

# MOUNTAIN ROUTE OVER THE GOTTESACKER PLATEAU

MEDIUM
HIKING


## TOUR DESCRIPTION

This unique mountain route is shaped by the steeply falling north face of the Hoher Ifen and the Gottesacker plateau, a geologically and botanically extraordinary karst landscape at the foot of the Hoher Ifen. From the starting point of the route at the valley station of the Ifenbahn, a natural hiking trail leads through the forest to the middle station of the Ifenbahn / Ifen hut. Alternatively, you can take the Ifenbahn up to this point. From there, a wide hiking trail leads in serpentine bends up a moderately steep path into the Ifen hollow and along the impressive, steeply falling walls of the Ifen plateau up to the summit of the Hahnenköpfle. Here begins the Gottesacker plateau, a wildly rugged karst landscape - an absolute must for geology and botany enthusiasts. The marked hiking trail leads over the Gottesacker plateau to the Gottesacker alpine pasture, over the Torkopfscharte and the Windeck saddle. From here, follow the hiking trail downhill through the Mahdtal, which passes the Höolloch, a large underground cave system. The end point of the route is at the Mahdtal house.

↔ Distance  
13.1 KM
⌚ Duration  
6:30 H
▲ Altitude meters  
949 M
▲ Highest point  
2077 M


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Valley station of the Ifenbahn - Middle station of the Ifenbahn / Ifen hut - Ifen hollow - Hahnenköpfle - Gottesacker plateau - Gottesacker alpine pasture - Torkopfscharte - Windeck saddle - Mahdtal - Mahdtal house

## RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

**EMERGENCY CALL:** 144 Alpine Emergencies Vorarlberg 112 European emergency number (works with any phone/network)

The Gottesacker plateau should only be crossed with clear visibility, as it is very easy to lose orientation in fog!

Sturdy footwear and hiking poles. Weatherproof clothing recommended.

### Condition



### Best season

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

**Start:** Hirschegg, Valley station Ifenbahn

**Goal:** Riezern, Mahdtal house

## FURTHER INFO & LINKS

### Tips

For this long route be sure to take enough drinks and a snack; from the Ifen hut / Ifenbahn middle station there are no more places to stop for refreshments.

At the dilapidated Gottesacker alpine pastures a hiking trail leads down through the Kürental. This trail offers the possibility to shorten the route by about 1.5 hours.

### Further links

Directly on the hiking trail descending through the Mahdtal is the approximately 80-meter deep entrance to the Höolloch: a cave system with a total length of nearly 13 km and an elevation difference of over 400 meters.

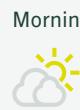
Nature experience map, scale 1:12,000. Available for purchase at the tourist information

office in the Walserhaus

Limitless hiking in the Kleinwalsertal. Hiking and route map with guide and panorama, scale

1:25,000. Available for purchase at the tourist information office in the Walserhaus

Alpine club map Bavarian Alps, Kleinwalsertal BY2, scale 1:25,000



Morning  
-7 °C  
MOUNTAIN

-3 °C  
VALLEY



Noon  
-4 °C  
MOUNTAIN

3 °C  
VALLEY



Evening  
-6 °C  
MOUNTAIN

-1 °C  
VALLEY