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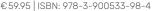


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## **Mountain Fascination**

### What is there for you:

- + 33 Via Ferratas
- + 22 of them in Ramsau am Dachstein
- + 5 Via Ferratas for children and beginners
- + Kali's Via Ferrata Park at Sattelberg
- + Via Ferrata Garden Stoderzinken for young and old
- + Entry courses with Via Ferrata certification
- + Dachstein Super Ferrata longest and at the same time one of the most ambitious via ferratas in the Alps
- + Difficulty level: A–E

# **Important!**

### **For Your Safety**

Via ferratas represent a challenging outdoor sport surrounded by glorious, rugged nature. For your safety, please obey these few simple rules:

- 1. Via ferrata tours are strength-sapping and demand good physical condition, a head for heights and surefootedness.
- 2. Always use a full via ferrata climbing set and helmet, and always hook on to the safety line. Many mountain rescue missions are made necessary due to recklessness.
- 3. For several tours, when you factor in the hike to and from the actual climb, require a full day. That said, study the weather forecast closely and always plan in a time buffer for all eventualities. Adapt your gear and provisions to the tour and weather.
- 4. Always be considerate of others. Respect other climbers and alert them to dangers.
- 5. Aside from an array of memorable experiences, also return from the mountain with your trash. Treat nature with care and respect.





#### GOOD TO KNOW:

Hans Prugger, a state-certified mountain guide, has planned and built all via ferratas in the Schladming-Dachstein region and is responsible for their constant inspection and maintenance. In case of any defects or weather-related damage please contact immediately:

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### Via Ferrata Difficulty Ratings

Ratings of via ferratas are based on subjective criteria and are therefore only intended as guidelines. The attempt has been made to reconcile the subjective assessment of difficulty with a concrete rating system.

Up to now, there has been no uniform international or european rating scale for via ferratas. Proven systems that are widely used in the german-speaking world are those developed by Kurt Schall in the mid-1980s, aptly named the "Schall Scale" (ranging from A to F, incl. intermediate levels), and the "German Via Ferrata Scale" (K1 to K6 as defined by Eugen Hüsler, or KS1 to KS6 according to Paul Werner). The following definitions were taken from the current "Klettersteig-Atlas Österreich" (schall-verlag.at):

#### A = EASY

Simple, secured climbs. Flatter (longer) or vertical (short) ladders, railings and iron rungs, mostly in not very steep terrain. Isolated points may be rather exposed, though are easily negotiated (e.g. rock ledges, small footbridges). The terrain can also be hiked without resorting to safety features (exception: ladders up small rockfaces), with good foot- and handholds. In general, via ferrata equipment is not required for hikers who are surefooted with a good head for heights. Generally suitable for children/youths and beginners, though even in this case, a set of via ferrata gear is recommended.

#### **B = MODERATELY DIFFICULT**

Somewhat steeper rocky terrain with exposed passages and restricted footing. Longer vertical ladders, iron rungs, pegs or chains. Many passages may be strenuous and strength sapping. Even more experienced mountaineers will need to use basic via ferrata equipment. For beginners and children, a via ferrata set is a must, whilst a short safety line is also recommended on longer climbs.

#### C = DIFFICULT

Steep to very steep rocky terrain. Passages with little space for footing and almost always exposed. Vertical and slightly overhanging ladders, iron rungs and pegs, in some cases far apart (potentially problematic for shorter people and children). Often vertical sections only secured by a steel cable, single- or double-cable bridges, suspension bridges. Occasionally very strength sapping longer ascents within this degree of difficulty are already major via ferrata challenges. Inexperienced climbers and children/ youths should be roped on by an experienced via ferrata partner. Full via ferrata equipment is a must.

#### **D = VERY DIFFICULT**

Vertical, often overhanging rockfaces. Iron rungs and pegs are often far apart. Generally very exposed, steep rock, often only secured by means of a steel cable. Places high demands on climbing technique (restricted footing, smooth rock) and mind ("tests of courage"). Longer, vertical or overhanging passages demanding a significant degree of arm strength as well as general physical conditioning. Climbing experience is of advantage (climbing technique, finding natural hand- and footholds, economic motion etc.). Even for very experienced via ferrata climbers, a complete set of via ferrata equipment is now obligatory (potentially also climbing shoes with non-tread soles). No longer appropriate for beginners, children or inexperienced climbers.

#### **E/F = EXTREMELY DIFFICULT**

Mostly overhanging rocky terrain. Extremely challenging with respect to arm strength (endurance and maximum strength), climbing technique, skill, courage and mindset. Only for true "professional" via ferrata fans. For longer climbs in this category, optimal physical condition is a must! In addition to the standard via ferrata set, also a short sling (approx. 40 cm) with carabiner (to take some strain of the arms, rest in place and attach to safety features) is highly recommended. Otherwise, virtually identical to the characteristics as described under "D".



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#### for everyone aged 7 to 99 years

Those who want to dangle along the steel rope to gain new impressions can take their first steps on the via ferrata in Ramsau am Dachstein. The state certified mountain guides show you all the necessary basic techniques. To be safe on the way and to enjoy every moment in the mountains is the motto.

All further info can be found at: schladming-dachstein.at/climbing



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Children's Via Ferrata Certification - Wednesday: For more information on registration and costs, please visit:



Youth Via Ferrata Certification - Thursday: For more information on registration and costs, please visit:



### Via Ferratas Sattelberg

#### Ramsau am Dachstein

The collection of via ferratas on the north side of the Sattelberg was created especially with children and teens in mind. The hikes to the starting points are very short, while the hike down via the Nature & Ecology Path is entertaining and interesting for children and adults alike.

Sattelberg

#### Via Ferrata Kali (B to B/C)

The via ferrata Kali is the ideal introduction to rock climbing for children ages 7 and up. The easiest variant is rated no more than B, though short, steep variants rated as much as C/D may be encountered near the so-called "Gemsenturm".

