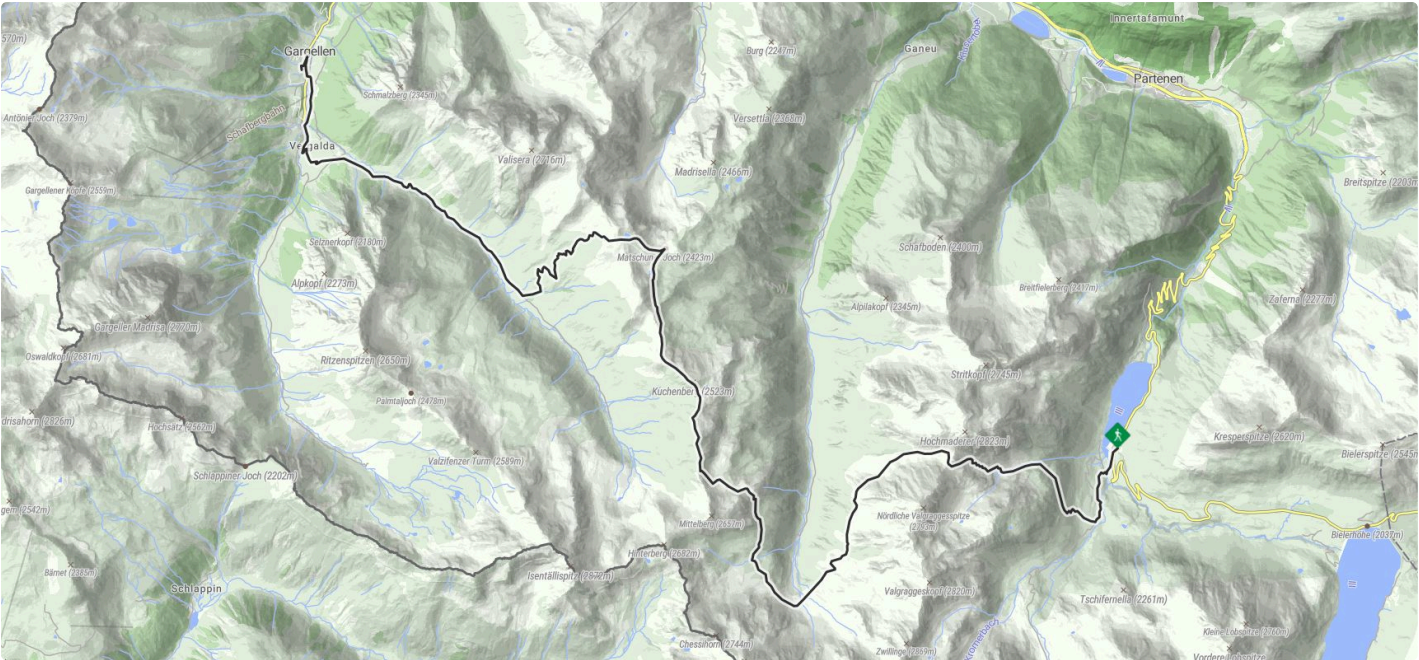


A6: From Vermuntsee to Gargellen

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Tour description

Vermuntsee - Hochmadererjoch - Tübinger Hütte - Vergaldaalpe - Vergaldatal - Zentrum Gargellen

Church of St. Magdalena, Gargellen

Not only wine and traded goods once entered the Montafon via the Schlappiner Joch. During the Thirty Years' War, which turned former neighbors into political and confessional opponents in the Silvretta region, the Prättigau people came to Gargellen with hostile intent in 1622. They devastated the little church that had just been built and consecrated. Conversely, Montafon inhabitants also crossed passes and mountain saddles to set fire in Prättigau.

The complex religious and political conditions of the 17th century are also shown by the fact that the church in Gargellen, rebuilt after its destruction in 1622, was consecrated in 1644 by Bishop Johann VI of Chur. For the church and altar consecration, the bishop had to travel through Reformed areas, even the city of Chur was by then already Reformed. Prättigau also had converted to the new faith but was still under Habsburg and thus Catholic rule.

Despite all the political and confessional turmoil of its time, Gargellen's church today shows an astonishingly rich interior: Just five years after the episcopal consecration, David Bertle, likely a predecessor of the famous Montafon artist family Bertle, created the popular Sebastian altar, which today serves as the right side altar. The left side altar dates from the late 17th century and originally came from Lech am Arlberg. This altar was brought to Gargellen in the late 18th century, when the church received its baroque onion dome tower. The main altar from 1906 is a Neo-Romanesque work but still displays two figures from the late Middle Ages: St. Magdalena and St. Martin.

Gargellen also has the Fidelis Chapel, another picturesque sacred building, but with a less pleasant background. The chapel is dedicated to St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, who preached in Prättigau and was violently killed after a sermon in 1622.

Approach

Take the A14 to the Bludenz/Montafon exit and then continue on Montafonerstraße L188 to Partenen to the toll station for the Silvretta High Alpine Road. From there, you reach Vermuntsee via the Silvretta High Alpine Road. (Toll required)

	08:48 h duration		21,7 km Length
	2527 m Highest point		1412 m Lowest point
	1456 m Ascent		1798 m Descent

Start

Finish

Tour type

Difficulty

Vermuntsee

Gargellen

Hiking

● Difficult

Elevation profile



Condition

Technique

Difficulty

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Public transport

Just leave your car parked

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

Bus stop at the start of the route: **Partenen Vermuntsee / Line 650**

Bus stop at the end of the route: **Gargellen Schafbergbahn / Line 670**

Timetable: www.vmobil.at

Arrival by train to Montafon

The Montafon railway runs hourly (sometimes half-hourly) from Bludenz station. There are also direct connections from Lindau (D) and Bregenz.

Timetable: www.oebb.at

Parking

Parking is available at Vermuntsee

Directions

From the starting point of the route, Vermuntsee, the path leads us through the Maderer valley towards Hochmaderer (2,823 m). From the summit, simple climbing sections lead us down the west side. Surefootedness and a head for heights are absolutely required here. The path continues over gently sloping, rock-strewn hillsides and rough boulder terrain towards Tübinger Hütte. From there, the path leads us over the Mittelbergjoch and Vergaldner Joch (2,515 m), further towards Matschuner Joch, before reaching the center of Gargellen through the Vergaldatal.

Destination

Gargellen, Zentrum

Starting Point

Partenen, Vermuntsee

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
