

Energy Route

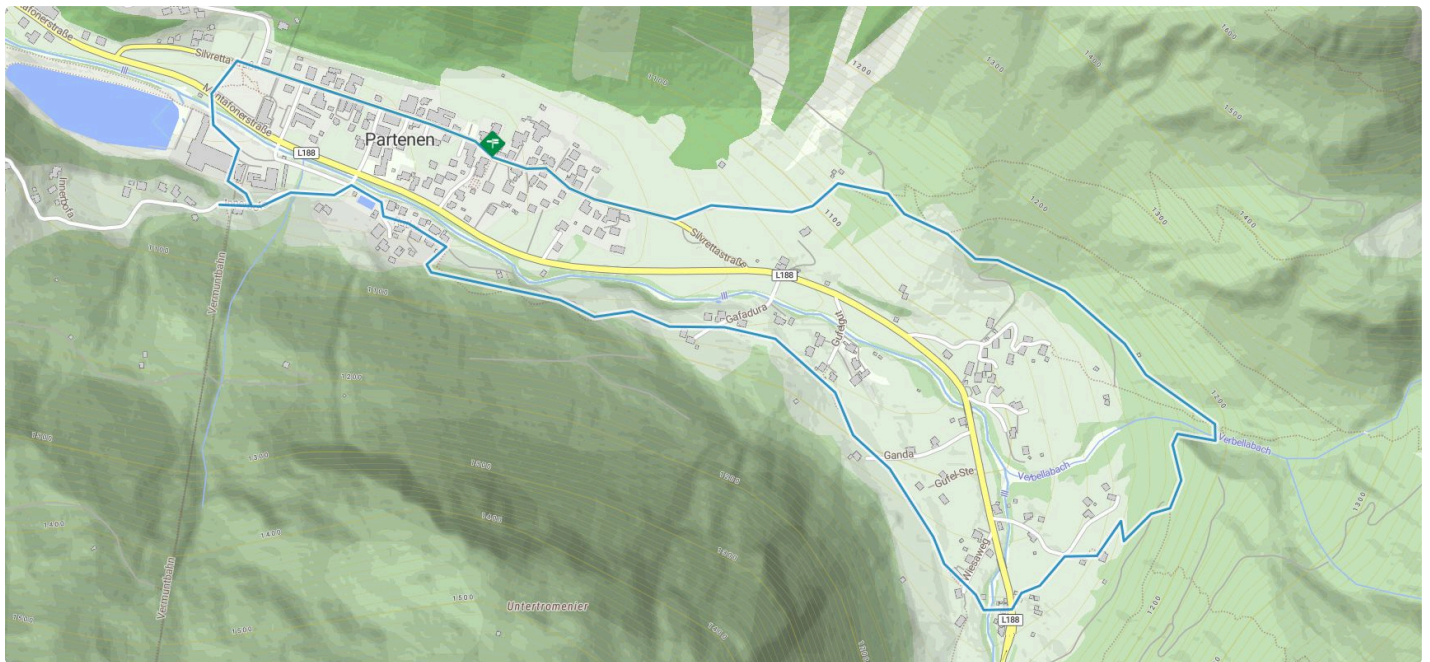
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ALPENMOSAİK - TAL

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RUNDTOUR



Tour description

The Energy Trail tells the story of how electricity generation has transformed Partenen from a mountain farming village into a modern residential and tourist destination.

On this varied tour through Partenen, it becomes clear just how closely the town's development is linked to the use of hydropower. Historic trails, terraced farmland, and power plants tell the story of the changes that electricity generation brought to this once-remote mountain farming village.

In addition to insights into the history of energy, you'll encounter special sites along the way, such as the Gufelste, the Europatreppe 4000, and the Kopswerk I power plant. At the same time, you'll be treated to beautiful views of Partenen and the surrounding mountains time and again.

What is the Montafon Alpine Mosaic?

The Montafon Alpine Mosaic showcases the scenic diversity of the Montafon. Four themed areas—Verwall, Silvretta, Rätikon, and the valley—illustrate how geology, nature, and the cultural landscape are interconnected.

Along 34 themed trails, you can discover the unique features of these diverse landscapes. Starting points, themes, and stories along the trails constantly offer you new perspectives on the Montafon.

So: Choose an exploration area, lace up your hiking boots, and discover the diversity of the Montafon step by step.

You can find more information about the Montafon Alpine Mosaic [HERE](#).



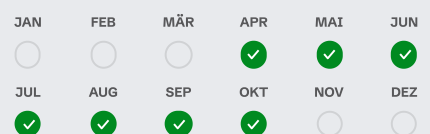
Start	Ortszentrum Partenen
Finish	Ortszentrum Partenen
Tour type	Themenweg, Hiking, Alpine mosaic - valley, Alpine mosaic, Refreshment stops, Round trip, Family-friendly
Difficulty	 Easy

Elevation profile



Condition	Technique	Difficulty	Result	Landscape
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Best time of year



Starting Point - Directions - End Point

Starting point

Partenen, downtown

Directions

From the church in Partenen, first follow the village road into the valley until you reach the “Old Gas Station.” From there, the trail leads you toward Ganifer and Kops. Passing under the Lifinar T-bar lift, you'll reach Stelli via Lifinar. Then follow the signs toward Partenen Loch.

At Partenen Loch, at 1,128 meters, the trail continues toward Bellamaisäß. After crossing a small bridge, you'll reach the highest point of the hike. From Bellamaisäß, you'll continue hiking with a beautiful view of Partenen to the toll booth on the Silvretta High Alpine Road and then toward the Vermuntbahn.

Along the way, you'll pass the Gufelste, a striking split rock formation, which is the subject of a legend about an ancient conflict between people from the Lower Engadine and the Montafon. The trail continues out of the valley, past the Partenen swimming pool. A short detour takes you to the Europatreppe 4000 with its 3,600 steps.

Then you'll walk back a short distance along the road and down across the meadow to the Vermunt power plant. Passing the Rifa reservoir and crossing Montafonerstraße, you'll reach Kopswerk I. Hiking back into the valley along Dorfstraße, past Bishop Rudigier's birthplace and the Vallülasaal, you'll return to the starting point.

End Point

Partenen, town center

Getting to the starting point

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The starting point for the tour is the town center of Partenen.

By public transportation:

The Montafon regional bus and the Montafonerbahn railway offer a convenient and flexible way to get around the valley. Trains and buses run regularly between the towns, every half hour or every hour depending on the route. You can find your ideal connection [HERE](#). Bus stop at the start/end of this tour: Partenen Center

By car:

Take the A14 to the Bludenz/Montafon exit, then follow the Montafoner Straße L188 to Partenen. Parking is available at the Vermuntbahn valley station.

Important Information

For the hike, we recommend wearing weather-appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes with good traction. An "Active Card: Hiking" can help you find your way.

Tips

If you're interested in the history of energy in the Montafon, it's worth taking a closer look at the various power plants and structures along the trail. The Europatreppe 4000 is also a special detour. If you climb the stairs, you can pick up a commemorative pin at the tourist information office in Gaschurn afterward.

[Learn more about the Alpenmosaik Montafon](#)

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
