straussberg, you reach the highest point of the tour before descending steeply through Schmalzloch, Fuchsloch, and the forest back to the Breitach. Via Walserschanz, the trail leads to the main road, from where the Walserbus returns to the starting point.
The tour can be shortened by about half an hour: from the Breitachweg, take the route via the Waldhaus directly to the Waldhaus bus stop. | Refreshment stop: Mahdtalhaus, Waldhaus.



High-altitude hiking trails from 1,400 m

Breathtaking views included – winter walks at lofty heights.

Even at over 1,400 metres, new perspectives and breathtaking views unfold. The starting points for high-altitude and circular hikes can be easily reached by cable cars and lifts, making the ascent a pleasure in itself. Whether snow-covered peaks, sparkling mountain meadows, or glittering fir forests – every step reveals new views of the Kleinwalsertal and its winter beauty. The crisp winter air, the tranquility of the heights, and the stunning panoramas create unforgettable moments that linger long after the walk.

Legend

- Approximate walking time
- Altitude difference
- Walser bus stop
- Walserweg
- Huts, alps and mountain restaurants

Geöffnete Alp- und Berghütten

Upper ridge trail on Heuberg

Difficulty

Start: Ⓗ **Walserhaus** | **Finish:** Ⓗ **Baad** | **2 h** | **119 m** | **approx. 5.8 km**

Via: Heuberg » Zaferna » Bühlalpe » Baader Höhenweg » Alpenwald » Baad

From the mountain station of the Heubergbahn, the scenic winter walking trail leads through spruce forests and across snow-covered meadows on the Heuberg slope, past the Bühlalpe, and on to the mountain village of Baad. With its minimal ascent, the panoramic trail is perfect for families and active older walkers. Those who wish to shorten the descent to Baad can alternatively take the Zaferna chairlift or return to Mittelberg via the winter walking trail by the Bühlalpe. | Refreshment stop: Sonna Alp, Bühlalpe, Max Hütte, Alpenwald and much more.

From Söllereck to Riezlern

Difficulty

Start: Ⓗ **Söllereck** | **Finish:** Ⓗ **Riezlern Post** | **2 h** | **314 m** | **approx. 5.3 km**

Via: Söllereckbahn » Alpe Schrattenwang » Mittelalp » Bergstüble » Westeggtobel » Riezlern

Starting at Söllereck mountain station, the winter trail gently climbs past the Alpe Schrattenwang, open in winter, reaching the tour's highest point. From there, the well-prepared path descends scenically across the state border, with continuous views of the Hoher Ifen and the Gottesacker Plateau. Passing the Mittelalp and the Bergstüble mountain hut, the trail descends via the Westeggtobel directly into the centre of Riezlern. | Refreshment stop: Schrattenwang, Bergstüble.

Circular hike on the Gottesacker

Difficulty

Start|Finish: Ⓗ **Ifen, Auenhütte** | **1.5 h** | **112 m** | **approx. 3 & 5 km**

Via: Auenhütte » Ifenbahn » Bergstation » Circular route » Ifenbahn » Auenhütte

The highest winter walking trail in the Kleinwalsertal runs at around 2,000 m and offers impressive views of the north faces of the Hoher Ifen as well as the bizarre snow dunes of the Gottesacker Plateau. It can be reached via the Ifenbahn, which runs from the Auenhütte to the mountain station. From this point, the well-prepared panoramic loop trail starts, quickly immersing you in the serene beauty of this unique karst landscape. In winter, the Gottesacker Plateau enchants with its tranquil expanse and unusual snow formations. There is a 5 km circular route to choose from, as well as a shorter 3 km option. | Refreshment stop: Tafel & Zunder, Ifenhütte, Auenhütte





Hikes by the water

Winter walks by the water – on well-prepared winter trails along the streams and rivers of the Kleinwalsertal, you can explore the snow-covered nature at your own pace. Every step reveals new perspectives, the fresh air refreshes body and mind, and along the way, small rest spots invite you to pause and relax.

Glistening icicles, massive ice curtains, and frozen waterfalls transform nature into a sparkling fairy-tale kingdom. As you walk through the quiet, snow-covered landscape, you can enjoy the crisp winter air, take in the sparkling waterfalls, and soak up the tranquillity of nature. These trails invite not only awe but also shared moments – whether with family, friends, or simply pausing for a moment of relaxation.

