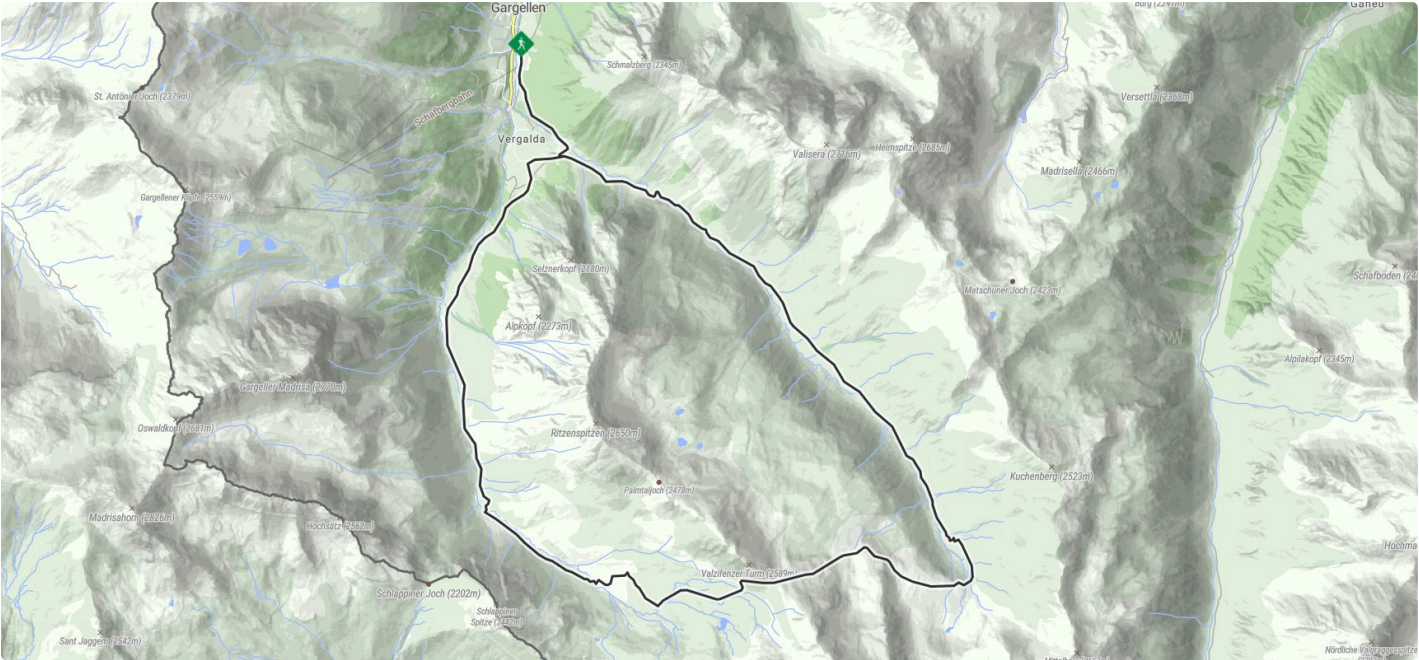


Around the Ritzenspitzen

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EINKEHRMÖGLICHKEIT

RUNDTOUR



Tour description

Gargellen - Lower Valzifenzalpe - Upper Valzifenzalpe - Winter Valley - Customs hut - Valzifenzerturm - Alpe Vergalden - Gargellen

Water will be our constant companion on this long, lonely hike, during which we circle the jagged Ritzenspitzen peaks through two beautiful high valleys. At the highest point of the hike, you will be rewarded with an impressive panorama of the Silvretta massif and Vergalda valley. Part of the path used to be the route of the pack carriers and smugglers (Via Valtellina).

 06:30 h duration	 16,4 km Length
 2478 m Highest point	 1427 m Lowest point
 1133 m Ascent	 965 m Descent

Approach

Take the A14 to the Bludenz/Montafon exit and continue on Montafonerstraße L188 to St. Gallenkirch. There, turn right onto Gargellnerstraße (B192) and follow it up to Gargellen.

Public transport

Just leave your car parked

The regional buses run throughout Montafon. The main lines run every half hour from Schruns station.

Bus stop at the start/finish of the route: **Gargellen Schafbergbahn/ line 670**

Timetable: www.vmobil.at

Arrival by train to Montafon

From Bludenz station, the Montafon railway runs hourly (sometimes every half hour). There are also direct connections from Lindau (Germany) and Bregenz.

Timetable: www.oebb.at

Parking

Parking lot Bergbahnen Gargellen (paid)

Tour type

Hiking, Refreshment stops, Round trip

Difficulty

● Difficult

Elevation profile



Condition

Technique

Difficulty

Result

Landscape

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Best time of year

JAN	FEB	MÄR	APR	MAI	JUN
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
JUL	AUG	SEP	OKT	NOV	DEZ
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Directions

The route around the Ritzenspitzen starts in Gargellen at the valley station of the Schafbergbahn. We walk slightly uphill to Vergalda. Once there, we turn right and hike along a footpath following the Valzifenzbach stream to the Lower Valzifenzalpe (1693 m) and then continue on the hiking trail to the Upper Valzifenzalpe (1838 m). For a long time, this was the route of the pack carriers and smugglers. From there, we head east towards Winter Valley. On the Augstenberg, you pass several small lakes and reach the customs hut located at 2221 m. The last ascent leads to the Valzifenz Joch (2485 m) - the highest point of this route. The reward for this effort is an impressive panorama of the Silvretta massif and Vergalda valley. From here, the path descends to Alpe Vergalda (1820 m). In about 1.5 hours, you reach the alpine pasture, which is operated in summer. Along the Vergalda stream, you return to Gargellen in about 1 hour.

Equipment

ankle-high hiking boots with good grip, hiking poles recommended

Destination

Valley station Schafbergbahn in Gargellen

Starting Point

Valley station Schafbergbahn in Gargellen

Sicherheitstipps für Wandern in Vorarlberg

EN NOTRUF:

EN 140 - Alpine Notfälle österreichweit

EN 144 - Alpine Notfälle Vorarlberg

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

www.vorarlberg.travel/sicherheitstipps
