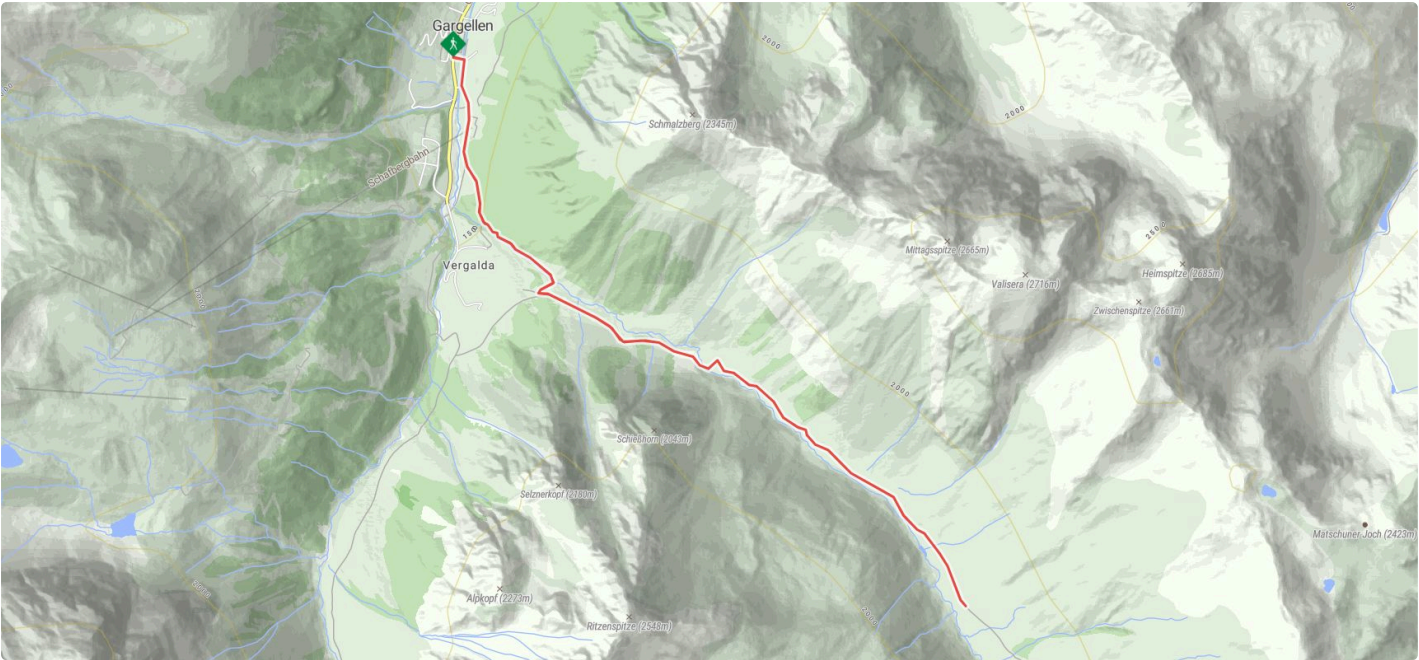


To the Vergaldaalpe

Moderate

Familienfreundlich

Kinderwagentauglich



Tour description

A short and easy hike to the Vergaldaalpe in Gargellen (stroller-friendly)

BACK TO THE ORIGIN – TIME STANDS STILL IN VERGALDA.

“Years ago, I was asked in a larger group which area of Vorarlberg I consider the most beautiful. Without hesitation, I answered: Vergalda.” said Johann Schwimmer, one of Vorarlberg’s first conservationists, enthusiastically in a 1927 newspaper article about Vergalda.

Even today, you could think that time has stood still in this side valley of Gargellen. The name Vergaldatal refers to the Romansh “Val calda”, meaning warm valley. And indeed, because of its special location, Vergalden is always somewhat warmer than the rest of Gargellen. The local climatic peculiarity of this district is also reflected in its diverse botany, truly unique. Johann Schwimmer raved in his report about the plant diversity in Vergalda: “Blue bellflowers alternate with red and white red campions, yellow and orange-red hawkweeds with the hair tufts of alpine anemones. Arnica, pigweed, lady’s mantle, yellow-flowering cinquefoil, and the brightly red blossoms of the trailing alpine rose complete the picture.” It was no coincidence that in 1927 he proposed declaring the Vergalden Alp a plant protection area. The Vergaldaalpe used to be one of the largest cows’ Alps and is today the last dairy alp in the Gargellen valley. It is a popular destination for hikers, mountain bikers, and especially families. Due to its high alpine character, the Vergaldatal is also an important habitat for red deer, chamois, and ibex.

Those leaving the Vergaldaalpe and heading back to Gargellen will encounter the “Muntafuner Pääärti.” This couple depicted in rock wearing Montafon traditional costume seems to silently bid farewell to passers-by, welcoming them back anytime to the most beautiful area of Vorarlberg.

Approach

Take the A14 to the Bludenz/Montafon exit and continue on the Montafonerstraße L188. Then turn right into the Gargellnerstraße and follow it (L192) up to Gargellen.

02:50 h duration	8,76 km Length
1821 m Highest point	1408 m Lowest point
412 m Ascent	412 m Descent

Tour type

Hiking, Family-friendly, Suitable for prams

Difficulty

Moderate

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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Public transport

Just leave your car behind

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

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

Timetable: www.vmobil.at

Arriving by train into Montafon

The Montafon railway departs from Bludenz station every hour (sometimes every half hour). There are also direct connections from Lindau (D) and from Bregenz.

Timetable: www.oebb.at

Parking

Parking lot Bergbahnen Gargellen (paid)

Directions

From the center of Gargellen towards Alpe Vergalden – partly rough gravel road, strollers should have large rubber tires.

Tips

Have you already tried the Sura Kees?

Destination

Gargellen, center

Starting Point

Gargellen, tourist office

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