Legend

- Approximate walking time
- Altitude difference
- Walser bus stop
- Walserweg
- Huts, alps and mountain restaurants

Mehr über die Kraft des Walser Wassers

Discover the natural bridge

Difficulty

Start: Ⓗ Sportplatz Au | Finish: Ⓗ Gemeindeamt (municipal office)
1.5 h | 143 m | approx 4.5 km
Via: Hirschegg Au » Natural bridge » Kesselschwand » Mahdtalweg » Riezlern

Starting at the Sportplatz Au bus stop, this well-prepared winter trail follows the Schwarzwasserbach at the foot of the Gottesacker region, winding through Innerschwende and ending in Riezlern. A short detour at the start leads to the natural bridge, then the trail gently descends through the forest into the tranquil Mahdtal. The trail then gently ascends through the Riezlern district of Egg before descending to the Breitach and into the centre of Riezlern. | Refreshment stop: Panoramahütte, Mahdtalhaus.

Circular hike through the Breitach gorge

Difficulty

Start|Finish: Ⓗ Walserschanz | 2.5 h | 410 m | approx. 5.5 km
Via: Walserschanz » Zwingsteg » Alpe Dornach » Kasse Tal » Breitachklamm » Walserschanz

The Breitach gorge, the deepest rocky gorge in Central Europe, located between Oberstdorf and the Kleinwalsertal, is one of Bavaria's most impressive geotopes and a favourite attraction in the region. In winter, the gorge transforms into a fairytale landscape of ice and snow during a hike: Glittering icicles, majestic sheets of ice, and frozen waterfalls transform the gorge into an enchanting winter wonderland like no other. From Walserschanz to the entrance in Tiefenbach approx. 1.5 hrs or bus via Oberstdorf. Details, status updates + online tickets at **www.breitachklamm.com**

Breitach way

Difficulty

Start: Ⓗ Baad | Finish: Ⓗ Riezlern Kanzelwand | 2.5 h | 41 m | approx. 8.8 km
Via: Walk along the Breitach » from Baad via Bödmen to Hirschegg and Riezlern.

The winter walking trail runs along the Breitach from the innermost village of Baad to Riezlern. Numerous entry and exit points make it possible to shorten the tour flexibly. On the mostly flat route, you pass the Höfler Bridge in Mittelberg and the Leidtobel Bridge in Hirschegg – two of the few remaining covered wooden bridges in the Kleinwalsertal.

Along the Schwarzwasserbach to Walserschanz

Difficulty

Start: Ⓗ Sportplatz Au | Finish: Ⓗ Walserschanz | 3 h | 248 m | approx. 9.1 km
Via: Hirschegg Au » Natural bridge » Karolinenweg » Alte Schwendebrücke » Ausserschwende » Straussberg » Fuchsloch » Walserschanz

On this route, you will experience the life-giving power of water in all its moods and facets. From Hirschegg Au, the hiking trail leads to the Natural bridge, via the Karolinenweg down to the old Schwendebrücke and back up to the Ausserschwende. At the Bergblick Guesthouse, the path branches off towards Straussberg and continues via Schmalz- and Fuchsloch to the Breitach Turn right to follow the trail downstream to the Waldhaus (leading to the main road and Walser bus Waldhaus stop), or left towards the Walserschanz. | Refreshment stop: Mahdtalhaus, Sonnenburg, Bergblick, Waldhaus.



Winter Experiences







Your adventure,
your moment,
your experience.









Walser cultural trails

Experience our culture and traditions.

Hidden among the peaks of the Allgäu Alps lies the Kleinwalsertal – a high valley with a unique history and its own distinct character. In the 13th century, Walser families came here from Upper Valais and cultivated the then uninhabited valley. Through hard work and independence, they created a way of life that is still evident today in the language, architecture, and customs.

Since 1453, the valley has belonged to Austria, yet its location is extraordinary: There is no direct road connection to the rest of Austria – the Kleinwalsertal can only be reached via Oberstdorf in Germany. This so-called functional enclave is politically Austrian, yet economically and in daily life closely connected to Germany. Until the introduction of the Euro, both the Deutsche Mark and the Austrian schilling were used here – a detail that remains in the memory of many locals and regular visitors to this day.

