HIKING RECOMMENDATION

JAKOBSBAD – GONTENBAD

Mostly flat and easy winter hike through the high valley Gonten. The trail can be shortened. Exceptionally nice: the numerous «Toobeschopfe» (small wooden huts) in the former peat extraction area between Gonten and Gontenbad.

The hiking trail starts at the bus stop in Jakobsbad. After a short way along the Wissbach Stream, the way leads to the camping area Anker and a delightful little chapel. Continuing on the more or less flat trail you will reach the ski lift Alpsteinblick to the right and in front of you you can see the elegant church tower of the St. Verena Church in Gonten. Now and then cross-country skiers will pass as Gonten is the place to go for cross-country skiing in Appenzell Innerrhoden. In Gonten you can have a bite to eat at one of the restaurants or the bakery. Furthermore, you can stop your hike here and take the train to your preferred location.

If you decide to continue your hike, the first «Toobeschopfe» huts will come into view while you start walking through the Gontenmoos, a raised bog of national importance. In earlier times, peat was extracted and the small scattered barns were used for storage and drying. The bog ends only a stone's throw away from the train stop in Gontenbad. Nearby you will find the Mineralquelle Gontenbad. You are more than welcome to take a look at the company's store. You can now take the train back to the starting point or Appenzell.

Tip: A visit to the Leiden Christi Chapel in Jakobsbad. Known best for its homemade specialities that are made by the convent women and sold at the monastery's shop.

Current conditions

Webcam Jakobsbad

Webcam Gonten

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MAP

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TYPE OF TOUR

Winter hike (groomed, marked)

DIFFICULTY

easy

LENGTH

4.60 km

ASCENT

70 m

DESCENT

54 m

TIME

1 hour 30 minutes

STARTING POINT

Train stop Jakobsbad

END

Train stop Gontenbad

OPTIONS TO EAT ALONG THE WAY

Kafi Gonten
Appenzeller Huus – Huus Bären
Golfrestaurant Gonten by Hof Weissbad

- Kronbergbahn valley restaurant
- Alpsteinblick restaurant

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