



Bettlerscharte – from the Berndlalm to the Hochfeld show mine

Date: July 25, 2025 and August 22, 2025 (registration possible until: July 21, 2025 and August 18, 2025)
Meeting point: 7:30 a.m., Hopffeldboden parking lot
Return: 2:30 p.m.
Price: €40 including taxi costs
Duration: 4.5 h walking time; 6 h total time
Distance: Ascent: 3 km, 560 m; Descent: 6km, 1020 m

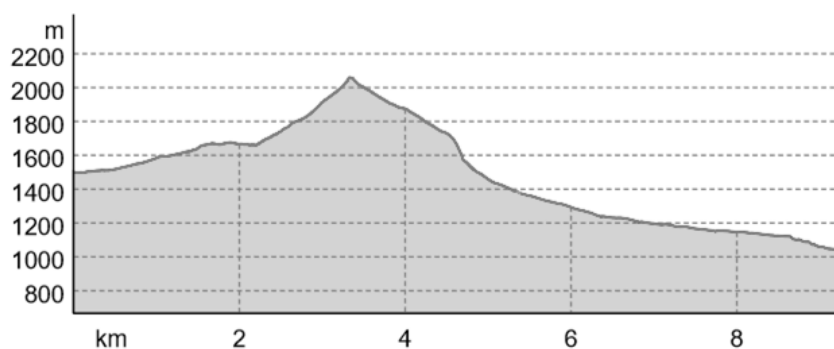
Equipment:

- Backpack (mandatory for each person)
- Mountaineering boots (ankle-high, category B or C)
- Sun protection (cream, cap, sunglasses)
- Drink and snacks
- Warm jacket
- Poles (optional)
- Rain protection

Terrain & Requirements:

- black alpine trail, alpine trail, steep terrain, short rope-secured sections
- Good physical condition
- Very good surefootedness
- A head for heights

Elevation Profile:



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Number of participants: Minimum 5 people, maximum 7 people

Short description: A crossing from the Obersulzbach Valley over the Bettlerscharte (2002 m) into the remote Untersulzbach Valley.

How to get there: West of Neukirchen, turn off the main road (Bundesstraße) toward the Obersulzbach Valley. Cross a bridge at Gasthof Siggen and follow a gravel road to the paid parking lot at Hopffeldboden. GPS coordinates: 47.20671, 12.25167

Description:

The group will be taken from the meeting point at Hopffeldboden to the Berndlalm by the valley taxi ("Tälertaxi"). The trail initially follows a gently ascending gravel road up to the Berndl-Hochalm. From there, a narrow path continues across increasingly steep alpine meadows. After the final steep ascent, we reach the scenic Bettlerscharte (2002 m), a perfect spot for a break to gather strength before the descent.

The descent to the Finkalm requires very good surefootedness. In the lower section, the steep forest path is partially secured with ropes. A stop for refreshments is possible at the Finkalm. The path from there to the historic Hochfeld show mine is much easier to walk again. At the mine, visitors can admire a mineralogical feature unique to the Untersulzbach Valley.

Afterward, the group returns together from the mine to the meeting point at the Hopffeldboden parking lot.

Conditions of participation: The National Park Administration reserves the right to adjust the tour according to the participants' abilities and to conduct it only if weather conditions are suitable, all participants are properly equipped, and physically fit. Participation in this tour requires individuals to be of legal age.

Participants are kindly asked to inform the organizers of any health issues that may be relevant to the safe execution of the tour (e.g., insect sting allergies, asthma, diabetes, cardiovascular conditions, hip, knee, or ankle problems, etc.) so that appropriate consideration can be given during the tour.

All participants will stay together as a group throughout the tour. Leaving the group in alpine terrain is not permitted. If a participant is unable to continue due to health or fitness reasons, the entire group will return together.

Participation is not possible without the listed minimum equipment required for each individual.