#### Via Ferrata Kala (B/C) & Via Ferrata Kalo (C to C/D)

The via ferratas Kala and Kalo were built in parallel. Intended for children ages 9 and up, grown-ups will also have to work hard as well. The Kalo is a good practice via ferrata and an alternative to the Kala, which can be switched to at any time.

#### Via Ferrata Heidi (C/D)

The via ferrata Heidi excites with an attractive and slightly more challenging via ferrata variant which, after an airy rope bridge, feeds into the middle section of the Kala. Suitable for children ages 9 and up, it also promises climbing enjoyment for the whole family.

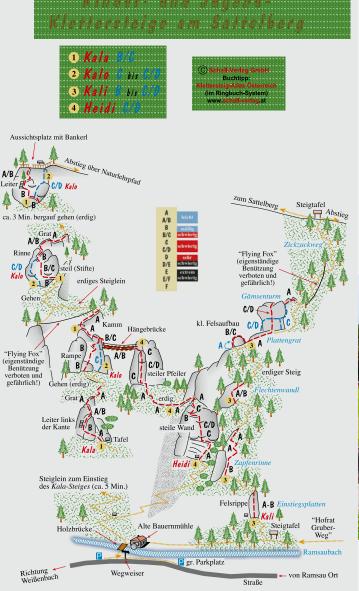
#### Approach:

**Kali:** From the "Alte Mühle", head to the right along the Hofrat-Gruber-Weg, bringing you to the start of the via ferrata in just a few minutes.

**Kala & Kalo:** From the "Alte Mühle" car park, immediately after the wooden bridge take a left turn, up across a field of scree bringing you to the start of the via ferrata.

**Heidi:** A short hike takes you from the "Alte Mühle" off to the left. After a few minutes, you will reach the turn-off for the start of the via ferrata Heidi.

**Descent:** From the top of the via ferratas, follow the Nature & Ecology Path past Pension Concordia heading towards Ramsaubach, then on the Hofrat-Gruber-Weg back to the car park.



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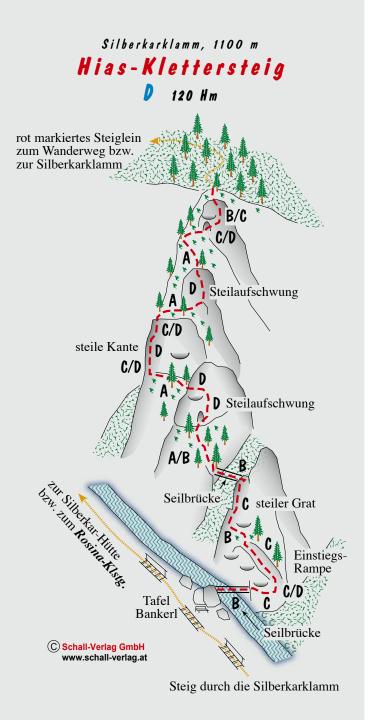


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**Note:** Independent use of the "Flying Fox" is strictly forbidden and life-threatening for non-professionals! It may only be operated by state-certified mountain guides and with special equipment.



### Via Ferrata Hias

#### Ramsau am Dachstein

A short and sporty via ferrata near the valley, basic fitness required! The via ferrata itself is not very long but challenging. The natural setting was used to perfection – two beautiful rope bridges and some steepish rockfaces are the result. The gorge is a great family hike. Whilst sportier family members can tackle the via ferrata, the rest of the family can simply enjoy the trail through the gorge.

**Approach:** From the Silberkarklamm car park (gorge maintenance fee) up via the first steps and ladders, to the striking rope bridge at the start of the via ferrata itself.

**Descent:** At the top of the via ferrata, hike a little further up the mountain, then follow the red markings. Return to the gorge and hike through it back to the start or, alternatively, make your way up to the Silberkarhütte and continue on via ferrata Siega.

**Comments:** The gorge is privately owned by the Erlbacher family. 100% of the fee charged is used to maintain the pathway through the gorge.

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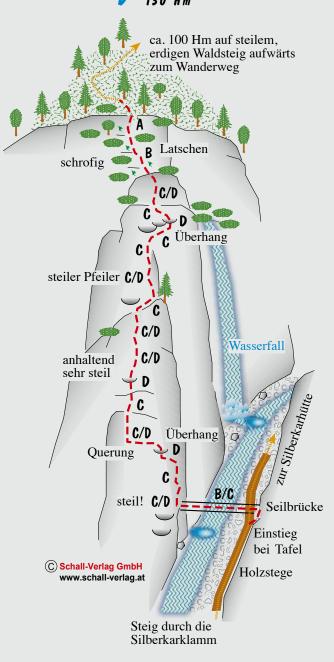


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### Silberkarklamm, 1100 m **Rosina-Klettersteig 1**30 Hm



### Via Ferrata Rosina



The via ferrata Rosina is the most challenging of the three via ferratas in the Silberkarklamm. However, the physical challenges are rewarded by fantastic views of the surrounding mountain world. Hans Prugger, who built this climb, created a vertical masterpiece which extends from the rope bridge, straight up from the Klammbach to the top of the climb. But since there are no walking stages or rest opportunities, arm strength is required all the way up to the top. The combination of the Hias, Rosina and Siega via ferratas is a perfect all-day program, winding down in the comfort of the Silberkarhütte.

**Approach:** After approaching by means of the via ferrata Hias, hike up through the Silberkarklamm (maintenance fee) to the next rope bridge on the right-hand side, crossing the stream.

**Descent:** From the top of the via ferrata, follow a path for about 15 minutes uphill until you reach the actual hiking path. From there, take a right in the direction of the Silberkarhütte and the via ferrata Siega, or drop down through the gorge to the parking spot.

**Comments:** Difficult via ferrata (C/D, requiring a lot of stamina!), comparable in parts to the via ferrata Hias, though, since there are no rest opportunities, the ascent is significantly more demanding. If you already had difficulties with the via ferrata Hias, you should definitely not attempt the Rosina.

