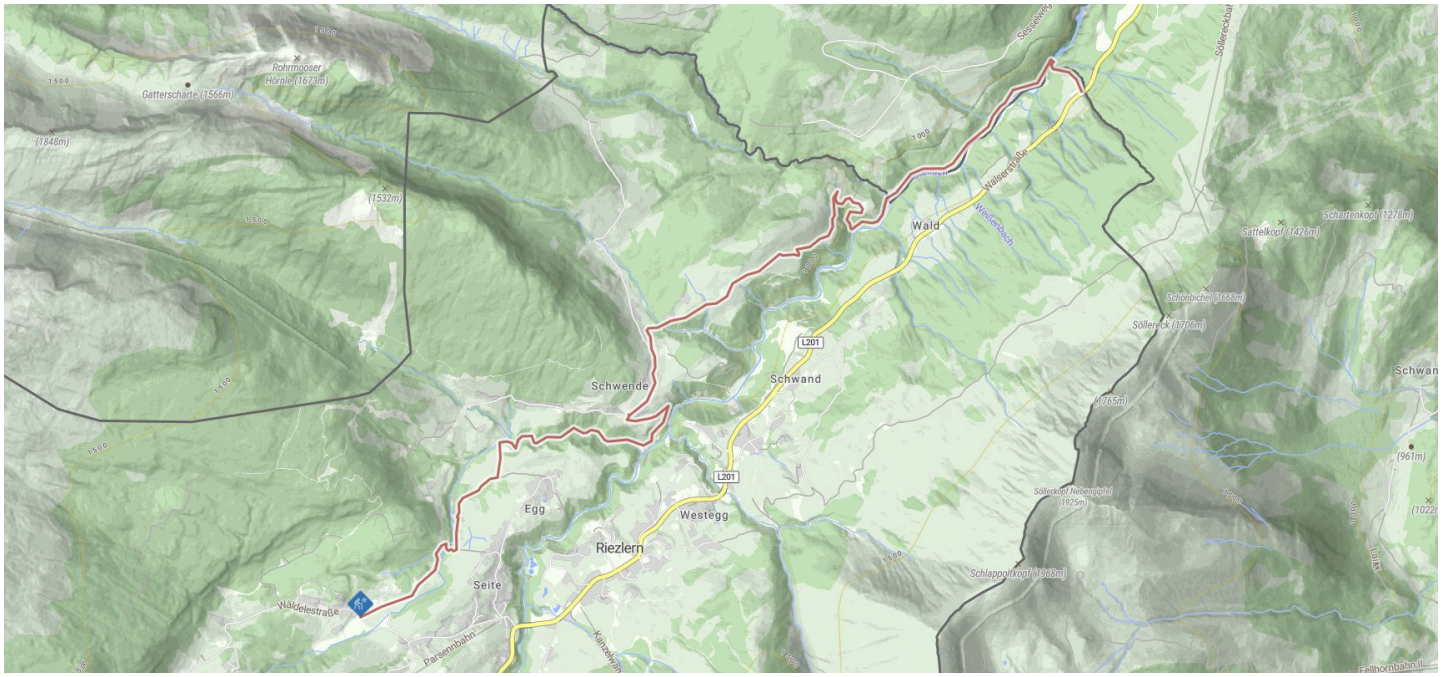
KLEINWALSERTAL TOURS

WINTER HIKE ALONG THE SCHWARZWASSERBACH TO WALSERSCHANZ

MEDIUM WINTER HIKING



TOUR DESCRIPTION

This winter hike leads from Hirschegg along the Schwarzwasserbach to Walserschanz. The natural bridge, the Hochmoor Höfle, as well as panoramic views from Nebelhorn to Widderstein make this winter hike particularly varied.
From the starting point at Sportplatz Au, the prepared winter hiking trail leads downstream to the Schwarzwasserbach. This is crossed via the natural bridge, a naturally formed rock bridge covered with fir trees. Along the Karolinenweg, you pass a waterfall through the forest until reaching the Hochmoor Höfle. Over the Höfle bridge, the route continues on the Schwarzwasserbach path along the Schwarzwasserbach through the Jägerwinkel, where the Schwarzwasserbach flows into the Breitach. After some bends, the trail goes under the Schwendebrücke into Außerschwende. From Hotel Sonnenburg, a prepared winter trail continues towards Straußberg, where the highest point of the route is reached. Passing Schmalzloch, Fuchsloch, and Fuchsloch-Alpe, the trail steeply descends through the forest to the Breitach. Further towards Walserschanz, following the course of the Breitach to the entrance of the Breitachklamm. From here to Walserschanz, the path climbs steeply to the main road. From there, the Walserbus returns to the valley towns or the starting point of the route.
The winter hike can be shortened by about half an hour by hiking from the Breitachweg via the Waldhaus to the Waldhaus bus stop.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Hirschegg / Wäldele, Sportplatz Au - Kesselschwand - Hochmoor Höfle - Jägerwinkel - Außerschwende - Straußbergweg - Schmalzloch - Fuchsloch - Breitach Trail - (alternative exit via Waldhaus) - Walserschanz

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

EMERGENCY CALL:144 Alpine emergencies Vorarlberg 112 European emergency number (works with any mobile phone/network)
Sturdy footwear and weather-appropriate clothing. Hiking poles recommended for steeper sections.

FURTHER INFO & LINKS

Tips
Close to the hiking trail runs the challenging Schwarzwasser cross-country ski trail and the panoramic Schwendel trail. A must for cross-country skiers to try one of the two trails during

Distance	9.1 KM
Duration	3:00 H
Altitude meters	248 M
Highest point	1104 M



Condition

Best season

JAN FEB MAR APR MAI JUN
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Sart: Hirschegg, Wäldele
Goal: Riezlern, Walserschanz

their winter vacation.
About halfway along the route, there are places to stop for refreshments at Hotel Sonnenburg and at the Bergblick inn.

Further links
This winter hiking trail runs in sections close to the Schwarzwasser cross-country ski trail and the Schwendel trail. Cross-country skiers and winter hikers show consideration for each other here. Hikers do not enter the prepared ski trails but use the prepared winter hiking paths.
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 maps are available for purchase at the Walserhaus Hirschegg.

Morning	Noon	Evening
-2 °C MOUNTAIN	2 °C MOUNTAIN	-2 °C MOUNTAIN
-1 °C VALLEY	8 °C VALLEY	3 °C VALLEY