When you wander through Mittelberg, Hirschegg, or Riezlern, you not only see picturesque mountain scenery and traditional houses – you can feel how centuries of history, unique economic traits, and living traditions have shaped the landscape.
On the next page, you will find the routes of the Walser Cultural Trail, which lead directly to individual houses, hamlets, and monuments, bringing their history to life.

More information is available in the cultural guide “Originales & Originelles”, available at the Tourist Information in Hirschegg.

Tour of Mittelberg

Mittelberg Ort » Church » Moosstrasse » Stütze » Baader Höhenweg » Starzelweg » Baad » Breitachweg to Bödmen » Jörihalde

Start at the Mittelberg bus stop. Past the cross of atonement at Kirchabühl to the parish church of St Jodok, Lourdes Chapel and the Ausrufestein. Continue to the vicarage and sacristan's house, formerly the schoolhouse. Via another atonement cross into the farmyard with old feeding stables. From Erlenboden through the alpine forest to Baad with the schoolhouse, chaplain's house and St Martin's chapel. Along Haus Paul towards Vorderboden and via Bödmen with Walserhaus and former school building to Jörihalde with atonement cross.

Local tour of Hirschegg

Hirschegg church » Mühleweg » Leidtobelweg » Burmiweg » Walserstrasse » Am Sonnenbühl » Evangelical Kreuzkirche

Start at the parish church of St Anna. Past the children's and sacristan's house down to the Breitach and along the Breitachweg to the Maria-Hilf chapel. Detour to the Schützenhaus at the Leidtobel bridge. Continue to the Maria Höll mineral spring, then uphill to the Walserhaus Kessler. Along the panoramic path to the old town hall and a historic granary. Continue to the Evangelical Kreuzkirche and finally to the war memorial chapel from 1935.

Circular valley route

Mittelberg Ort » Music pavillon » Breitachweg / Richtung Hirschegg » Tobel » Rohrweg » Wäldele » Innerschwende » Ausserschwende

Start in the centre of Mittelberg. From there, the path leads downstream via the Music Pavilion, the Helgenweg, and the Breitachweg to the covered Höfler Bridge. The route continues along the Ahornweg to Ahorn and the Chapel of Maria vom Sieg.
From Rohrweg, above Hirschegg, the route passes the Heubergbahn and Parsennbahn, heading towards Schwarzwasserbach and continuing along the Brennbodenweg to the Poncet Bench.
A detour is worth taking to the Bruder Klaus chapel in Wäldele, as well as to the covered bridge at Riezlern-Höfle.

The return route follows Wäldelestrasse, Auweg, and Karolinenweg towards the Mahdtalhaus. The route continues through Innerschwende, past the Fatima Chapel and the former schoolhouse, reaching Ausserschwende and the historic Espan.
The end is marked by the roughly 620-year-old sycamore in the Ausserwald above the Hörnle Pass – an impressive natural monument and silent witness to Walser history.





Head off on skis

Three cross-country trails, totalling around 50 kilometres in length, wind through the snow-covered valley at altitudes between 1,050 m and 1,260 m.

On skis, you can reach places that remain hidden on foot, offering ever-changing perspectives of the winter mountain landscape. Whether skating or classic style, the well-maintained trail network offers a suitable route for every technique and pace.

Cross-country skiing combines exercise, enjoyment, and relaxation: fresh air, rhythmic steps or gliding movements, and the silence of the snow-covered landscape – every moment invites you to clear your mind and recharge your energy. It's no wonder that cross-country skiing is becoming increasingly popular in the Kleinwalsertal.

Whether you are a beginner or returning to the sport, ski schools offer individual and group lessons, and local sports shops provide everything you need – from skis and boots to poles and winter clothing. Everything's in place for a great start on the cross-country trails.

Legend

Ⓗ Walser bus stop

P Car park

Easy trail

Intermediate trail

Advanced trail

Mehr Infos zu den Langlaufloipen

Three trails – each a unique experience

In the Kleinwalsertal, you will find three stunning cross-country trails, each offering its own unique charm.

