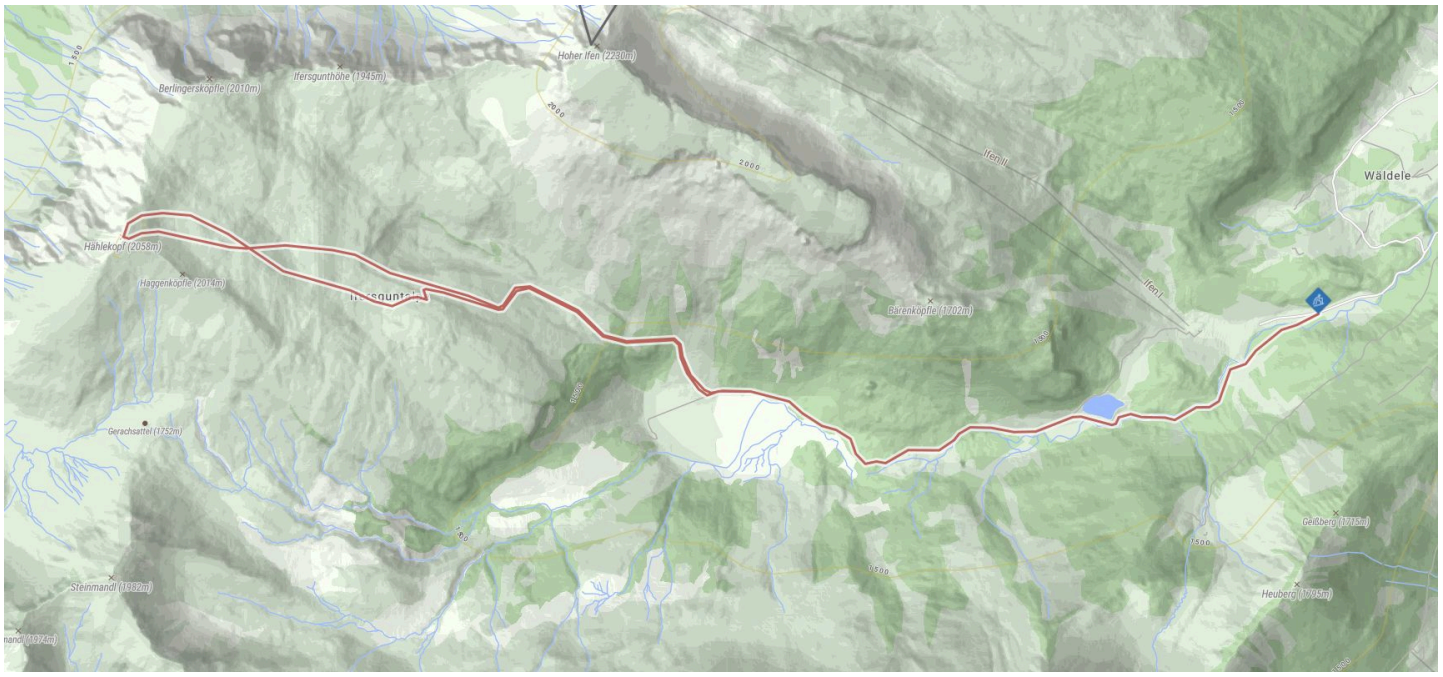
KLEINWALSERTAL TOURS

SKI TOUR FROM THE IFEN CAR PARK TO THE HÄHLEKOPF

MEDIUM SKI TOURING



TOUR DESCRIPTION

The Hählekopf, at 2058 meters, marks the **western "end" of the Schwarzwassertal** and is a fantastic ski tour. The broad mountain delights ski tourers with its ideally inclined slopes.
Despite the nearby ski area at Ifen, you hardly notice this in the Schwarzwassertal and immerse yourself in the tranquility of winter. Reaching the summit, a wonderful view over the Kleinwalsertal, to the Diedamskopf, Ifen, and Grünhorn awaits. And finally, you are rewarded with a great descent.
The Schwarzwassertal is also popular with winter hikers in winter. Especially on the first section just before the Alpe Melköde, more consideration is requested during ascent and descent for other winter sports enthusiasts. Then there is enough space and enjoyment of nature for everyone.
Conscious nature experience stands for respectful coexistence among winter sports enthusiasts and towards nature. The described route respects the designated forest-wildlife protection areas and wildlife quiet zones in the Schwarzwassertal.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Ascent
The route starts at the Ifen car park - Schwarzwassertal, which can be easily reached by bus (see "Arrival"). First, we follow the forest road along the Schwarzwasserbach, following the winter hiking trail, until the Galtööde is in sight and the Alpe Melköde. After the sign with information about the wildlife protection area (please observe), we climb the open slope on the right (avalanche track from the right) and turn left into the small clearing at the narrowing of the open area (signposting). We follow the best path through the forest clearing and climb straight up the beginning open area to the Ifersguntalpe. From the alp, we continue climbing towards the already clearly visible Hählekopf. We bypass the summit slope slightly sideways depending on local snow and avalanche conditions.
Descent
The descent follows the ascent track. Once down, we need to push a bit further out of the valley.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

Off secured pistes and paths, everyone is personally responsible and at their own risk and must inform themselves about alpine hazards, especially avalanche danger. Weather conditions and snow conditions may require changes in the route.
The given GPS track is only a suggestion. No liability can be accepted for the accuracy of the information.
EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

- 144 Alpine emergencies Vorarlberg

↔ Distance	13.05 KM
Duration	5:00 H
Altitude meters	816 M
Highest point	2058 M



Best season

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

Sart: Hirschegg, Ifen car park
Goal: Hirschegg, Ifen car park

- 112 Euro emergency (works with any mobile phone/network)

Important information for tour planning: The Schwarzwasserhütte is expected to be closed due to renovation measures until summer 2027.

Complete ski tour equipment including avalanche emergency equipment: avalanche transceiver, shovel, and probe (standard); optional backpack with avalanche airbag

FURTHER INFO & LINKS

Tips

Due to the longer approach through the initially flat Schwarzwassertal, an overnight stay at the Schwarzwasserhütte is recommended.

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Further links

Conscious nature experience

www.vorarlberg.travel/safety-tips

Alpine Club map Bavarian Alps - Kleinwalsertal, Hoher Ifen, Widderstein - BY 2

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