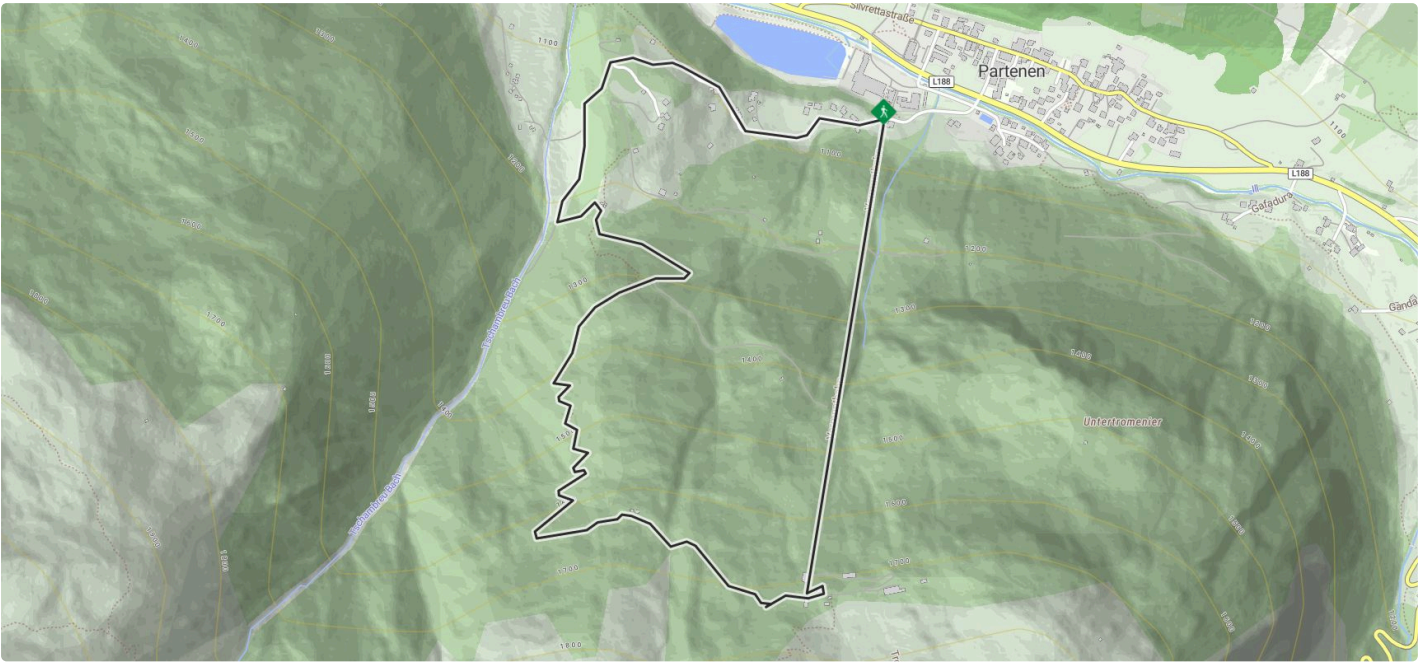


European staircase 4000 (including return via Bofa to Partenen)

DIFFICULT

RUNDTOUR



Tour description

What was once built as a supply route for the construction of the large reservoirs in the Silvretta is now known as "Europe's longest straight staircase" with around 3,600 steps and an incline of up to 86%.

When preliminary work for the Vermunt plant began in 1925, there was neither electricity nor telephone in Partenen. The conditions under which the reservoirs and pipelines were built can only be guessed at today. Some construction monuments - alongside the reservoirs - are still visible to the naked eye, such as the nearly 4,000-step European staircase in Partenen. It is the longest straight staircase in Europe and runs with an incline of up to 86% alongside the Vermuntbahn. The staircase demands a high level of coordination and reaction ability because each step varies in height and depth. Those who "manage" the staircase in a run put themselves on a level with Austrian ski aces and other international top athletes who regularly train here.

Public transport

Bus line 650

Directions

To the left of the Vermuntbahn valley station, a short staircase leads to BofastraÙe, which is crossed directly under the railway track. This is the starting point of the European staircase 4000. On steps of varying condition, it now goes straight and steep uphill towards the mountain station. At the halfway point and in the last third, there are approximately 50-meter-long paths that you not run straight. The return route starts directly to the right of the Vermuntbahn mountain station; do not follow the path markings through the forest towards the valley. The last few meters then lead you back over BofastraÙe to the starting point.

Tips

In summer, the best time for the staircase is determined at the "Montafoner Stair Cup," currently about 22 minutes. You can find all information about the event at scs.spartenen.at

Destination

Partenen, Vermuntbahn valley station

02:10 h duration	5,00 km Length
1711 m Highest point	1031 m Lowest point
680 m Ascent	680 m Descent

Start

Finish

Tour type

Difficulty

Talstation Vermuntbahn Partenen

Talstation Vermuntbahn Partenen

Hiking, Round trip

●

 Difficult

Elevation profile

Condition

Technique

Difficulty

Result

Landscape

Best time of year

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

Starting Point

Partenen, Vermuntbahn valley station

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