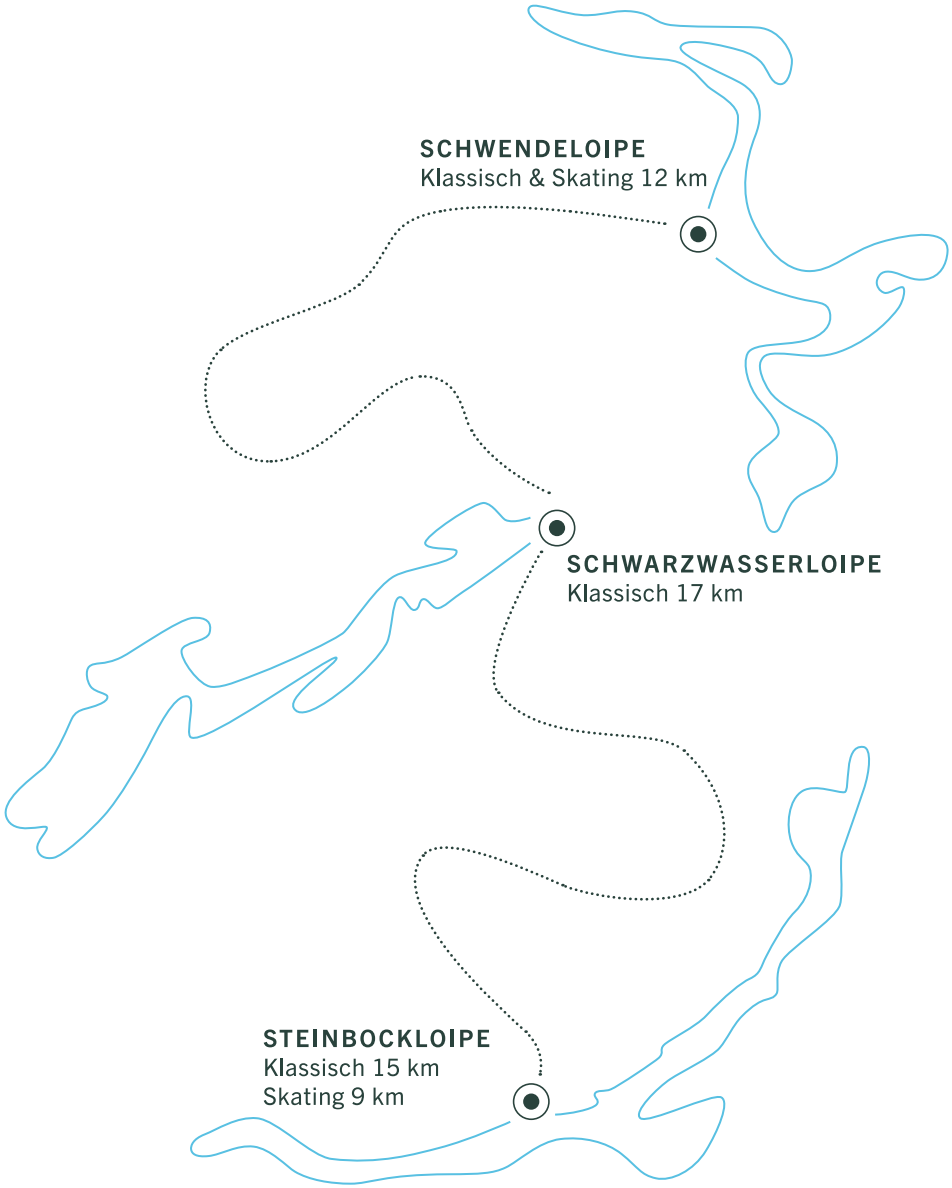
Schwende trail in Riezlern | **12 km** | **Classic & skating**:
Sunny stretches and magnificent panoramic views of the Allgäu Alps – perfect for leisurely winter outings.

Steinbock trail in Mittelberg | **15 km Classic** | **9 km Skating:**
A snow-sure route from Mittelberg to Baad, including detours into the Gemsteltal and Derratal – ideal for unforgettable encounters with nature.

Schwarzwasser trail in Hirschegg | **17 km Classic:**
A demanding yet unspoiled route with steep ascents in the Wäldele – perfect for those seeking a truly active winter adventure.

