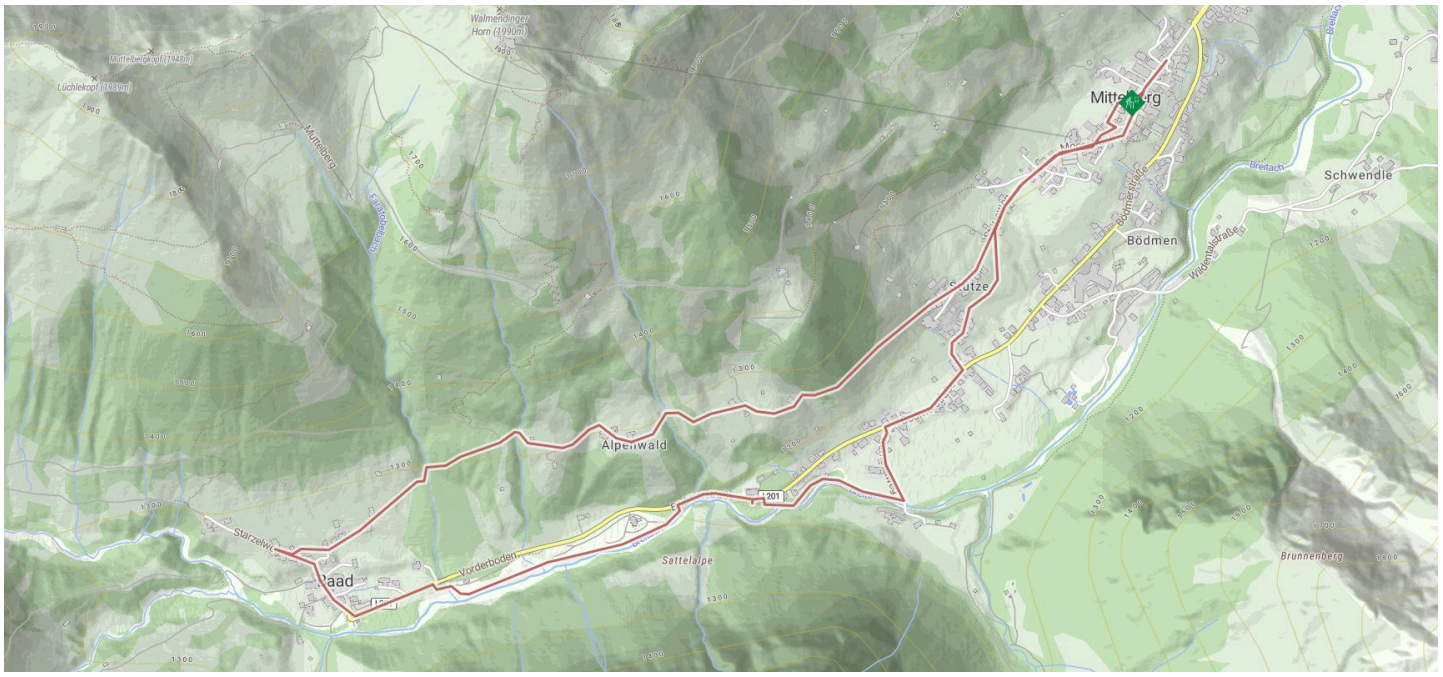
KLEINWALSERTAL TOURS

WALSER CULTURE TRAIL: LOCAL ROUND MITTELBERG

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TOUR DESCRIPTION

On this cultural walk, old houses, stables, and other witnesses of the past tell their centuries-old stories. Information boards are placed on the buildings and cultural-historical sites along the Walser Culture Trail, providing interesting historical information. Additionally, you can listen to the audio guide at each station via Outdooractive. The cultural trail, and thus the history of the Walsers, is embedded in a unique natural landscape with beautiful panoramic views.
The walk starts at the bus stop in Mittelberg. Passing a votive cross at Kirchabühl uphill to the Parish Church St. Jodok and the Lourdes Chapel. Here you see a stone slab, the so-called Ausrufestein. The next culturally interesting sites are the parsonage and the sexton's house, where reading and writing were taught until 1842. Passing another votive cross, the walk leads into the farmstead, where centuries-old feeding places lie along the path. Over the Erlenboden, an estate in Mittelberg to the Alpine Forest, a legendary pasture area between Erlenboden and Baad. Over the Baad high path to Baad; there follow the school and chaplain's house and the Chapel St. Martin. Passing House Paul, which formerly served as a kind of spa due to the proximity to a sulfur spring. Through Vorderboden, to which a legend is also told, to Bödmen. Here the walk passes a typical Kleinwalsertal house and the former school building of Bödmen. At a third votive cross in Jörihalde and an old mill with formerly three grinding mills back to the center of Mittelberg. The walk leads down the main road to the last station of the cultural trail, the oldest house in the village of Mittelberg.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Mittelberg - Sühnekreuz Kirchabühl - Parish Church St. Jodok - Lourdes Chapel - Ausrufestein - Parsonage - Sexton's House - Sexton's Stable - Sühnekreuz Moos - Walser Feeding Place Hofstatt - Erlenboden - Alpine Forest - School and Chaplain's House - Chapel St. Martin - House Paul - Vorderboden - Walser House in Bödmen - School in Bödmen - Sühnekreuz Jörihalde - Old Mill - House Drechsel

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

EMERGENCY CALL:144 Alpine emergencies Vorarlberg112 European emergency number (works with any mobile phone/network)
Sturdy footwear and weather-appropriate clothing

FURTHER INFO & LINKS

Tips
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-dot button > audio guide, or use the link above.

Distance	Duration
7.87 KM	2:17 H
Altitude meters	**Highest point**
174 M	1327 M



Condition

Best season

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

Sart: Mittelberg
Goal: Mittelberg

Every Tuesday during the summer season, a guided cultural walk with the local historian Stefan Heim takes place. Participants learn interesting details about customs and Walser architecture in addition to the information about the buildings and sites on the Walser Culture Trail.
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; Kleinwalsertal tour 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.

Sign up for the "Cultural Walk – Agriculture and Architectural Culture" (every Tuesday) with our local historian Stefan Heim. Learn interesting details about customs, Walser architecture, and the Walser way of life. For detailed info about Walser culture, the booklet "Originales & Originelles" is available at the tourist office.

Morning	Noon	Evening
		
-2 °C **MOUNTAIN** **6 °C** **VALLEY**	**-3 °C** **MOUNTAIN** **7 °C** **VALLEY**	**-4 °C** **MOUNTAIN** **4 °C** **VALLEY**