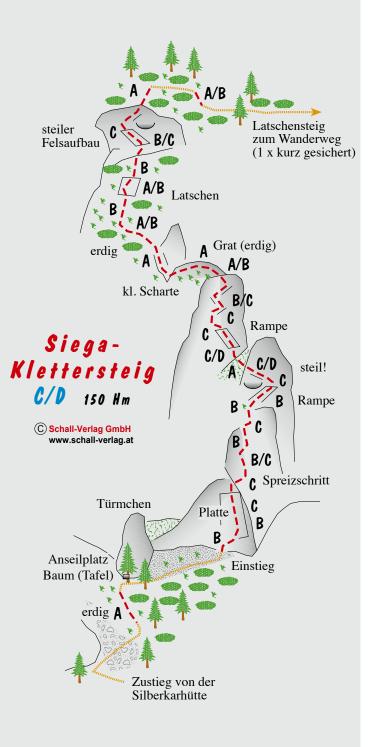
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### Via Ferrata Siega

#### Ramsau am Dachstein

The via ferrata Siega- with 260 meters of steel cables and numerous rungs – leads through the Karwand and adds to the via ferrata opportunities in the Silberkarklamm. It is the easiest, though due to the long hike to the bottom and back down at the end, likewise the longest via ferrata in the Silberkarklamm. Modern design elements, such as rope bridges, were not integrated into this classic via ferrata, though the first half of the climb does feature challenging, steep and exposed passages.

**Approach:** Ascend through the Silberkarklamm gorge (maintenance fee) to the Silberkarhütte, and follow the signs behind the hut. Navigate through the shrubs and across a steep, earthy passage to reach the starting point.

**Descent:** At the top, follow the tracks leading to the right until you come to path No. 619, which will then take you via the Silberkarhütte back to the gorge. Hike down through the gorge and return to the car park.

**Comments:** In some places, the rock is very crumbly. For experienced via ferrata fans, the combination of all 3 via ferratas in the Silberkarklamm is ideal, with the via ferrata Siega guaranteeing a great conclusion.





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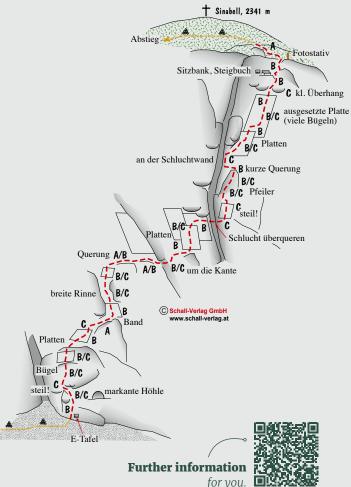
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### **Sinabell Practice Via Ferratas**

Short practice via ferratas close to the Guttenberghaus on the Sinabell. These climbs are an ideal test for the Austria via ferrata Sinabell, as well as via ferratas on the Eselstein. You can detour the first section, which reduces the difficulty to B.

### Austria-Via Ferrata Sinabell

#### Ramsau am Dachstein

Extending east from the Guttenberghaus is the south face of the Sinabell. The nicely designed, moderately difficult via ferrata is rather exposed and steep in parts, though mitigated somewhat by numerous rungs. In the morning, the beautiful, southwest face of the Sinabell is in shade, though illuminated by the sunshine in the afternoon. As a small highlight, just below the top you will discover the bank with logbook, whilst a green meadow with magnificent views invites you to enjoy a well-earned rest after completing the climb.

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**Approach:** You will hike up in the direction of the Feisterscharte, then take a right turn below the rockface of the Sinabell, bringing you to the start of the via ferrata. The hike up to the Guttenberghaus from the Feistererhof car park takes 2.5 – 3 hours (1,000 vm).

**Descent:** From the summit of the Sinabell, the path drops down the grassy ridge to the Feisterscharte. This path is indicated by stone cairns and red dots, bringing you back to the Guttenberghaus.

**Alternative:** From the Feisterscharte, take path No.618 ("Königsetappe"), then drop down through Silberkarklamm (maintenance fee) to the Feistererhof car park.

**Comments:** Due to constant C-rated via ferrata passages, especially for climbers with less experience, this via ferrata seems even harder. As a day-tour from the valley, due to the long hike up involving an over 1,000m vertical gain, this via ferrata is physically very demanding. If you include an overnight at the Guttenberghaus, it becomes a beautiful half-day tour.

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### Via Ferrata **Eselstein** Westgrat



#### Ramsau am Dachstein

This easy-to-moderately difficult via ferrata is one of the new ones close to the Guttenberghaus. It leads to the right of the west ridge, initially over short, steep rockfaces to the summit of the Eselstein. It is the perfect extension of the Ramsauer via ferrata or, after descending via the Westwand via ferrata, can also be tacked on to the Jubiläums via ferrata. Furthermore, it is an easier alternative to the Jubiläums via ferrata which, rated C/D, is significantly more difficult.

Approach: From the Guttenberghaus in the direction of the Gruberscharte, then to the start of the via ferrata. From the Feisterer car park, a well-marked and, in the central section. steep hiking path takes you in 2.5 - 3 hours back to the start (1,000 vm).

Descent: On the one hand, you can descend via the Eselstein Westwand via ferrata, or down the same via ferrata used for the original ascent, or along a marked path across the Feisterscharte back to the Guttenberghaus.

Comments: Due to the long climb up to the Guttenberghaus, this tour demands both the physical abilities and the technical skills of via ferrata walking. Beginning at the Guttenberghaus, the two short via ferratas - the Eselstein Westgrat and Eselstein Westwand - are great in combination with the Jubiläum and Sinabell via ferratas.

Via Ferrata **Eselstein** Westwand



This short via ferrata on the Eselstein is the easiest close to the Guttenberghaus and, in the morning, leads across the shady western flank up to the summit. It is a perfect extension to the Ramsauer via ferrata, or is used to descend from the Jubiläums via ferrata, from the Eselstein Westgrat via ferrata, or from the summit of the Eselstein down to the Gruberscharte and back to the Guttenberghaus.

Approach: From the Guttenberghaus in the direction of the Gruberscharte, then to the start of the via ferrata. From the Feisterer car park, a well-marked and, in the central section, steep hiking path takes you in 2.5 - 3 hours back to the start (1,000 vm).

