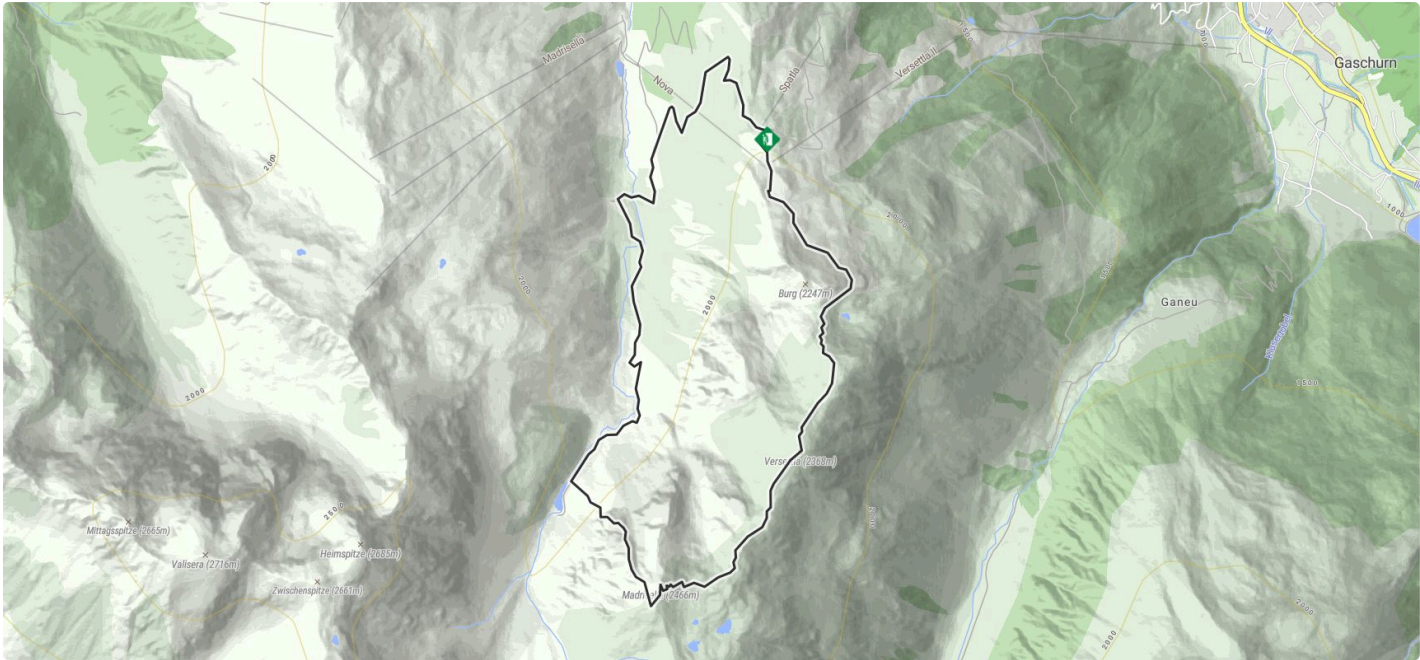


via ferrata Madrisella

DIFFICULT

EINKEHRMÖGLICHKEIT



Tour description

A moderately difficult via ferrata on the rocky north face of Madrisella, which takes you to the panoramic summit via 750 meters of climbing and a 450-meter ascent.

The Madrisella via ferrata is a scenic, enjoyable route designed for advanced climbers. Long, steep sections alternate with traverses and ridge sections, while the well-structured rock of the Madrisella North Face allows for natural climbing.

The highlight of the route is a nearly vertical rock face approximately 120 meters high, which requires a head for heights, endurance, and confident climbing. Several resting spots along the way offer opportunities for memorable breaks with views of the Montafon mountains. The via ferrata ends just below the Madrisella summit, from where a marked trail leads on to the summit cross.

 05:00 h duration	 8,29 km Length
 2463 m Highest point	 1720 m Lowest point
 819 m Ascent	 806 m Descent

Start
Finish
Tour type
Difficulty

Versetta Cable Car Upper Station
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Refreshment stops
● Difficult

Elevation profile



Condition
Technique
Difficulty
Result
Landscape

Best time of year

JAN

FEB

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Access - Directions - Descent

Access

Starting from the top station of the Versettla Cable Car, the trail takes you past Nova Stoba, down to Alpe Nova, and further into the Novatal valley. After about an hour, you'll reach Seressee, where a signpost on the rock marks the continuation of the ascent to the Madrisella via ferrata.

It's best to put on your harness and helmet here so you don't expose yourself to the risk of falling rocks unnecessarily near the start. Then follow the cairns uphill to the left and, after about 15 to 20 minutes, you'll reach the start at the base of the rock face.

Route Description

Right at the start, an almost vertical wall awaits, demanding stability and arm strength. After a short breather, the next wall section follows before you reach a special resting spot: a bench carved into the rock with an impressive view.

After a short descent, the most challenging section of the via ferrata begins: a nearly vertical wall about 150 meters high. With plenty of air beneath your feet, you climb this wall, then follow a short ridge and begin the final wall section.

After the final strenuous section, a traverse and the concluding, nearly vertical meters lead to the exit. You should plan about 2.5 to 3 hours for the via ferrata.

From the exit, you'll reach the summit of the 2,466-meter-high Madrisellaspitze in just a few minutes. There, you'll be rewarded with a sweeping panoramic view and an impressive look down at the via ferrata route.

Descent

The descent begins right at the summit cross via the marked hiking trail. This trail leads over the Versettla and past the castle back to the Versettla Bahn mountain station. Alternatively, you can descend to Nova Stoba and stop for a bite to eat there. You should plan about 1.5 hours for the descent.

Getting to the starting point

We recommend the Versettla Bahn mountain station as your starting point (please check [operating hours](#)).

Getting to the Versettla Bahn by public transportation:

The Montafon Landbus and the Montafonerbahn offer a convenient and flexible way to get around the valley. Trains and buses run regularly between the towns, every half hour or every hour depending on the route. Find your connection [here](#). Bus stop at the start/end of this tour: **Gaschurn Versettla Bahn**

By car to the Versettla Bahn:

Take **the A14** to the Bludenz/Montafon exit and continue on Montafonerstraße L188 to Gaschurn, where the Versettla Bahn valley station is located directly on the right.

Wichtige Hinweise

You climb the via ferrata at your own risk and responsibility. Please check the weather, current conditions, snow conditions, and difficulty level in advance. Realistically assess your experience, sure-footedness, ability to handle heights, and physical fitness.

Complete, standard-compliant via ferrata equipment is absolutely essential. This includes a hip belt, via ferrata set, helmet, and gloves. Equally important is appropriate footwear: sturdy, ankle-high hiking boots with good traction.

Your backpack should also include sufficient food, sun and rain protection, and a first-aid kit.

In the Montafon, you can rent high-quality via ferrata equipment at [select sports shops](#). Please check in advance regarding availability, sizes, and reservation options.

Useful tips

The via ferrata has been made easier in tricky sections with numerous handholds, but it remains an alpine adventure with challenging sections. An early start is recommended, as the entire loop, including the return trip, takes quite some time. That way, you'll still have plenty of time left at the end for a well-deserved Kaiserschmarren at the Nova Stoba.

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EN NOTRUF:

EN 140 - Alpine Notfälle österreichweit

EN 144 - Alpine Notfälle Vorarlberg

EN 112 - Euro-Notruf (funktioniert mit jedem Handy/Netz)

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