# HIKE THROUGH THE HIGH MOOR AT HÖRNLE PASS



MEDIUM HIKING



# **TOUR DESCRIPTION**

This circular hike leads from Schwende across the national border towards Osterberg and along the Breitach River back to the starting point. With its high moorlands, species-rich meadows, and stunning panoramic views, the hike offers a truly unique landscape experience.

The hike begins in Außerschwende and leads along sunny slopes past several farmsteads to the Hörnlepass Alpine Inn. Already at this point, the moorland landscape of the Straußberg area offers a highly diverse natural setting and fantastic panoramic views of the mountains around Oberstdorf and the Kleinwalsertal.

From the Hörnlepass, the trail continues across the Austrian-German border and through the Außerwald forest area toward the Osterberg Alpine Hut (Alpe Osterberg). Passing through high moorlands and nutrient-poor meadows, home to a unique variety of plant life, the route continues on to the Alpe Hintere Enge. This alpine hut, operated in the summer months, offers an outstanding view over nearly the entire Kleinwalsertal.

From the Hintere Enge, the trail leads back across the national border, descending through the Fuchsloch area to the Breitach River. Following the Breitach trail, the route passes the Waldhaus and climbs gently back uphill to the starting point.

## **ROUTE DESCRIPTION**

About the Ausserschwende it goes up to the Gasthof Hörnlepass. Soon you cross the Bächteletobel - high moors with their very own plant life alternate with meager meadows. From the rear you have a fantastic view of the valley. The whole mountain range from the Fellhorn to the Hohe Ifen and all three church towers of the Kleinwalsertal lie in front of you. Down the trail now leads over Fuchsloch to the Breitach. Left it goes to Breitachklamm, turning right after a short hike at the forest house and the small Zwing over from where it goes uphill to the starting point.

## RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

**EMERGENCY:** 140 Alpine Emergencies Austria wide 144 Alpine Emergencies Vorarlberg 112 Euro-Emergencies (works with every mobile network) www.vorarlberg.travel/sicherheitstipps Sturdy shoes and hiking poles for steep sections recommended. When necessary, rainproof clothing and head covering.

#### **FURTHER INFO & LINKS**

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How do you consciously experience nature?

Nature is so much more than the backdrop for unforgettable mountain experiences. It is a habitat for animals and plants. It provides drinking water and supplies us with high quality food. Not only does it provide valuable raw materials such as wood, it also protects against



avalanches and mudslides and regulates the climate. It is up to us to support nature in everything that it does for us. One thing is certain, together we can achieve more:

Smart in NATURE

**CONSCIOUS** together

**EXPERIENCE** foresight

**Smart in NATURE** 

Take a deep breath and recharge your batteries, be outside and feel free. When we enjoy nature, we are guests in the living room of shy animals and rare plants. If you behave smart, they will be happy to share their living space with you in the future too.

## Stay on paths and marked routes

If you follow the marked paths and routes, you are sure to come to new favorite places. In this way you also respect protected areas, because many animals and plants need special protection. Especially in winter, any disturbance unnecessarily costs the wild animals the strength they need to survive.

#### Avoiding twilight times

Standing on a mountain at sunrise is a special experience. The morning and evening hours are also the time when most wild animals are in search of food. If they are disturbed, they get stressed. If it cannot be avoided, please stay on the marked path, do not use a bright headlamp and enjoy the silence.

#### Stay clean & take rubbish with you

It goes without saying: You take rubbish with you again, on the mountain and in the valley. Please also organic waste, because it is composted much more slowly at altitude. You can dispose of the rubbish properly at home or in your accommodation - please remember that there are no rubbish bins in public spaces in Kleinwalsertal.

#### On the natural toilet

If you are looking for a quiet place, please be at least 50 m away from water. Bury excrement or cover it with a large stone. Use fallen leaves or recycled toilet paper and put the paper back in the trash bag.

## On tour with a dog

Are you always in control of your four-legged partner, even if he gets his nose for marmots, deer or other wild animals? You are both on the safe side on a leash. Keep dogs on a short leash near grazing cattle. If an attack by a grazing animal is foreseeable: leash off immediately. There are numerous dog stations in the valley for the disposal of dog bags. The farmers and alpine farmers thank you because manure in meadows and fields contaminates the feed and makes grazing cattle sick.

#### **CONSCIOUS** to each other

### Consideration for other athletes and those looking for relaxation

Everyone loves to enjoy a special piece of earth for themselves. But most of the time we are not traveling alone. No problem, because there is enough space. Allow time, open the way in an accommodating manner, provide support when someone needs help and always give a smile. So nothing stands in the way of friendly cooperation and relaxed enjoyment of nature.

## Appreciating the preservation of the cultural landscape

Alpine landscapes are touching with their contrast: Imposing peaks and natural forests alternate with gentle valleys, well-tended meadows and pastures. In the Kleinwalsertal too, this delightful landscape at three altitudes is no coincidence, but the result of an interplay of natural and cultural landscapes. Behind this is the work of farmers, alpine and forestry as well as hunters. With their work, they ensure that the attractiveness of the recreation and leisure area and the diversity of species are preserved. We already say thank you if we stay on the marked trails and enjoy regional products.

## **EXPERIENCE** farsighted

#### Safe on tour - for you and others

Whether on a ski or snowshoe tour in winter or on a mountain tour in summer, anyone who is out and about in alpine terrain has to be well prepared. This includes careful information and tour planning as well as the right equipment. Correctly assessing alpine dangers requires a lot of knowledge and experience. Why not learn from professionals and go on tour with one of the experienced guides?

Nature experience map, scale 1:12,000; Kleinwalsertal tour map (with hiking guide), scale 1:25,000; DAV hiking map, scale 1:25,000; the respective cards are available for a fee in the Walserhaus Hirschegg.

MOUNTAIN

4 °C VALLEY Noon

-2 °C MOUNTAIN

7°C VALLEY Evening

MOUNTAIN

1°C