Descent: Descend again via the ascent path or along the marked path across the Feisterscharte back to the Guttenberghaus.

**Comments:** Due to the long climb up to the Guttenberghaus, this tour demands both the physical abilities and the technical skills of via ferrata walking. Beginning at the Guttenberghaus, the two short via ferratas - the Eselstein Westgrat and Eselstein Westwand - are great in combination with the Jubiläum and Sinabell via ferratas.







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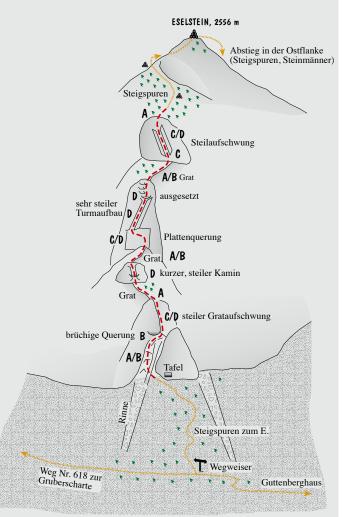
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### Via Ferrata Jubiläum (Eselstein)

#### **Ramsau am Dachstein**

Built in 1991, the Jubiläums via ferrata leads across the south face of the Eselstein, living up to every expectation of via ferrata fans: sunny location, steep climbs full of variety, exposed rockfaces along with easier terrain. Yet this climb should not be underestimated! In the steeper sections, many climbers have been pushed to their limits.

**Approach:** From the Feisterer parking spot, a marked and steepish hiking path takes you on a walk lasting 2.5 – 3 hours to the Guttenberghaus. From there, continue towards the Gruberscharte and after 20 minutes, at the sign "Klettersteig" (via ferrata), branch off to the right and follow the tracks through the scree until you reach the start of the actual climb.

**Descent:** Descend via the tracks that have been left on the north flank of the Eselstein as far as the marked hiking path, then across the Feistererscharte back to the Guttenberghaus (approx. 40 minutes). Alternatively, climb down the Eselstein Westwand via ferrata (B) to the Guttenberghaus. From there, backtrack the same way you came up.

**Comments:** A very well-designed via ferrata meeting every expectation, though not suited for inexperienced climbers or children. Very strenuous and exposed at some parts!



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### Via Ferrata Ramsauer

#### Ramsau am Dachstein

The Ramsauer via ferrata, renovated in 2023, is a true classic and treats you to a magnificent alpine crossing. It combines the summits of the Edelgriesshöhe, Gamsfeldspitze, Scheichenspitze and Hohe Rams with an alpine trail, secured in parts, to the Gruberscharte. The via ferrata begins from the Edelgriesshöhe, though can be tackled from either side. The landscapes which accompany this impressive "iron path", taking you over peaks and towers to the Gruberscharte, make this an absolutely breathtaking experience.

**Approach:** From the mountain station of the Dachstein glacier gondola along the marked path, secured by a ladder up to the entrance of the Rosmarie mine tunnel and through to the south side. Descend into the Edelgrießkar and make a short ascent to the Edelgrießhöhe. Continue on the marked trail to the start of the belays.

**Descent:** From the Gruberscharte in the direction of the Guttenberghaus and along the "Königsetappe" to the Feisterer car park. Alternative: Return to Edelgrießhöhe and descend through the Edelgrieß back to the valley.

**Comments:** Due to the length and physically demanding route, this climb is only recommended for experienced via ferrata fans in very good physical condition.





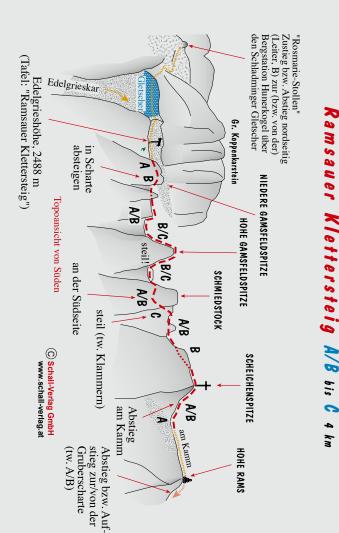
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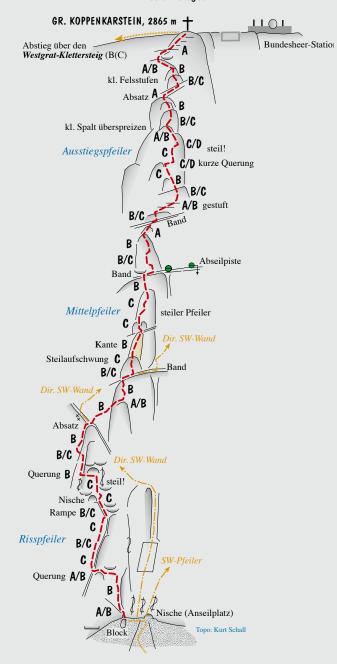
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### Via Ferrata Irg 2

#### **Ramsau am Dachstein**

The Irg 2 is a beautiful, airy via ferrata on the southeast face of the Grosser Koppenkarstein, a new climb built in 2016 and named after the first person who successfully climbed the Dachstein south face, Georg ("Irg") Steiner. The route gets the most out of the terrain and is a real joy for experienced via ferrata mountaineers. In addition to great traverses, this via ferrata also includes steep buttresses and should not be underestimated.

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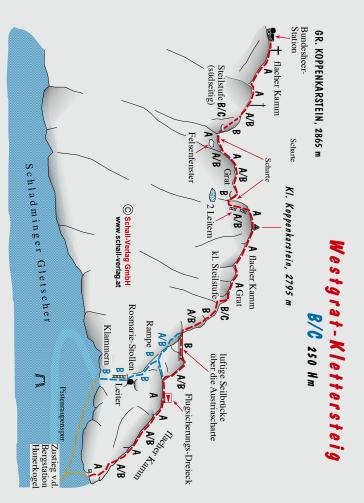
**Approach:** From the mountain station of the Dachstein gondola, then to the east of the marked path, ascending – also with the aid of a safety ladder – to the entrance of the Rosmarie mine tunnel. Through this to the south side, drop down to the Edelgriesskar, then a short hike up to the Edelgriesshöhe. Hike up along the ridge to the left (north) to the start of the via ferrata.

