HIKING RECOMMENDATION

TO ÄSCHER AND THROUGH THE WILDKIRCHLI CAVES

On this hike, you can enjoy a delicious meal in the famous Berggasthaus Äscher (mountain inn). Furthermore, you will be able to walk through the spectacular Wildkirchli Caves. Finish off your hike by taking the cable car back to the valley.

After passing St. Martin's Church in Schwende the route heads towards Eugst in the west. From here a wide trail leads to Alp Bommen and then to Gartenwald. This path is used to ski down from the Ebenalp in winter. At the branching of the path take the left fork. Turn around and enjoy the spectacular panoramic views of Kamor, Hoher Kasten and Alp Sigel. Towards the end, you will be able to see the Berggasthaus Äscher that clings to the foot of the vertical cliff face of Ebenalp. Take a well-deserved rest and treat yourself to a delicious plate of rösti.

After Äscher the route continues to the Wildkirchli caves. The first cave is the so-called Altar Cave, in front of which a tiny 19th-century wooden bell tower stands. Thanks to prehistoric findings dating back to the Stone Age the Wildkirchli Caves have become world-famous. Skeletons of cave bears and stone tools are evidence that hunters lived here in prehistoric times. Continue through the caves until you reach the top. Take your time to enjoy the impressive panoramic views on the plateau of Ebenalp before taking the cable car back down to the valley.

Places along the route

Schwende – Triebern – Alp Bommen – Äscher – Wildkirchli – Ebenalp – Wasserauen (Cable car)

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MAP

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TYPE OF TOUR

Hiking in the mountain

DIFFICULTY

moderate, T 2 according to SAC hiking scale

LENGTH

4.35 km

ASCENT

823 m

DESCENT

72 m

TIME

2 hours 30 minutes

STARTING POINT

Schwende

END

Ebenalp

OPTIONS TO EAT ALONG THE WAY

Edelweiss Pizzeria & Restaurant
Hotel Frohe Aussicht
Hotel Alpenblick AG
Berggasthaus Äscher
Berggasthaus Ebenalp

DOWNLOAD

- Äscher-Ebenalp mit Wildkirchlihöhlen (21 KB) gpx