

Valkastiel Via Ferrata Park

MODERATE



Tour description

Five via ferrata routes, a castle ruin in a dramatic setting, and breathtaking views down into the valley: The Valkastiel Via Ferrata Park offers you a diverse rock-climbing experience with varying difficulty levels ranging from B/C to D.

The ruins of Valkastiel Castle are located above the town of Vandans at an elevation of about 1,000 meters above sea level in an extremely exposed location. It's unclear exactly when these ancient walls were built, but what is certain is that there's now a via ferrata park up there, offering a diverse climbing experience with five routes of varying difficulty levels.

The routes lead through gorges, across slabs and steep pillars, and over airy rope bridges.

While the easier routes are well-suited for beginners, the challenging D-routes require experience, strength, and sound climbing technique. For all routes combined—including the approach and descent—you should plan on spending more than half a day.

Start - Directions - Descent

Access

From the starting point in Vandans, follow the main road to Heitersheimer Platz. After crossing the bridge, walk uphill along the Mustergielbach stream and follow the embankment to the entrance of the via ferrata park.

Route Description

The **Schlosswand-Schluchtweg traverse**, rated B/C, is the easiest route. The **Felsenfenster via ferrata**, rated C, also leads through gullies in some sections that can be damp and slippery.

On the **Hohe-Wand via ferrata** (difficulty level C), you'll encounter exposed sections and two rope bridges.

Significantly more challenging are the **Pfeilerwand via ferrata** and the **Brückenwand via ferrata**, both rated D. Overhangs, steep edges, and slabs make these routes a challenge even for experienced via ferrata climbers.

Please note that the gullies and gorge sections can be very slippery, especially when wet.

Descent

For several routes, the descent follows the Schluchtweg trail. From there, you'll return to Vandans via the approach trail along the Mustergielbach stream.

 03:00 h duration	 5,41 km Length
 1048 m Highest point	 646 m Lowest point
 400 m Ascent	 400 m Descent

Start

Finish

Tour type

Difficulty

Friedhofskirche Vandans

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Mountaineering, Klettersteig

Moderate

Elevation profile



Condition

Technique

Difficulty

Result

Landscape

Best time of year

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

Getting to the starting point

This tour starts in the center of Vandans.

Getting to the center of Vandans by public transportation

With the Montafon regional bus and the Montafonerbahn, you can travel comfortably and flexibly throughout the valley. The train and bus connect the towns regularly, every half hour or every hour depending on the route. You can find the right connection here. Bus stop at the start/end of this tour: Vandans Center, Golmerbahn valley station, or Vandans train station

Getting to Vandans by car:

Take the A14 to the Bludenz/Montafon exit and continue on the Montafoner Straße L188 to the intersection near the Vandans train station; turn right there. Free parking is available in the town center near the town hall or at the Golmerbahn valley station.

Equipment

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, surefootedness, ability to handle heights, and physical fitness.

A complete set of 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 plenty of 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.

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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