

Saulakopf via ferrata

Moderate

Bergbahnauf-/abstieg



Tour description

Due to its bold route guidance and the fantastic view, the Saulakopf via ferrata is one of the most beautiful routes in Montafon.

The via ferrata crosses the mighty east face of the Saulakopf, leads boldly directly through the steep wall, and then follows the exposed ridge to the summit. Under the overhanging east face, the key point awaits you with a strenuous steep section (C/D) – exit options are available. Along the ridge, the route scores with a great view of the surrounding Rätikon peaks as well as an adventurous ladder bridge.

 05:30 h duration	 7,98 km Length
 2517 m Highest point	 1970 m Lowest point
 831 m Ascent	 832 m Descent

Start

Finish

Tour type

Difficulty

Douglass Chalet at 1,979 m

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Elevation profile



Condition

Technique

Difficulty

Result

Landscape

Best time of year

JAN

FEB

MÄR

APR

MAI

JUN

JUL

AUG

SEP

OKT

NOV

DEZ

Access - Directions - Descent

Access

The quickest approach is from the Douglass Hut, located directly at the Lünarseebahn mountain station. From there, follow the sign for “Saulajoch” over the dam and then descend slightly along the Saulajochsteig trail to the Saulajoch.

At the Saulajoch, a sign reading “Saulakopf via ferrata to the start: 10 min.” points toward the Heinrich Hueter Hut. Continue along this path until you reach the base of the east face of the Saulakopf. Just before the Heinrich Hueter Hut comes into view, you’ll reach a signposted fork in the trail. There, a path branches off to the left toward the start of the Saulakopf via ferrata. Watch out for falling rocks!

Alternatively, you can choose the approach via the Rellstal. From the Alpengasthof Rellstal, which you can reach by **hiking bus from Vandans**, the trail leads past the Heinrich Hueter Hut and continues to the base of the east face of the Saulakopf. Here, too, a signposted path branches off to the start of the via ferrata.

Route description

The crux comes shortly after the start: a slightly overhanging, approximately 15-meter-high wall must be climbed. After that, the steel cable continues, often vertically and exposed, toward the summit.

In the upper third, a spectacular rope bridge awaits you, which can also be bypassed. The via ferrata ends at the summit of the Saulakopf at 2,516 meters.

Descent

The descent leads from the summit of the Saulakopf back to the Saulajoch via the exposed, partially secured, and marked trail of the Saulakopf Normal Route. This section is tricky in wet conditions, fresh snow, or icy conditions.

From the Saulajoch, you can either follow the Saulajochsteig back to the Lünarseebahn mountain station or descend via the Heinrich Hueter Hut to the hiking bus stop at the Alpengasthof Rellstal.

Getting to the starting point

We recommend starting at the Douglasshütte, located right next to the **Lünarseebahn** mountain station.

Getting to the Lünarseebahn by public transportation:

The Montafon regional bus and the Montafonerbahn provide convenient and flexible travel throughout the valley. The train and bus connect the towns regularly, every 30, or 60 minutes depending on the route. You can find your connection **here**. Bus stop at the start/end of this tour: **Brand Lünarseebahn**

By car to the Lünarseebahn:

Take **the A14** to the Brandnertal exit and continue on the L82 to Brand, the **valley station of the Lünarseebahn**. Please note that parking at the valley station is subject to a fee.

Important Information

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 airy ladder bridge on the ridge can also be bypassed. The descent can often be tricky when wet.

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)

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