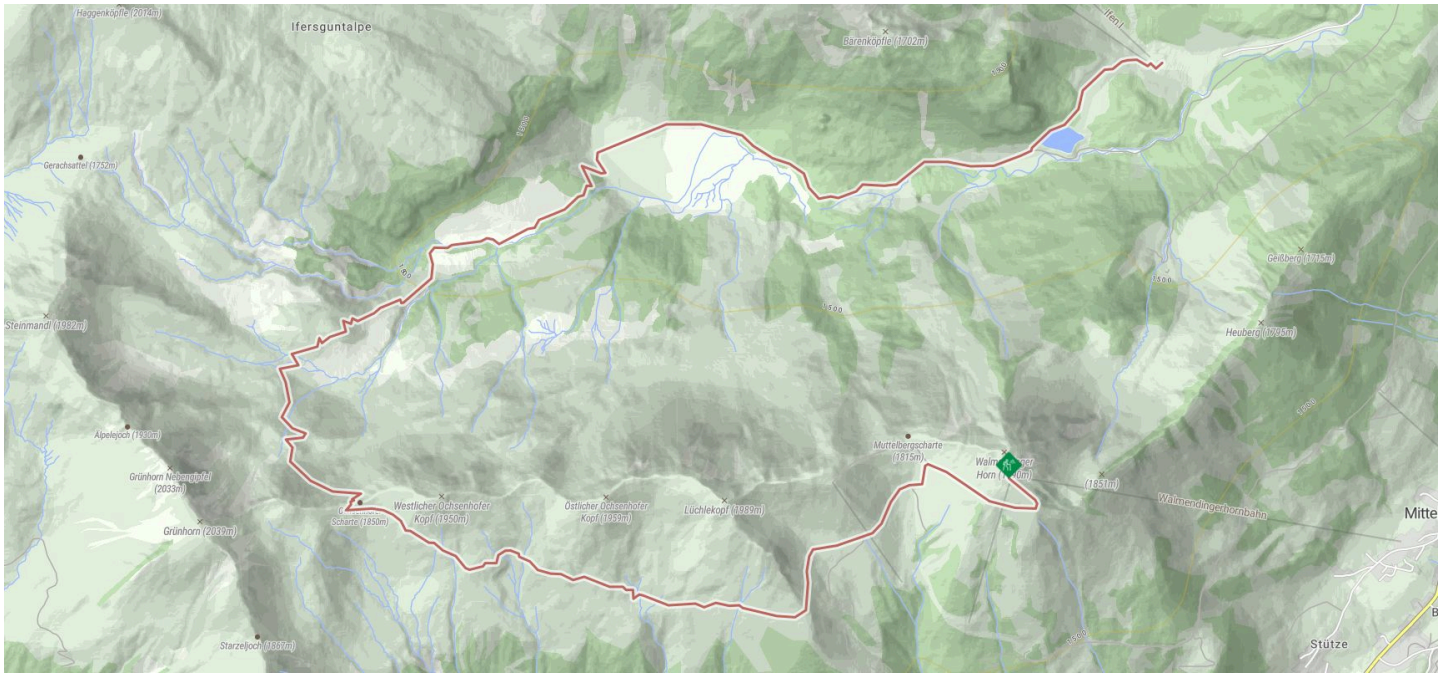
KLEINWALSERTAL TOURS

MOUNTAIN ROUTE FROM WALMENDINGERHORN INTO THE SCHWARZWASSERTAL

MEDIUM HIKING



TOUR DESCRIPTION

This scenic mountain route from the summit of the Walmendingerhorn follows a high-altitude path above the Duratal via the Ochsenhofer Scharte down into the Schwarzwassertal. The character of the route in the first section is shaped by the grassy mountains of the Derra and Duratal valleys, while the second section in the Schwarzwassertal is marked by an impressive diversity of alpine vegetation.
This mountain route leads from the summit of the Walmendingerhorn initially on a wide hiking trail somewhat steeply, then gently downhill along the grassy slopes of the Ochsenhofer heads above the Duratal, passing the Upper Lüchlealp. The gradient of the high path increases from here and leads to the Ochsenhofer Scharte. Up to the Ochsenhofer Scharte, the hike is characterised by mountain meadows and grassy mountains in the Derra and Duratal valleys. From the Ochsenhofer Scharte, the mountain path leads downwards to the Schwarzwasserhütte. Here, the rocky plateau of the Hoher Ifen dominates the landscape. From the Schwarzwasserhütte, the path, marked by an impressive diversity of alpine vegetation, goes down to the Melköde Alp. Then on a wide alpine path out of the Schwarzwassertal to the Ifenbahn car park.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Walmendingerhornbahn mountain station - Upper Lüchlealp - Starzelalpe - Ochsenhofer Scharte - Schwarzwasserhütte - Melköde - Auenhütte

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

Emergency: 144 Alpine emergencies Vorarlberg112 European emergency number (works with any mobile phone/network)
Weather-appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear. Hiking poles recommended.

FURTHER INFO & LINKS

Further links
The high plateau of Melköde in the Schwarzwassertal was formed by a post-glacial landslide. Nature Experience Map, scale 1:12,000; Kleinwalsertal route map (with hiking guide), scale 1:25,000; DAV hiking map, scale 1:25,000; the respective maps are available for purchase at the Walserhaus Hirschegg.

Distance	10.5 KM
Duration	4:30 H
Altitude meters	232 M
Highest point	1937 M



Condition

Best season

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

Sart: Mittelberg
Goal: Hirschegg, Ifenbahn valley station

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