**Descent:** Use the Koppenkarstein Westgrat via ferrata to descend to the Austriascharte, then return to the mountain station of the Dachstein gondola. Alternative: Hike down through the Edelgriesskar.

**Comments:** The original via ferrata Irg, which was built on the southeast face of the Grosser Koppenkarstein in 2004, attracted via ferrata fans for over 10 years. Unfortunately, it had to be dismantled in 2016 since it had unintentionally been built inside Upper Austria rather than Styria. The via ferrata Irg 2 was built as its replacement.



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### Via Ferrata Koppenkarstein Westgrat

#### Ramsau am Dachstein

The "Kleiner" and "Grosser" Koppenkarstein, both very scenic mountains, are relatively easy to reach by means of the Westgrat via ferrata. The via ferrata is also suitable for climbers with less fixed-cable experience, even featuring a unique rope bridge across the Austriascharte. However, the elevation (approx. 3,000 m) should be taken into consideration. This is also the descent route for the via ferrata Irg 2.

**Approach:** From the mountain station of the Dachstein gondola either directly by means of a short via ferrata (C/D) in an easterly direction towards the Schladming glacier, or a pleasant hike via the glacier piste to the starting point near the Hunerscharte.

**Descent:** Same as the way up, or, before the rope bridge, northwards to the big ladder leading to the Rosmarie mine tunel, then down to the Schladming glacier.

**Comments:** A very beautiful, scenic mountain, with a transmitter station operated by the Austrian Armed Forces on its summit. In high summer, keep a close eye on developing storms.

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### Via Ferrata Hunerscharte

#### **Ramsau am Dachstein**

The climb up to the Hunerscharte is a well-known way to reach Dachstein glacier from the south, with permanent safety features for the final 200 vertical meters. For mountaineers in good condition, it leads directly to the via ferrata Sky Walk, though is also a very attractive way to reach the Koppenkarstein Westgrat via ferrata.

**Approach:** From the valley station of the Dachstein gondola via a pleasant path leading to the Dachstein Südwandhütte. Shortly before the hut, turn right. Path No. 615 will lead you across a scree-covered cirque (the "Schwardering"), involving a rather arduous climb to the start of the actual via ferrata.

**Descent:** The same way you came or enjoy a comfortable ride down the mountain on the Dachstein gondola.

**Comments:** Not particularly notable as a via ferrata. For children and inexperienced climbers, a short safety line is highly recommended! Patches of old snow still cover the ground in early summer.

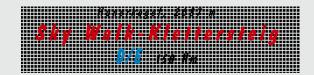


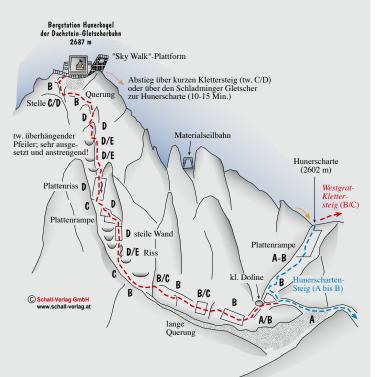


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### Via Ferrata Sky Walk

#### Ramsau am Dachstein

Seldom does a via ferrata take you as close to the sky as the Sky Walk via ferrata. This via ferrata is one of the toughest in the Eastern Alps, virtually in the fall line of the Sky Walk, exceptionally exposed, leading directly to the mountain station of the Dachstein gondola and, therefore, close to the general public. Which makes it a successful symbiosis of tourist attraction and "Super Ferrata". Several passages quickly become D/E-rated – in other words, extremely difficult.

**Approach:** From the mountain station of the Dachstein gondola, down to the Hunerscharte, then climb down the Hunerscharte Climb to the sign/turn-off for the Sky Walk via ferrata.

**Descent:** Ride the Dachstein gondola back down the mountain.

**Comments:** Lots of arm strength, courage and experience are required to conquer this very sporty via ferrata – definitely not for casual climbers or beginners. We highly recommend clipping in direct from time to time to take the weight off your arms. Via ferrata shoes or special climbing shoes for better traction are an advantage. We recommend already getting into your via ferrata gear at the Hunerscharte.





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### Via Ferrata Gjaidstein

#### **Ramsau am Dachstein**

Very beautiful, easy and well-secured summit ascent to one of the best viewpoints in the area of the mountain station of the Dachstein gondola. The trail runs along the mostly less steep southern ridge of the Hoher Gjaidstein, also crossing the Kleine Gjaidstein. The ridge hike to the Kleiner Gjaidstein is easy and has several secured passages.

**Approach:** From the mountain station of the Dachstein gondola, short descent directly to the Gjaidsteinsattel. Past the mountain rescue hut to the start of the belays.

**Descent:** Identical with the ascent.

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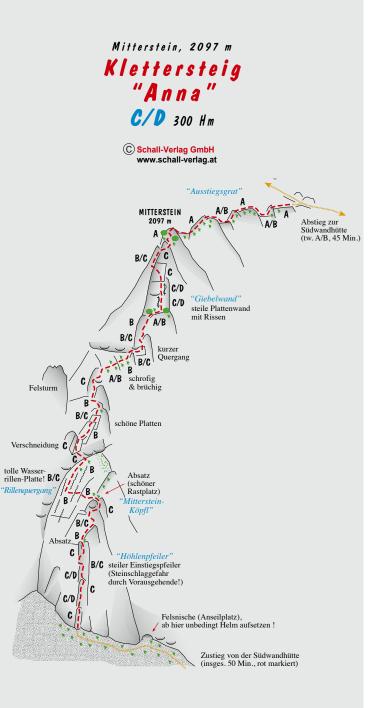


**Comments:** Due to the short hike from the mountain station of the Dachstein gondola along with the minimal technical difficulty, also highly suited for beginners and children. However, please bear in mind the elevation (approx. 3,000 m above sea level) and risk of thunderstorms.

