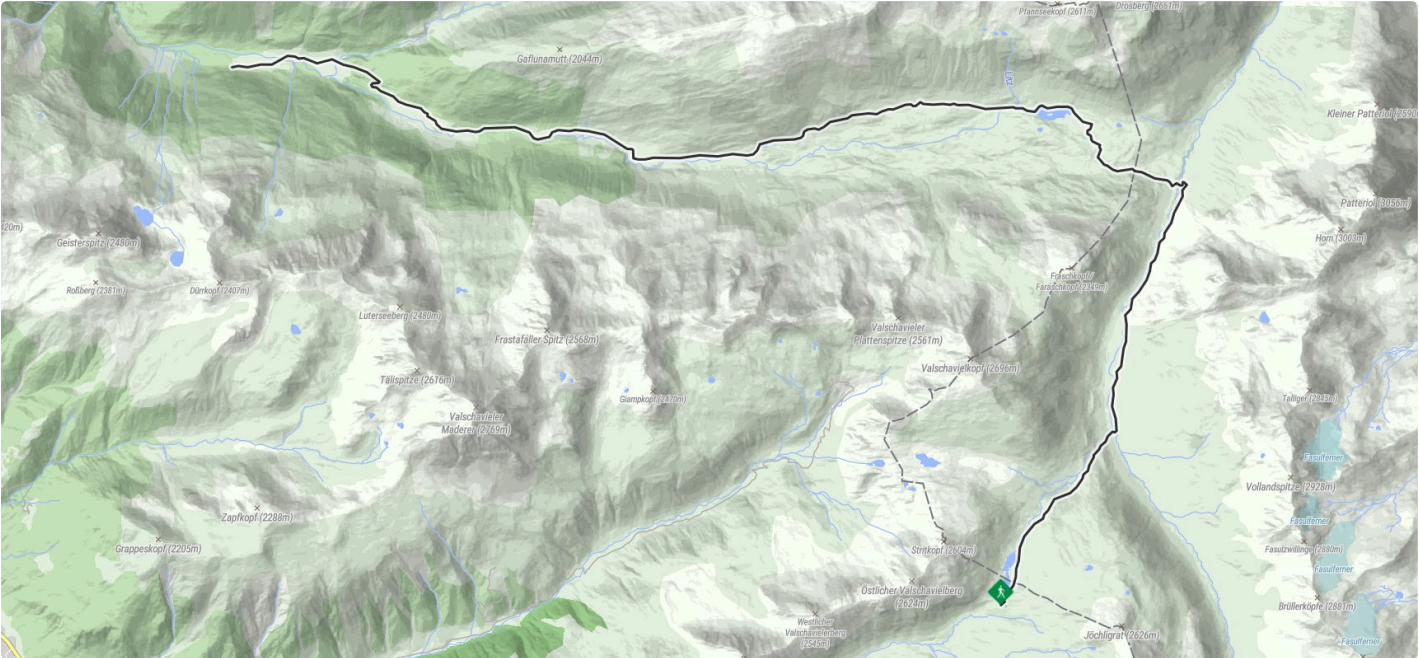


An idyllic hike through the Verwall European protected area: from the Neue Heilbronner Hütte to the Lower Gafluna Alp

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Tour description

This is a wild and romantic hike through the quiet and pristine Verwall European protected area. Let yourself be enchanted by this idyll...

A long but beautiful hike starting and ending in Montafon through the entire rear Silbertal or in the Verwall European protected area. Part of the hike (section) lies in Tyrolean territory, where you hike along the "Rosanna" river in the Schönverwall to the "Silbertaler Winterjöchle" junction.

The absolute highlights are: the Neue Heilbronner Hütte with the Scheidseen, Langsee, and Schwarzsee. You will also enjoy the idyllic landscape, which resembles an enchanted fairytale forest. Pure tranquility and, with some luck, you can see marmots right by the side of the trail.

Approach

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Coming from Bludenz, take the L188 to Schruns and continue to Partenen.

 05:00 h duration	 16,1 km Length
 2297 m Highest point	 1354 m Lowest point
 100 m Ascent	 1042 m Descent

Tour typeHiking

Difficulty● Difficult

Elevation profile



Condition

Technique

Difficulty

Result

Landscape

Public transport

Just leave your car standing

The regional buses of the Montafonerbahn operate throughout Montafon. The main lines run hourly from Schruns station.

