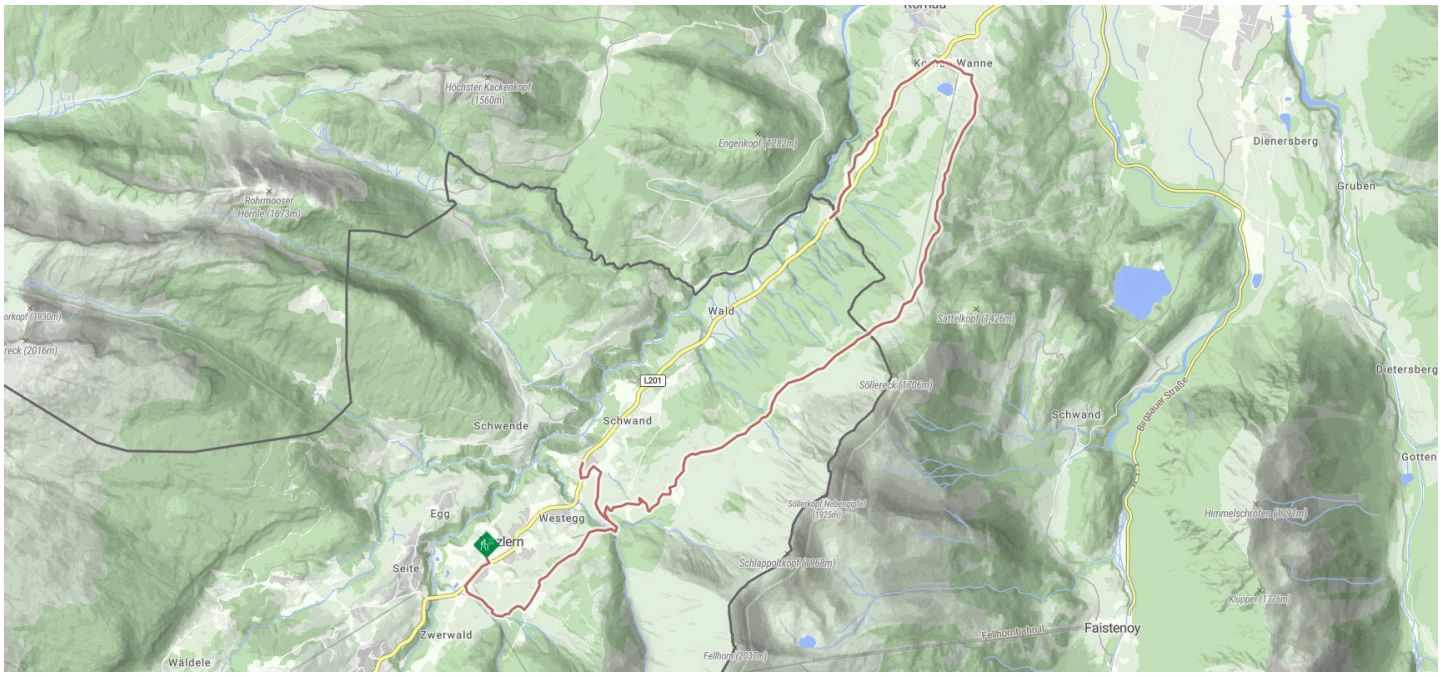
KLEINWALSERTAL TOURS

WALSER CULTURE TRAIL: LOCAL CIRCUIT RIEZLERN

MEDIUM THEMED TRAIL



TOUR DESCRIPTION

On this cultural walk, old houses, barns, and other contemporary witnesses tell their centuries-old stories. Information panels with interesting historical details are attached to the buildings and cultural-historical sites of the Walser Culture Trail. Additionally, at each station, the audio guide can be listened to via Outdooractive. The cultural trail and the story of the Walser are embedded in a unique natural landscape with beautiful panoramic views.
The cultural trail starts directly in the center of Riezlern. Beginning with the Parish Church Maria Opferung, the Municipal Office, and the (currently closed) Walser Museum. The walk first leads downstream in the valley. Behind the Kanzelwandbahn, the walk goes up towards the mountain station of the Kessler Lift. The path leads along the Riezlern high trail downstream. Along the path, you will repeatedly see earth mounds, the first avalanche barriers in the Kleinwalsertal. Continuing with beautiful views at the Nature Experience Area Schwand over the Riezlern high trail and the Westeggtobel. From here, you can take a small detour down to the main road to visit the Maria Hilf Chapel and the Theodulhof, home of the well-known Kleinwalsertal local historian Alfons Köberle. On a somewhat steeper walking path back up, a 237-year-old spruce is exhibited along the path. Here is the birth house of the Walser inventor Leo Müller, who revolutionized the entire printing industry in the 19th century with his development of the high-speed printing press. The cultural walk continues along the popular high trail, which until the beginning of the 18th century was the most important connection to Oberstdorf. At the mountain station of the Söllereckbahn, you can take the Söllereckbahn or walk steeply down the asphalt path to the valley station. From there, take a walking path below the state road or alternatively the Walserbus to the German-Austrian border, the Walserschanz. From this last station of the cultural trail, return with the Walserbus to the starting point of the route.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Riezlern - Parish Church Maria Opferung - Municipal Office - Walser Museum - Nature Experience Area Schwand - Unterwestegg Chapel „Maria Hilf“ - Theodulhof - Spruce on the Alpe Innerwestegg - Leo Müller House - Walserschanz

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

EMERGENCY CALL: 144 Alpine Emergencies Vorarlberg 112 European emergency number (works with any phone/network)
Sturdy footwear and weather-appropriate clothing.

FURTHER INFO & LINKS

Tips

↔ Distance	13.28 KM
Duration	4:10 H
Altitude meters	493 M
Highest point	1404 M



Condition

Best season

JAN FEB MAR APR **MAI** **JUN** **JUL** **AUG** **SEP** **OCT** NOV DEC

Sart: Riezlern
Goal: Riezlern

On the Walser Culture Trail, in addition to the information boards at each station, you can listen to the audio guide: open the Outdooractive app > map > click on the three dots button > audio guide or via the link above.
Every Tuesday during the summer season, a guided cultural walk with the municipal chronicler Stefan Heim takes place. Participants learn, in addition to information about the buildings and places on the Walser Culture Trail, interesting details about customs and Walser architecture.
For detailed information about Walser culture, the booklet "Originales & Originelles" is available at the tourist office.

Further links
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. Available for purchase at the tourist information in the Walserhaus.

Unlimited hiking in the Kleinwalsertal. Hiking and touring map with hiking guide and panorama, scale 1:25,000. Available for purchase at the tourist information in the Walserhaus.
Alpine Club map Bavarian Alps, Kleinwalsertal BY2, scale 1:25,000
Originales & Originelles with cultural guide. Available at the tourism office in Hirschegg.

Morning	Noon	Evening
0 °C MOUNTAIN	1 °C MOUNTAIN	0 °C MOUNTAIN
6 °C VALLEY	9 °C VALLEY	7 °C VALLEY