Whether you prefer to savour the snowy scenery at a gentle pace or challenge yourself with a vigorous workout, here you choose the intensity of your winter adventure.







Schwende trail

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The Schwende trail delights with its sunny position, winding through a stunning and diverse winter landscape, and offering breathtaking panoramic views of the Kleinwalsertal and Upper Allgäu mountains.

Stretching around 12 km, the Schwende trail climbs over Straussberg to the Hörnlepass Alpine guesthouse and returns via the Ausserwald.

The entire Schwende trail network is groomed for both classic and skating styles.

On the Schwende trail, there are four possible circular routes:

Bergblick circular route	**4 hm** | **ca. 0.7 km**	| Easy trail
Straussberg circular route	**77 hm** | **approx. 4.2 km**	| Intermediate trail
Hörnlepass circular route	**151 hm** | **approx. 7.7 km**	| Intermediate trail
Ausserwald circular route	**85 hm** | **approx. 3.7 km**	| Intermediate trail

These easy to intermediate circular routes can be done individually or combined.

The trail entry point, where most of the circular routes begin, is at the Bergblick guesthouse Other possible entry points to the Schwende trail are at the Genuss- & Aktivhotel Sonnenburg and at the Alpengasthof Hörnlepass.

Schwende trail

Bergblick circular route | ▬ Easy trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Gasthof Bergblick** | ⧋ **4 hm** | **approx. 0.7 km**

The Bergblick circular route is an easy route and ideal as a practice circular route for beginners.

Straussberg circular route | ▬ Intermediate trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Gasthof Bergblick** | ⧋ **77 hm** | **approx. 4.2 km**

The Straussberg circular route is an intermediate route, particularly suited for those who enjoy a scenic trail with gentle climbs.

Hörnlepass circular route | ▬ Intermediate trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Gasthof Bergblick or Alpengasthof Hörnlepass** | ⧋ **151 hm** | **approx. 7.7 km**

The Hörnlepass circular route is for intermediates and ideal for anyone looking for a varied, slightly more challenging cross-country skiing route.

Ausserwald circular route | ▬ Intermediate trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Alpengasthof Hörnlepass** | ⧋ **85 hm** | **approx. 3.7 km**

The Ausserwald circular route is perfect for intermediates seeking a nature-rich trail with stunning panoramic views.



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Schwarzwasser trail

The Schwarzwasser trail runs for around 17 km from the Riezler district of Egg through Ladstatt to Wäldele. It is the most challenging of the three trails in Kleinwalsertal, with many short but quite steep ascents and descents. The trail runs through unspoilt winter landscapes and the quiet, tranquil districts of the valley.

The Schwarzwasser trail network is prepared exclusively for classic technique skiing.

There are five possible circular routes on the Schwarzwasser trail:

Egg circular route	**168 hm**	**68 km**	Intermediate trail
Küren circular route	**84 hm**	**3.8 km**	Intermediate trail
Küren-Wäldele circular route	**194 hm**	**7.6 km**	Intermediate trail
Wäldele circular route	**70 hm**	**2.9 km**	Intermediate trail
easy training circular route	**19 hm**	**1.2 km**	Easy trail

The intermediate circular routes can be done individually or combined.

The trail entry point: for most of the circular routes is at the Au sports ground. Other possible entry points are in Wäldele and Egg.



Schwarzwasser trail

Egg circular route | Intermediate trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Au bus stop or Sonnegg bus stop** |
168 hm | approx. 6.8 km

The Egg circular route is for intermediates and ideal for anyone who prefers a longer route through a peaceful winter landscape.

Küren circular route | Intermediate trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Au bus stop | 84 hm | approx. 3.8 km**

The Küren circular route is for intermediates and ideal for anyone who prefers a shorter route with a sporty challenge.

Küren-Wäldele circular route | Intermediate trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Au bus stop or Wäldele bus stop** |
194 hm | approx. 7.6 km

The Küren-Wäldele circular route is an intermediate to advanced route due to the descents and ideal for anyone seeking a sporty challenge.