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### Via Ferrata Anna

#### Ramsau am Dachstein

The Dachstein has yet another highlight in store for via ferrata fans, in the form of the Anna via ferrata. A fascinating, though challenging via ferrata on the Mitterstein that should not be underestimated. Physically, this route demands everything a climber has to give. The combination of the Anna, Johann and Dachstein Schulter via ferratas is one of the longest and most challenging tours in the Alps and is rightly known as the "Dachstein Super Ferrata".

**Approach:** From the valley station of the Dachstein gondola, follow the marked hiking path leading to the Dachstein Südwandhütte. From there, take the Pernerweg, past the sign for the Johann via ferrata, continuing down the Pernerweg until reaching the sign for the Anna via ferrata.

**Descent:** Use the path leading to the Johann via ferrata for your descent. The hike down to the Südwandhütte is secured by steel cables in parts.

**Comments:** The name references the love affair between Styria's Archduke Johann and Aussee postmaster's daughter Anna Plochl, reuniting the two over 200 years later.

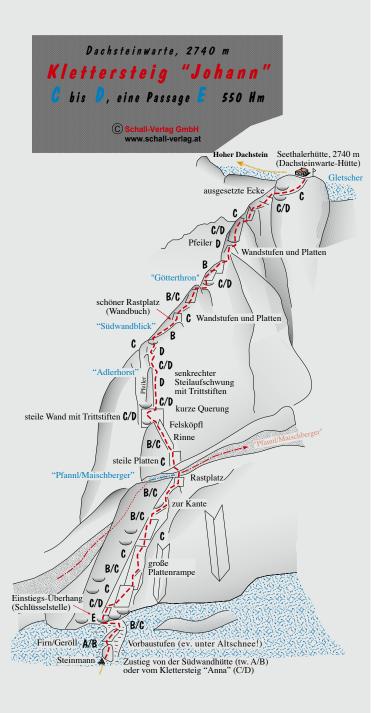




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### Via Ferrata Johann

#### Ramsau am Dachstein

The Johann via ferrata is an especially interesting and diverse, though long and very difficult via ferrata. The beginning of the via ferrata is a key section, forcing many a climber to turn back, though the rest of the route is very manageable. This via ferrata requires very good physical condition! A 700m steel cable and more than 250 pegs accompany you up this difficult rockface.

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**Approach:** From the valley station of the Dachstein gondola on the clearly marked hiking path leading to the Dachstein Südwandhütte. From there, drop briefly down towards the Tor, then branch off at the sign marked via ferrata Johann. A distinct trail leads to the first safety features of the via ferrata, which often lies beneath the snow. Another option: Make your way up via the Anna via ferrata.

**Descent:** From the Seethalerhütte, a path takes you southeast across the Hallstatt glacier to the mountain station of the Dachstein gondola. If you happen to miss the last lift, hike down via the Hunerscharte climb (approx. 2 hours).

**Comments:** The physical demands should not be underestimated, compounded by elevations over 2,000 m above sea level. Especially in the middle section, there is a danger of rockslides! The via ferrata ends directly behind the Seethalerhütte on the Dachsteinwarte. This via ferrata is not suitable for children or inexperienced climbers.

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### Via Ferrata Schulter and Randkluft

#### Ramsau am Dachstein

The climb to the top of the highest summit in Styria is an experience with magical views enjoyed at almost 3,000 m above sea level. The shoulder ascent in combination with the Randkluft via ferrata to the top of Dachstein is very doable in combination with the Dachstein gondola. The short hike to the start, in particular, makes this via ferrata very attractive and popular. However, it shouldn't be underestimated, not least because you are in high-alpine terrain.

**Approach:** From the mountain station of the Dachstein gondola, a nicely maintained pathway leads to the Seethalerhütte. The shoulder ascent begins close to the hut. A roughly 30 minute walk along a generally well-trodden glacier path will bring you up to the foot of the north face and the start of the Randkluft via ferrata (secured by rungs and cables).

**Descent:** The shortest descent takes you back down the Randkluft via ferrata to the foot of the rockface, then across the glacier to the mountain station, or via the Hunerscharte via ferrata down to the valley.

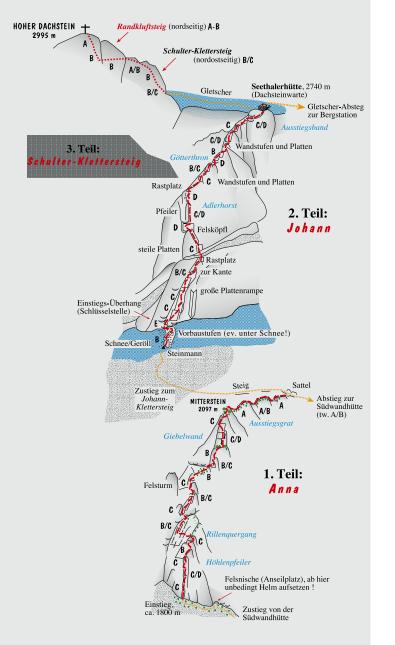
**Comments:** As you hike up across the glacier, you need to keep your eyes open for crevasses (we recommended roping up!). In the lower section of the Randkluft via ferrata, there is a danger of rockslides whenever it gets busier. In high summer especially, you might have to deal with "traffic jams" of climbers. Also pay attention to developing storms.





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### Dachstein Super Ferrata

#### Ramsau am Dachstein

The Dachstein Super Ferrata is a special challenge for physically well-conditioned fixed-cable climbers with lots of alpine/climbing experience, combining three significant via ferratas, the Anna, Johann and Schulter & Randkluft via ferrata to the summit of the Hoher Dachstein.

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With a total vertical gain of 1,200 m (not including the hike up) and an "E" via ferrata difficulty rating, this is one of the longest and most challenging via ferrata climbs in the Alps.



