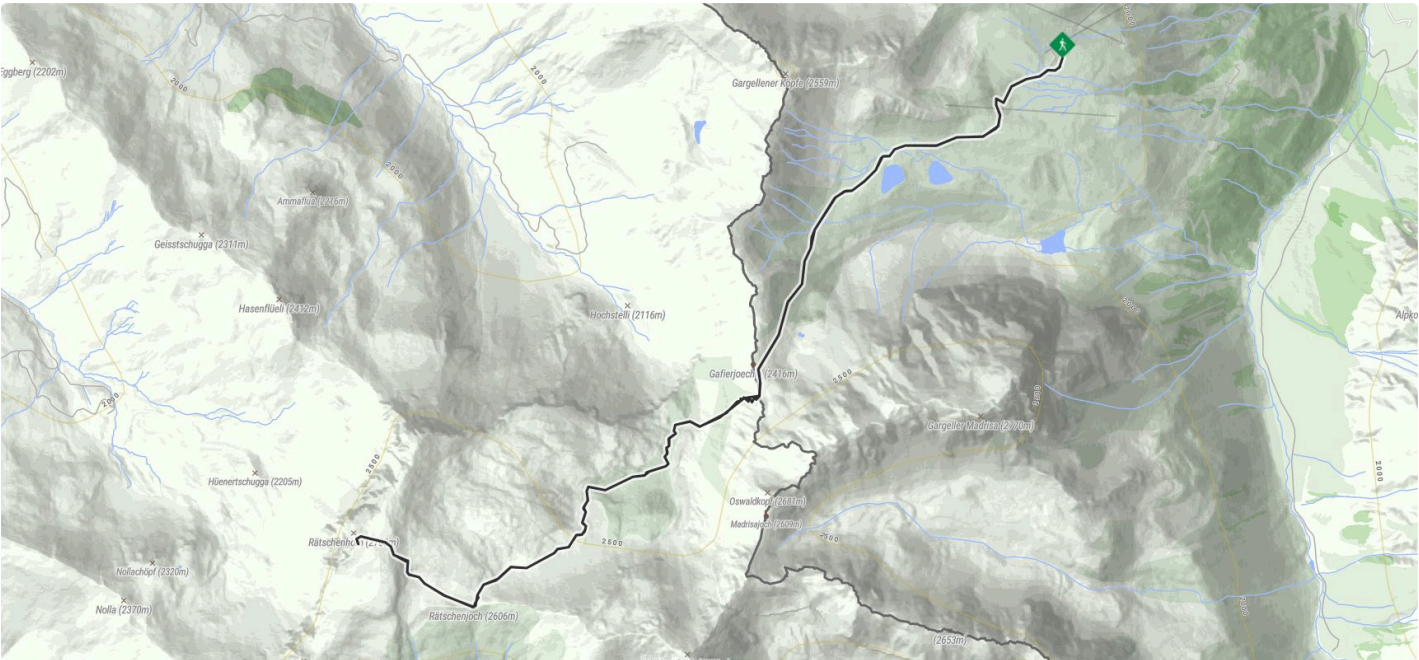


Rätschenfluh - panoramic summit of the highest class

DIFFICULT BERGBAHNAUF/-ABSTIEG



Tour description

An exciting route into Switzerland and a journey through geological history in the border region of Gargellen

On this cross-border hike, you experience a breathtaking panorama. At the beginning, the Madrisa massif, from the Gafierjochle the Rätschenfluh, which lies directly in front of you. Impressive are also the views towards the Sulzfluh mountain massif or the Rätikon and down to St. Antönien.

Here you experience geological history up close. You walk along the border between dark gneiss and light limestone. The younger limestone from the Penninic Ocean is overlain by older rock layers. During the folding of the Alps, this lower limestone layer was pushed upwards and exposed by glaciers and erosion.

Approach

Take the A14 to the Bludenz/Montafon exit and continue on Montafonerstrasse L188. Then turn right onto Gargellnerstrasse and follow it up to Gargellen.

Public transport

Just leave your car behind

Local buses operate 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 Montafonerbahn runs hourly (sometimes every half hour). There are also direct connections from Lindau (D) and Bregenz.

Timetable: www.oebb.at

 05:30 h duration	 11,4 km Length
 2698 m Highest point	 2107 m Lowest point
 848 m Ascent	 847 m Descent

Tour type Hiking, Bergbahnauf/-abstieg

Difficulty ● Difficult

Elevation profile

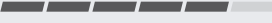


Condition 

Technique 

Difficulty 

Result 

Landscape 

Best time of year

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

Parking lot Bergbahnen Gargellen (paid)

Directions

The route starts at the mountain restaurant Schafberg Hüsli in Gargellen. From here, follow the signs towards Gafierjoch. The hike leads us below the Gargellner Köpfe, past the Schafbergsee (reservoir pond), until after about half an hour we reach the Gafierjoch (2415 m) and cross the border into Switzerland. Now it goes downhill on the path towards Rätschenjoch (2602 m). At about 2300 m, the path then crosses to the left into flat terrain. Here you will find geological history to touch. Further along the border between the dark gneiss and the light limestone. Before the path steeply ascends left to the Rätschenjoch, follow the trail to the right to the summit of the Rätschenfluh. Over bright stone slabs and paths covered with scree, you reach the flat summit plateau of the Rätschenfluh from the fork in about 20 minutes. Return to the starting point on the same path.

Equipment

Good, ankle-high hiking boots with a good tread, sun protection, and sufficient provisions and drinks to take along, hiking poles recommended

Tips

A short detour to the Rätschenjoch opens up a great view of the Saaser Alm

Destination

Gargellen, mountain restaurant Schafberg Hüsli

Starting Point

Gargellen, mountain restaurant Schafberg Hüsli

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