With **bus line 650** you reach from Schruns station to Partenen. Get off at the "Bergbahnen" stop. The Tafamuntbahn takes you to the starting point if you want to hike the culture and landscape trail. Return also with **bus line 650** to Schruns station.

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Arrival by train:

From Bludenz station, the Montafonerbahn runs hourly (sometimes half-hourly). There are also direct connections from Lindau (D) and from Bregenz.

Parking

It is recommended to park your car in Schruns or Tschagguns. In Schruns, there is the option to park your car for several days in the Löwen Garage parking garage (entrance opposite the post office). Parking tickets can be purchased directly at the parking meter for up to three days. In Tschagguns (opposite the Cresta Hotel in the center), there is even a free parking lot that can also be used for several days.

Otherwise, parking spaces are available in Partenen at the Tafamuntbahn.

Directions

Neue Heilbronner Hütte - Scheidseen - Schönverwall Valley - Langsee - Upper Freschalpe - Schwarzsee - Dürrwald Chapel - Lower Dürrwald Alp - Lower Gafluna Alp - Hiking bus stop

The hike starts at the Neue Heilbronner Hütte in Montafon, which is located on the border between Vorarlberg and Tyrol. Along the Scheidseen, you settle in and shortly afterward begin the descent into the Schönverwall. Once down, you hike parallel to the "Rosanna" river out of the valley towards St. Anton am Arlberg until the "Silbertaler Winterjöchle" junction. There you turn left and descend briefly, cross the Rosanna, and ascend again on the other side. The easy ascent begins. Shortly afterwards, you reach the state border, and your hike continues on Vorarlberg soil. You are back in Montafon. Follow the narrow path, and after a good half hour, you reach the Langsee. The Langsee, with its great location and a popular photo motif, invites you to take a break. The Patteriol, the striking and pointed mountain in Tyrolean territory, is reflected in the lake. After the break, continue. Follow the path to the Upper Freschalpe. There, the narrow path ends in a wider path. Via this, you go slightly downhill out of the valley. In less than half an hour, you reach the Schwarzsee, which is clearly visible from the wide path. Surrounded by stone pine bushes, it lies slightly below the path. Unlike the Langsee, this lake is very marshy. Stay on the path and continue straight ahead. The signpost indicates that you will reach the Lower Gafluna Alp in 1 1/4 hours. The trail continues slightly downhill and leads to the hiking bus stop on a broad path. You pass through forest sections with lush green areas and several marshes. The Litz is your constant companion, still small, inconspicuous, and gentle, but this will change. The further you hike out of the valley, the wider and louder the Litz becomes. Once you reach the Lower Gafluna Alp, the hike is nearing its end. After 5 minutes, you reach the hiking bus stop, which takes you to the center of Silbertal.

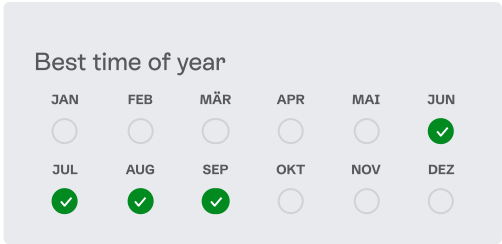
Silbertal Hiking Bus:

The Silbertal hiking bus operates from mid-June to mid-September every Tuesday & Friday from the Silbertal fire station to the Lower Gafluna Alp. Advance registration by 5:00 p.m. the day before at the Silbertal tourism office, Tel. +43 50 6686 230, is essential. The Montafon-Brandnertal-Card multi-day summer or season ticket does not include the hiking bus.

The **European protected area**, also known as the Natura 2000 Verwall area on the border with Tyrol, is an important part of Vorarlberg's Natura 2000 network due to its large area and tranquility. The little-developed mountain area is a habitat and refuge for many mountain plants and shy animals. This includes chamois and golden eagles, as well as ptarmigans and the Krautweide, the "smallest tree in the world", which only protrudes a few centimeters from the ground.

Equipment

Sturdy and high footwear with good tread sole. A head covering, sun protection, and trekking poles are recommended, as well as bringing sufficient food and drinks.



Tips

For this hike, it is recommended to spend a night at the Neue Heilbronner Hütte. Reserve your bed early.

Destination

Hiking bus stop near the Lower Gafluna Alp

Starting Point

Neue Heilbronner Hütte

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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