Wäldele circular route | Intermediate trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Wäldele bus stop | 70 hm | approx. 2.9 km**

The Wäldele circular route is for intermediates and ideal for anyone who prefers a varied route with short, challenging climbs.

Training circular route | Easy trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Au bus stop | 19 hm | approx. 1.2 km**

The training circular route is easy and ideal for beginners or as a warm-up.





Steinbock trail

Steinbock trail

The Steinbock trail stands out as a very snow-reliable cross-country route. It is relatively centrally located and, with trail sections in the Gemstel and Derratal valleys, offers an impressive alpine winter landscape.

The Steinbock trail runs for approximately 15 km, from the entrance to Mittelberg, through the Bödmen district to Baad, and into the Derratal valley. It winds through several loops across the Birkenwies, the Gemstelboden, and through the Wiesele.

The entire Steinbock trail network is prepared for classic technique, while a 9 km section is also suitable for skating.

The Steinbock trail offers six possible circular routes as well as a practice area:

Birkenwies circular route	**43 hm**	**2.2 km**	Intermediate trail
Bödmen-Baad circular route	**144 hm**	**7.5 km**	Intermediate trail
Derra circular route	**51 hm**	**1.6 km**	Intermediate trail
Weiher circular route	**61 hm**	**3.3 km**	Intermediate trail
Wiesele circular route	**79 hm**	**3.6 km**	Intermediate trail
Ahorn circular route	**147 hm**	**4.8 km**	Advanced trail

The intermediate to advanced circular routes can be done individually or combined. The Wiesele circular route is artificially snowed.

You can access the trails near the following bus stops: Bödmen, Birkenwies, Weiher, Baad and Alpenrose.



Steinbock trail

Birkenwies circular route | ▬ Intermediate trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Birkenwies bus stop** | △↕ **43 hm** | **approx. 2.2 km**

The Birkenwies circular route is for intermediates and offers a varied trail through the winter landscape.

Bödmen-Baad circular route | ▬ Intermediate trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Birkenwies bus stop, Weiher or Baad** |
△↕ **144 hm** | **approx. 7.5 km**

The Bödmen-Baad circular route is for intermediates and crosses the idyllic Gemsteltal valley.

Derra circular route | ▬ Advanced trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Baad bus stop** | △↕ **51 hm** | **approx. 1.6 km**

The Derra circular route is challenging, demanding both stamina and technique with its steeper climbs and descents.

Weiher circular route | ▬ Intermediate trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Birkenwies or Weiher bus stop** | △↕ **61 hm** | **approx. 3.3 km**

The Weiher circular route is for intermediates and runs along the Bödme plain.

Wiesele circular route | ▬ Intermediate trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Weiher bus stop** | △↕ **79 hm** | **approx. 3.6 km**

The Wiesele circular route is for intermediates and ideal for anyone who prefers a steady route with gentle inclines.

Ahorn circular route | ▬ Advanced trail
Trail entry point: Ⓗ **Bödmen bus stop, Alpenrose** | △↕ **147 hm** | **approx. 4.8 km**

The Ahorn circular route is challenging and is prepared exclusively for classic technique.

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Tobogganing fun for all

Burmi toboggan run at Ahorn | Ⓗ Tobel
At the entrance to Mittelberg lies the approximately 150 m-long Burmi toboggan slope, ideal for young beginners and easily visible.

Schützabühl in Mittelberg | Ⓗ Mittelberg
Directly behind the church in Mittelberg, a magic carpet lift takes skiers and tobogganers up to Schützabühl. The 110 m-long run provides fun for both young and old and is accessible from the Walmendingerhornbahn and the church steps.

Jedermann Bödmen | Ⓗ Bödmen
The run runs parallel to the ski slope in the Bödmen district and is open daily during lift operating hours. Wavy sections and steep curves make for an exciting ride, with an easy lift ride back up. You cannot use your own sleds, but a rental service is conveniently located right by the run.

Jörihalde Bödmen | Ⓗ In the Mittelberg hamlet of Bödmen, near the Edeka, there is an approximately 150 m-long toboggan run that is easily visible along its entire length.

Toboggan run in Wäldele | Ⓗ Sonnblick
The toboggan run stretches for around 1 km from Haus Sonnblick to Ferienhof Hammerer, away from the hustle and bustle through the snow-covered forest. Gentle curves and a steady slope make it ideal for families and young sledders.