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### Via Ferrata Dachstein Westgrat

#### Ramsau am Dachstein

The via ferrata Dachstein Westgrat up the Hoher Dachstein is often attempted in combination with a crossing of the summit and descent via the Randkluft via ferrata or Schulter via ferrata. A moderately difficult via ferrata in high-alpine terrain surrounded by extraordinarily beautiful landscapes, with access and descent across the glacier.

**Approach:** Until just before the Seethalerhütte, then to the Steinerscharte (secured by steel cables in parts, rated up to level B), then descend on the west side to the Gosau glacier (with rungs and safety cables). From there, ascend heading south to the Obere Windluke, then left to the foot of the western ridge (start of the safety features). **Descent:** Descend via the Randkluft via ferrata, but only if the condition of the glacier crevasses permits. From the beginning of August, you will have to descend via the Randkluft via ferrata and Schulter via ferrata.

**Comments:** Vital when crossing the glacier – dangerous crevasses – crampons and ropes are essential.

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### Via Ferrata Amon

#### Ramsau am Dachstein

The Amon via ferrata provides a connection between the Adamek- and Simonyhütte. A very rewarding, though highalpine via ferrata that should not be underestimated, with approach/descent across the glacier. Aside from alpine experience and good physical condition, glacier equipment is also essential.

**Approach:** From the mountain station of the Dachstein gondola until shortly before the Seethalerhütte, past the Steinerscharte to the Simonyscharte. This is the beginning of the safety cables for the upper portion of the via ferrata Amon (C).

The complete via ferrata Amon can be reached via the Steinerscharte to Gosau glacier (constant danger due to crevasses), dropping down to directly below the west face, where you will find the start of the actual climb (C/D).

**Descent:** Hike down the trail back to the Simonyscharte, from there back to the mountain station of the Dachstein gondola. Option to hike down via the Niederes Kreuz to Hallstatt glacier – alpine experience is essential.

**Comments:** Crossing Hallstatt glacier to the Simonyscharte and on Gosau glacier, you will encounter giant glacial crevasses. Crampons, ropes and alpine experience are a must.

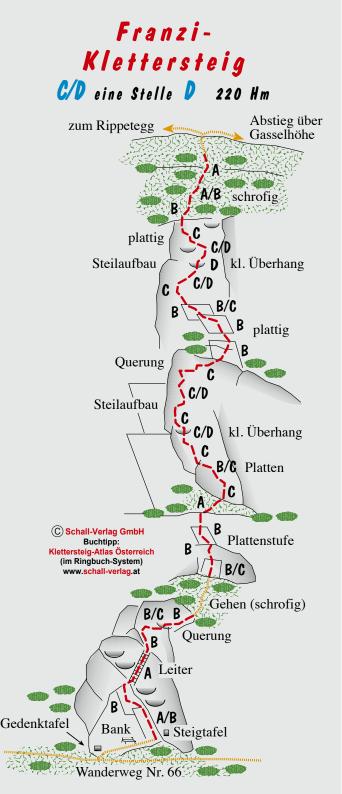
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### Via Ferrata Franzi



#### **Schladming**

The via ferrata Franzi on the Reiteralm is the first via ferrata in the Schladminger Tauern. It is a via ferrata with several variants and a sporty route through the vertical Gasselwand between the existing hiking paths of the Reiteralm circular hiking trail. It shouldn't be underestimated; the toughest passage is in the upper section and demands major reliance on the steel cable. Good in combination with a hike to the top of the Rippetegg, with unique scenery including constant views of the Dachstein massif.

**Approach:** From the Preunegg Jet mountain station, a halfhour hike in the direction of Spiegelsee brings you to the starting point, just above the hiking path next to a bench

**Descent:** At the top, continue right over the Gasselhöhe back to the starting point at the Preunegg Jet mountain station. Alternatively, go to the left and climb up the Rippetegg (approx. 1:30 hours).

**Comments:** The lichen on the rock can become very slippery when wet, requiring good climbing technique. Absolutely not recommended after rainfall or in bad weather.

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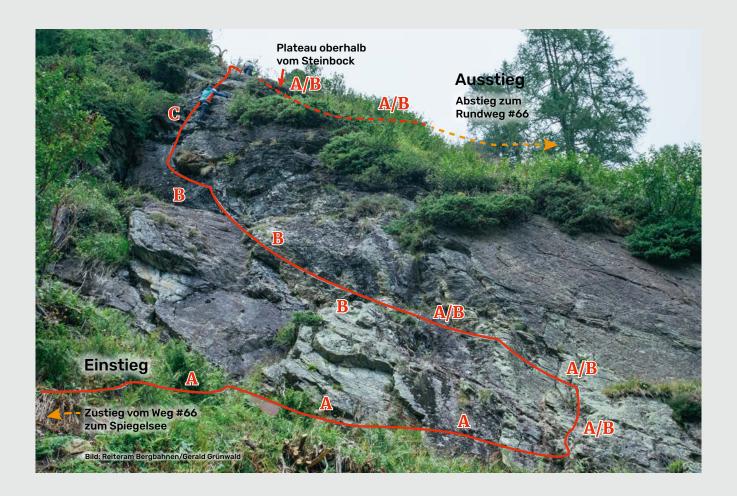
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The newly built via ferrata is located in front of the via ferrata Franzi on the hiking trail in the direction of Spiegelsee and, with its 100 metres of steel rope, is a nice practice round. You find the entrance after about 20 minutes from the top station.

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### Via Ferrata Park Stoderzinken



#### Gröbming

In the via ferrata park there are 4 short variants from easy to extremely difficult. They offer climbing experience for young and old. All 4 variants end at a suspension bridge. However, this one can also be bypassed. After the via ferratas the ascent to the Stoderzinken summit is definitely worth it.

#### Via Ferrata Karl (D)

The longest of the practice via ferratas is suitable for advanced climbers. The via ferrata Karl is named after Karl Matuschik, who was a founding member of the Gröbming Mountain Rescue as well as site manager for many years.

