

Eagle Walk Stage 23

Ansbacher Hut – Kaiserjochhaus Lodge



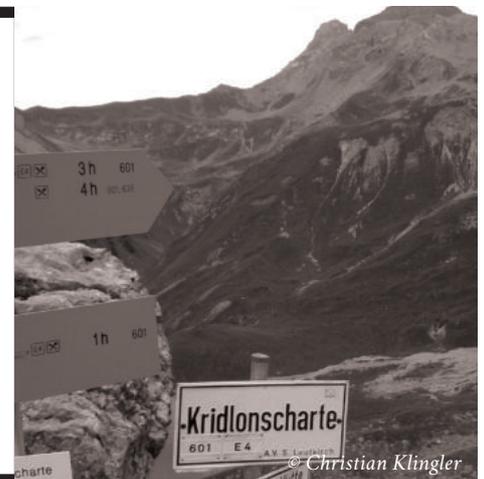
Starting at a little under 2,400 metres in elevation and never dropping below 1,700 metres, your hike in the Lechtal Alps will provide miles of dramatic views. Start off by gaining Flarschjoch Col, Knappenböden Floors and Alperschonjoch Col; beyond either tackle the steep and challenging Haas-Weg Trail or opt for an easier alternative. Is

it about the journey or the destination? You decide. The final push to Kaiserjochhaus Lodge, taking you up to an elevation of 2,310 metres, is another exposed scramble with a fixed anchoring system of cables. But it's all worth it. At the end of the day, Kaiserjochhaus Lodge extends a warm welcome and a sincere invite to call it a day.

Starting Point	Ansbacher Hut
Destination	Kaiserjochhaus Lodge
Distance	8.5 Kilometres
Elevation ↑	520m
Elevation ↓	580m
Hiking Time	5 Hours
Difficulty	Difficult (black)

Eagle Alpine History

Difficult Cattle Drives across Ridges. The pastures in the rearmost Lechtaler side valleys north of the Lechtal Ridgeline have ancient Rhaeto-Romanic names, such as Almajur, Fallesin, and Kridlon. They were populated a lot earlier than Lechtal Valley, from Stanzertal Valley in the south. Not long ago the cattle were still driven across mostly snow-covered ridges to the pastures by drivers and shepherds in the spring. And in autumn, the long and exhausting march back into the valley awaited them. Whole cheeses and the butter produced on the pastures were laboriously carried home across the ridges. Field names such as the “Martereck” (“Martyr Corner”) pay tribute to these exertions. Nowadays, the pastures can be accessed from Lechtal Valley along mountain roads.



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Eagle View

Peak baggers may want to nab the pinnacle of 2,388-metre Malatschkopf Peak east of Kaiserjochhaus Lodge, from where the ascent starts; steep, rough, and technical, it should not be attempted by those with a fear of heights. If you can safely navigate this trail though, the rewards of this 30 minute detour are breathtaking views of the Stanzertal Valley below.



Eagle Kick

Der Haas-Weg durch die Südabbrüche der Vorderseespitze ist nichts für Angsthasen, sondern ein anspruchsvoller Tourenabschnitt für geübte Bergsteiger. Die abschüssigen, schrofigen Felsflanken sind vielfach mit Seilen versichert. Wem dieser Abschnitt trotzdem zu scharf ist, kann vom Alpschonerjoch absteigen und wieder auf den ursprünglichen Höhenweg schwenken.





Trail Description

Start off at Ansbacher Hut and gently ascend on a well-defined singletrack trail up to Flarschjoch Saddle. Just below the saddle, you have the option of branching off to Memminger Hut; the Eagle Walk gently descends across scree slopes and meadows from Flarschjoch Saddle, heading towards Knappenböden. There, the trail levels off and continues ahead across scree slopes to Alperschonjoch Saddle, which has a little cross at its top. Beyond the saddle, the trail slightly descends before resuming its climb in switchbacks; eventually the trail winds down to Lake Vordersee. This section skirting the southern side of spectacularly rugged Vorderseespitze Spire is called Haas-Weg Trail. Haas-Weg Trail mostly crosses meadows as well as exposed and steep rock flanks and cornices; many sections are assisted by a fixed anchoring system of cables. From Lake Vordersee, the trail begins a gradual climb and heads towards Hinterseejoch Saddle. As you approach the saddle, the ascent steepens, with the trail following an earthy footpath that zigzags up to the

dip. Beyond Hinterseejoch Saddle, the trail heads gradually downhill in switchbacks. Some distance ahead, the trail traverses scree slopes westward, slightly descending, before resuming its climb below Kridlonscharte Notch for a short distance. Here, the soil can be earthy and slippery in wet conditions. Eventually, climb up to Kridlonscharte Notch, with the trail following a rocky footpath through exposed and rugged terrain and across a chimney where fixed cables are mounted. On the other side of the notch, the trail descends on a winding footpath through mountain meadows, passing by a rock ledge. Soon, the trail heads westward and traverses the slopes leading to Kaiserjochhaus Lodge. In this section, the scant trail is exposed to steep drop-offs in rugged terrain with many ups and downs; many sections are assisted by a fixed anchoring system of cables. Eventually, continue ahead through meadows to reach the destination end of this walk, inviting Kaiserjochhaus Lodge at an elevation of 2,310 metres.

Trailside Eateries & Accommodations

- 1 Ansbacher Hut
- 2 Kaiserjochhaus Lodge

Any questions?

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