Burmi toboggan run at Wäldele | Ⓗ Sonnblick
Sunny and easily visible, the natural toboggan slope, about 60 m long, offers safe fun and can be easily combined with the Wäldele toboggan run.

Allgäu Coaster | Ⓗ Söllereckbahn
At Söllereck, the 850 m-long run winds safely through curves and waves, fully controllable while strapped in. The Berglifter takes riders back up the hill effortlessly. Children aged 3–7 years must be accompanied by an adult.



Away from the slopes

Guaranteed snow and plenty of variety: Kleinwalsertal is also popular with deep-snow fans, ski tourers and snowshoe walkers.

Those who travel off marked trails and pistes need to have consideration and respect for nature.

Safe and close to nature

Kleinwalsertal enchants with snow-covered mountains – a paradise for ski tourers and snowshoe enthusiasts. For everyone to enjoy the natural surroundings peacefully, showing respect for others is essential: Please avoid entering wildlife and forest protection areas to help animals conserve energy during the winter.

Before each tour, check the avalanche situation, weather, and suitable routes, and try to stay on the designated trails. This way, your outing will be both safe and environmentally friendly.

Stay safe – Our tips

Check current conditions – Always check weather and avalanche reports before heading out to ensure a safe trip.

Route search – When planning your route, **please respect the marked forest and wildlife protection zones.**. For example, you can see them on the “Experience Nature Mindfully” overview boards.

Learn from the experts – discover the knowledge of mountain and ski guides and enjoy a safe and unforgettable experience in Kleinwalsertal.

Safety equipment – A transceiver, shovel, probe, and first aid kit are essential equipment – available from the experts at sports shops.

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Family adventure

Explore nature together and have snowy fun – Kleinwalsertal offers a range of exciting family adventures. Snowball fights, exciting trails and little surprises make every outing an experience for young and old alike.



Burmi's winter puzzle

Discover the snow-covered nature of the Kleinwalsertal valley with your family and solve a little winter puzzle from Burmi! Along the way, you can explore the surroundings together, solve tasks and have lots of fun. The puzzle book is available at the Tourist information office in the Walserhaus – and anyone who completes all the tasks will receive a little surprise at the end.

Ice rink in the centre of Riezlern

Spin, glide, and maybe even try a little pirouette – winter fun is guaranteed at the ice rink in the heart of Riezlern! The area, measuring approximately 10 x 18 metres, offers enough space for ice skating enthusiasts of all ages. And while the children do their laps, the grown-ups can enjoy a warming Feuerzangenbowle in the early winter season.

Hiking pass

Collect points and make sure you get the Kleinwalsertal hiking pin! For a small fee, you can obtain a hiking pass, in which points or stamps from the huts are entered along the way. At the end of your holiday, add up your points and collect your hiking pin as a souvenir from the Tourist information office.



Chairlifts and cable cars

Walmendingerhornbahn

Cable car (40 pers. from 2026 60 pers.)

1,200 - 1,941 m | Tel. +43 5517 52740

Zaferna chairlift

Double chairlift

1,200 - 1,416 m | Tel. +43 5517 323832

Heuberg chairlift

4-seater chairlift

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Ifen I and II

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Kanzelwandbahn

Cable car (6-seater)

1,087 - 1,957 m | Tel. +43 5517 52740

Söllereckbahn

Cable car (10-seater)

990 - 1,358 m | Tel. +49 8322 96000

Fellhornbahn

Valley to mountain station: 8-person cabins, top station to summit station: Large cabin 60 persons

927 - 1,975 m | Tel. +49 8322 96000

Nebelhornbahn

Valley to mountain station: 10-seater cabins, top station to summit station: Large cabin 30 persons

828 - 2,214 m | Tel. +49 8322 96000

www.ok-bergbahnen.com

Find your perfect winter hike

Looking for the most beautiful winter hikes in Kleinwalsertal? The interactive route search helps you keep track of everything: easy valley hikes, panoramic hikes or trails along the water – thanks to the handy filter function, you can quickly find the right route. The map also shows refreshment stops, mountain lifts, and other facilities that make your winter day perfect.

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