

Eagle Walk Stage 21

Württembergischer Haus Lodge – Memminger Hut



Ranking among the supreme ridge-running, cloud-probing, flower-swaying, peak-peering jaunts in all of the Lechtal Alps, the trek to Memminger Hut will have you hopping with joy with its nonstop horizon-spanning views of jagged ridges, cirques, flanks and colossal summits, though you'll work hard to reap those rewards. Once aloft on the ridgetop,

the trail gains 2,657-metre Großbergspitze Spire and 2,612-metre Großbergkopf Peak along a precipice that is assisted by a fixed anchoring system of cables. A vigorous climb switchbacks up to Seescharte Notch; beyond it's a knee-jarring descent to Memminger Hut, where a necklace of three sparkling Alpine lakes is flanked by rocky peaks.

Starting Point	Württembergischer Haus Lodge
Destination	Memminger Hut
Distance	7 Kilometres
Elevation ↑	670m
Elevation ↓	650m
Hiking Time	5 Hours
Difficulty	Difficult (black)

Eagle Alpine History

Alpinist Anton Spiehler. Memminger Hut on the Lechtal High Trail is owned by the Memmingen Section of the German Alpine Association. The hut is located at 2,242 metres altitude, on the Eagle Walk and on the E5 European Long-Distance Hiking Trail, nestling below 3,036-metre Parseierspitze, the highest mountain in the Lechtal Alps. The hut was initiated by Bavarian Alpinist Anton Spiehler, who actively promoted its construction in the years 1885 and 1886. Anton Spiehler is an important figure in the Lechtal and Allgäu Alps; the 2,500-metre Spiehler Tower, Spiehlerkamm Ridge, Spiehlerweg Trail to Augsburgener Hut and Spiehlerscharte Notch in the Allgäu Alps were all named after him. Despite its remote location, you can enjoy freshly cooked, hearty specialities at the Memminger Hut.



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Eagle View

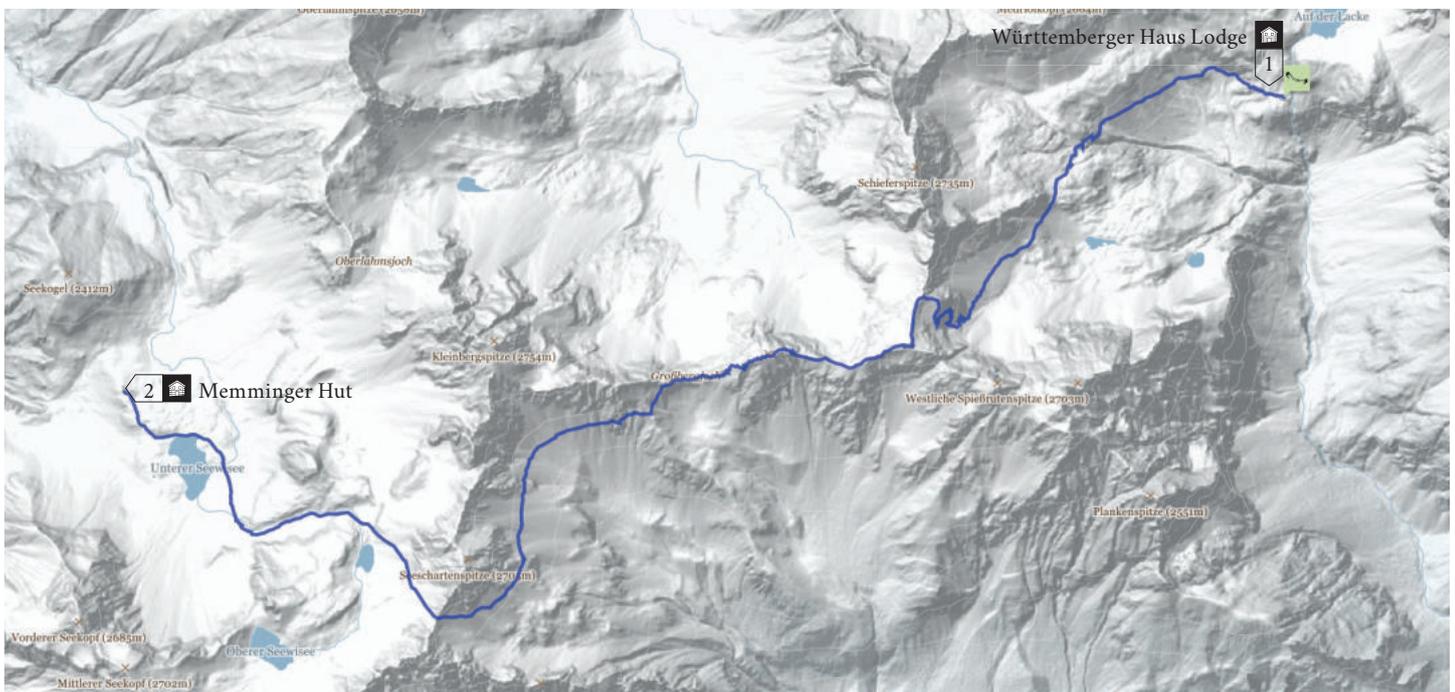
From this peak-packed, view-granting ridge high in the Lechtal Alps, stand mesmerized, frozen in awe, utterly fixated on the alluring Patroltal Valley. Gaze down to the valley end, carpeted in vivid greenery and sprinkled with delicate-needled larches. From the top of Großbergspitze Spire you'll get a superb panorama of nearly every peak in the environs.



Eagle Kick

You'll need to turn your focus from the scenery to your feet as you tackle the steep and exposed descent from Großbergkopf Peak. Peak baggers may want to nab the two Spießrutenspitzen Pinnacles, including a class II and IV scramble to the summit, but wildflower admirers will be perfectly content staying on the ridge-running, flower-swaying trail.





Trail Description

First, descend a few metres from Würtemberger Haus Lodge on a singletrack trail. Then, the route crosses gently ascending tussock slopes and a scree slope before leading across a partly steep rock-strewn grass flank, assisted by a fixed anchoring system of cables, to the ridge. Now, climb up to the summit of Großbergspitze Peak with its simple timber cross, alternately on the left and right side of the ridge on a relatively level path heading northward. Catch your breath and scan the horizon. How many of the summits of the Lechtal Alps can you identify? From Großbergspitze Peak, the route gently descends along the spine of the ridge for a short distance. The trail climbs to a rock outcrop that has permanently fixed cables

for protection. Then, it's just a few steps up to Großbergkopf Mountain. Now, the route steeply descends on an exposed rubble-strewn singletrack trail left of the ridge, passing Großbergjoch Saddle. Thereafter, the trail crosses tussock slopes, descending for a short distance, but soon resumes its climb, traverses a rubble cirque and runs up to Seescharte Notch. The last rocky run will tax your strength and endurance, but finally you'll be atop the notch. Beyond the notch, the trail descends across scree, talus and earthy soil; it runs above a little ravine and leads into a world of wide open meadows. Finally, pass the largest lake around the hut before arriving at the destination end: Memminger Hut sits in a rugged bowl at an elevation 2,242 metres under the reign of majestic peaks.

Trailside Eateries & Accommodations

- 1 Würtemberger Haus Lodge
- 2 Memminger Hut

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