

Eagle Walk Stage 22

Memminger Hut – Ansbacher Hut



Gullies, small valleys or narrow chasms, incised into the rock by the cascading waters of creeks and brooks. On this walk, you'll encounter lots of them, along with notches, crests, ridges, steep flanks and scree slopes that will keep your pace in check. The rewards are great--outstanding views, clean air, and relatively few people to share the trail with – but be prepared to work for every view you get.

Make your way down into Parseiertal Valley on steep and exposed slopes, before climbing up to Langkar Cirque and Grieflscharte Notch. Beyond Winterjöchel Col, the trail passes behind Stierkopf Mountain, and resumes its climb up Kopfscharte Notch across rugged terrain. From the notch, head south towards Ansbacher Hut on wide open slopes, savouring the fine views on your way.

Starting Point	Memminger Hut
Destination	Ansbacher Hut
Distance	10 Kilometres
Elevation ↑	1,040m
Elevation ↓	900m
Hiking Time	6 Hours
Difficulty	Difficult (black)

Eagle Alpine History

The Geierwally. Saxer Wand is a 2,690 m rock face at Madau in the Lechtal Alps, home to the legendary Vulture Wally (German: Geierwally). The young woman's original name was Anna Stainer Knittel. In the 19th century, when eagles (then called vultures) were hunted because they preyed on lambs, she roped herself down steep Saxer rock face to clear out an eagle's eyrie. Not a single man from the village had been ready to attempt this perilous deed. She raised the young eagles and later sold them - an undertaking that one would hardly have expected of a woman in 1863. Anna Stainer Knittel's story inspired the novel "Die Geierwally", written by Wilhelmine von Hillern, which was adapted for the theatre, translated into 11 languages and filmed five times.



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Eagle View

The Name of the Game: The reddish-brown rock outcrops that contain iron gave Rotspitze Peak and Rote Platte, both lying north of the trail, their names 'rot' meaning red in German. In former times iron mining occurred in the area west of Winterjoch Col. For this reason, the plateau on the mountain's west flank is called Knappenböden, literally 'Miner's Floors'.



Eagle Kick

The scramble section to 2,632-metre Grieflscharte Notch climbs up across a kind of chimney and is assisted by a fixed anchoring system of cables. It's steep in places, and snow may remain here well into summer. It can be treacherous in rain or adverse weather conditions and intimidating to an unseasoned hiker, but is manageable for the experienced.



