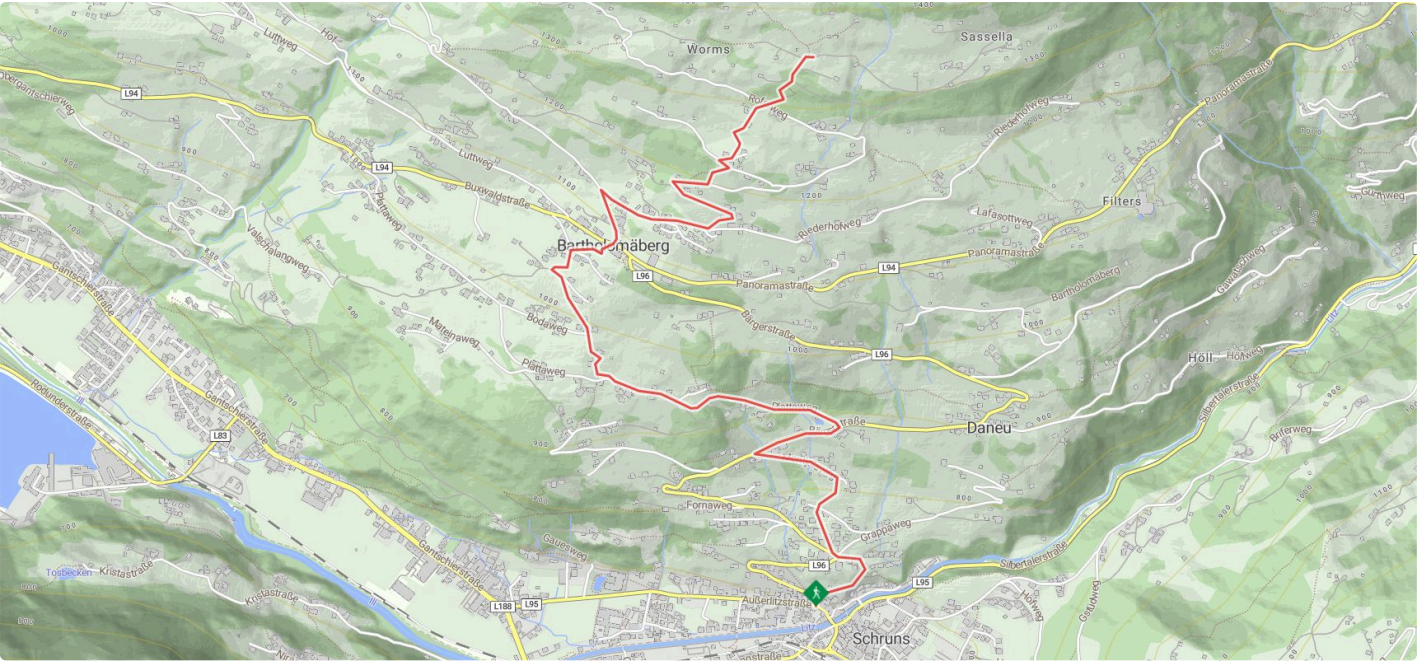


Bergknappenweg Bartholomäberg

MODERATE



Tour description

Litzkapelle Schruns - Montjola - Gasthaus Fischerstöbli - Plattaweg - Baroque Church
Bartholomäberg - Roferweg - Historical Mine

The Bergknappenweg on the Bartholomäberg - in the footsteps of the old miners

On the Bartholomäberg there is an old path from the valley floor at Schruns up to the mining zone, which is called the “Bergknappenweg” (miners’ path) by the locals. It is commonly believed to be an old route used by miners on their way to the mining zone. In fact, historical sources confirm that in the late Middle Ages, miners lived down in the settlement area and ascended daily to the mining zone. Archaeological excavation results support this assumption.

The hiking trail, now called the "Bergknappenweg," thus likely assumes a new significance. It appears to actually be the path used by miners in the Middle Ages, leading from the Litzkapelle about 650 meters uphill to the mining zone of the Knappagruaba.

Along the Bergknappenweg, numerous information boards inform hikers about important and interesting stations related to the early settlement history and mining on the Bartholomäberg - from the Litzkapelle through the Bronze Age castle in the Friaga Forest, the high trail in the Allmein above the Fritzensee near the Knappagruaba. At the Frühmesshaus Bartholomäberg museum, impressions and findings can be deepened through the museum presentation and a special exhibition on the settlement and mining history of the Montafon.

Bergknappenweg, the stations:

1. **Litzkapelle** in Schruns, pilgrimage chapel built in 1688. Start of the Bergknappenweg.
2. **Friaga Forest**, prehistoric high settlement and Bronze Age castle
3. **Bodaweg**, Bronze and Iron Age settlement on the Platta
4. **Stone Cross (atonement cross)** below the church in Bartholomäberg
5. **Bergknappenweg**, information board
6. **Baroque Church Bartholomäberg**, the oldest church in the Montafon, miners' altar and Romanesque processional cross
7. **Frühmesshaus Museum Bartholomäberg**, early settlement and mining history of the Montafon
8. **Tschuga Moor on the Obwaldweg**, tracking the Tschuga Moor - on the vegetation history in the Montafon / The silver tunnel in the Heiligenwald - a historically handed down mine on the Bartholomäberg
9. **Roferweg**, late medieval miners' forge
10. **Roferweg**, dump section and late medieval ore processing
11. **Medieval mining zone Knappagruaba** historical mine, mining on the Bartholomäberg - dumps, adit openings and mine shafts

 02:00 h duration	 4,73 km Length
 1338 m Highest point	 685 m Lowest point
 653 m Ascent	 1 m Descent

Tour type

Hiking

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
					

Approach

Drive on the A14 to the Bludenz/Montafon exit and continue on Montafonerstraße L188 to Schruns.

Public transport

Just leave your car standing

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

Bus stop at the start/finish of the route: **Schruns train station / s4 (Montafonerbahn), line 601, line 602, line 603, line 640, line 650, line 670, line 680**

Timetable: www.vmobil.at

Arrival by train to the Montafon

From Bludenz station the Montafonerbahn runs hourly (partly every half hour). There are also direct connections from Lindau (D) and from Bregenz.

Timetable: www.oebb.at

Parking

Parking spaces are located in the town centre of Schruns (paid).

Directions

The "Bergknappenweg" leads from the Litzkapelle (700 m) in Schruns over the Montjola to the church of Bartholomäberg (1,089 m) and from the town centre in switchbacks up to the mining zone of the Knappagruaba at around 1,350 m altitude.

Destination

Knappagruaba at the Historical Mine, Bartholomäberg

Starting Point

Litzkapelle, Schruns

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