#### Via Ferrata Julius (D/E)

The most demanding via ferrata of the short practice via ferratas brings even advanced climbers to their limits, a steep D/E section and several D sections require very good technique and sufficient strength. The name "Julius" comes after Julius Steiner. He created the Stoderzinken in its present form: the road, the lifts and the Steinerhaus were built by him between 1958 and 1968. Before the war, he was a mountaineer, skier and ski jumper. After the war, he was the first head of the Gröbming Mountain Rescue.

#### Via Ferrata Emil (B/C)

This via ferrata is very suitable for beginners. Only a moderately steep climb, an ideal introduction to the sport. This climb was named after Emil Ritter von Horstig. He was the first pioneer on the Stoderzinken, he built "Friedenskircherl" and introduced coal mining on the Stoderzinken back in 1890.

#### Via Ferrata David (B)

With difficulty level B, the David via ferrata is well suited for children and gives them an unforgettable first experience on the rocks. Even the little ones can put their skills and abilities to the test here. The via ferrata is named after David Zefferer. He was the last miner to mine coal under Baron Emil von Horstig on the Stoderzinken.



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### Via Ferrata Flora

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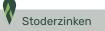


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### Via Ferratas Stoderzinken



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#### Via Ferrata Franz (C)

Aside from the practice via ferratas, the via ferrata Franz is an attractive, enjoyable climb of substantial length (300 m), making it one of the longer via ferratas. It promises a diverse, moderately difficult climbing experience. It is named after Franz Seebacher who, together with Julius Steiner, made a substantial contribution to road and lift construction on the Stoderzinken.

#### Via Ferrata Peter (C)

This is one of the newer via ferratas in the area, 420 meterslong. The starting point is the same as for via ferrata Franz, but then continues to the right, ending just below the summit of the Stoderzinken. This via ferrata is dedicated to author Peter Rosegger, who explored Gröbming's local mountain at the beginning of the 20th century, preserving his memories in writing. A monument was also erected in his honor on the Stoderzinken.

**Approach:** Past the Steinerhaus, downhill along the gravel road to the Stoderhütte, then right following the signposted path to the "Friedenskircherl". The start of the actual climb lies about 30 m beyond the "Friedenskircherl", next to the sign on your right.

**Descent:** After reaching the top, make your way uphill to the marked Stoderzinken hiking path. From here, drop down to the car park or continue 15 minutes to the summit of the Stoderzinken.

**Comments:** The practice via ferratas – Karl, Julius, Emil and David – are ideal "warm-ups" in combination with the Franz or Peter via ferrata.

### Trial Climbing at Stoderzinken

The via ferrata park at Stoderzinken offers itself as an ideal terrain for young people to try out via ferrata climbing intensively.





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### Via Ferrata Hilde

#### Gröbming

The via ferrata Hilde, built in 2022, with its approx. 700 m is currently the longest and most demanding via ferrata on the Stoderzinken. The second steep ascent is partly overhanging and thus key point. Many large climbing clamps keep the required effort limited. From the exit, directly on the hiking trail to the Stoderzinken, it is only a few minutes to the summit.

Tip: Take plenty to drink with you!

**Approach:** 25 minutes from the parking lot to the Rosemi Alm and further east. Turn right downward direction toll road, after the road bend turn left on the red marked hiking trail steeply downhill to a small hut below a climbing garden. At the wide gravel path left approx. 200m uphill to the junction access via ferrata Hilde. Last over a boulder field to a rock wall and along there take a short descent to the entry point (large tree).

**Descent:** 35 minutes via the marked Stoderzinken hiking trail towards the Steinerhaus. At the Stoderhütte turn left downhill via the Hiking trail No. 675, or directly across the alpine pasture back to the Rosemi Alm.

**Comments:** A very well designed via ferrata, in places very exhausting and exposed. Attention: Not suitable for the untrained and children!



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### Via Ferrata **Burgstall**



#### Stainach-Pürgg

The rockfaces on the south face of the Burgstall near Pürgg are well-known and popular climbing areas. The via ferrata Burgstall was built as an approach/descent route for the various climbing routes, with a number of interesting, wellsecured passages of its own. The descent from the Burgstall leads to the very charming village of Pürgg (beautiful church), for a beautiful tour punctuated by a via ferrata experience.

Approach: From the car park, make your way uphill to the right, following the tracks until you reach a sign for the via ferrata, continuing left until reaching the start.

**Descent:** Via a beautiful forest path, you will come to the charming village of Pürgg with its beautiful church. From here, a hiking path leads to Unterburg and back to your original starting point.

Comments: Also suitable for children and beginners, though via ferrata equipment is essential.

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Gehgelände mit einer Felsstufe (1)

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### **Fia Ferrata** Toni

#### Wörschach

The via ferrata Toni is a well-secured, occasionally very exposed via ferrata leading to a striking summit. The descent via the east side is rather loose and slippery in parts and less beautiful. However, in combination with the via ferrata Toni, it is a highly recommended way to cross the Hochtausing. Also possible in the reverse direction, of course.

**Approach:** From the car park along the marked path in the direction of the Hochmölbinghütte as far as the Langpoltner Klamml. Here, take a left towards the Schneehitzalm, then head southeast on the cart path in the direction of the Hochtausing.

Descent: The eastern approach is marked in red, secured in parts, with some scrambling required (rated up to 1+). After reaching the path up, another 30 – 40 minutes until you reach the start of the actual via ferrata.

**Comments:** Due to closure of the Tausingkar during hunting season, the hike up is rather circuitous and long (via the Schneehitzalm).

#### Legend

### **Further information** for you.





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### Hechlstein Westgrat

Totes Gebirge

#### Wörschach

Variety-filled ridge climb, occasionally secured by cables at exposed points, rated B/C with scrambles up to level II, bringing you to the summit of the 1,814 m high Hechlstein.

From the starting point at the Wörschachwalderhof, keep following signs for "Hechlstein Westgrat". You will hike down to the east using trail No. 278 in the direction of the Hochtor and then return to the Wörschachwalderhof.



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