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# Mountain Fascination

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- **33 Via Ferratas**
- **22 of them in Ramsau am Dachstein**
- **5 Via Ferratas for children and beginners**
- **Kali's Via Ferrata Park at Stoderzinken**
- **Entry courses with Via Ferrata certification**
- **Dachstein Super Ferrata**  
longest and at the same time one of the most ambitious Via Ferratas in the Alps
- **Difficulty level: A – E**

## Good to know:

Hans Prugger, a state-certified mountain guide, has planned and built all via ferratas in the Schladming-Dachstein region and is responsible for their constant inspection and maintenance. In case of any defects or weather-related damage, please contact immediately: **+43 664 1137631, hans@bergfuehrer-dachstein.at**

# Important!







## For Your Safety

Via ferratas represent a challenging outdoor sport surrounded by glorious, rugged nature. For your safety, please obey these few simple rules:

1. Via ferrata tours are strength-sapping and demand good physical condition, a head for heights and surefootedness.
2. Always use a full via ferrata climbing set and helmet, and always hook on to the safety line. Many mountain rescue missions are made necessary due to recklessness.
3. For several tours, when you factor in the hike to and from the actual climb, require a full day. That said, study the weather forecast closely and always plan in a time buffer for all eventualities. Adapt your gear and provisions to the tour and weather.
4. Always be considerate of others. Respect other climbers and alert them to dangers.
5. Aside from an array of memorable experiences, also return from the mountain with your trash. Treat nature with care and respect.



## Legend

	Scenery		Difficulty
	State of Via Ferrata		Via Ferrata (gain/time)
	Orientation		Time to Base
	Age recommendation		Time from Top
	Climbing Season		Total (gain/time)



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## Via Ferrata Difficulty Ratings

Ratings of via ferratas are based on subjective criteria and are therefore only intended as guidelines. The attempt has been made to reconcile the subjective assessment of difficulty with a concrete rating system.

Up to now, there has been no uniform international or European rating scale for via ferratas. Proven systems that are widely used in the German-speaking world are those developed by Kurt Schall in the mid-1980s, aptly named the "Schall Scale" (ranging from A to F, incl. intermediate levels), and the "German Via Ferrata Scale" (K1 to K6 as defined by Eugen Hüsler, or KS1 to KS6 according to Paul Werner). The following definitions were taken from the current "Klettersteig-Atlas Österreich" ([www.schall-verlag.at](http://www.schall-verlag.at)):

### A = EASY

Simple, secured climbs. Flatter (longer) or vertical (short) ladders, railings and iron rungs, mostly in not very steep terrain. Isolated points may be rather exposed, though are easily negotiated (e.g. rock ledges, small footbridges). The terrain can also be hiked without resorting to safety features (exception: ladders up small rockfaces), with good foot- and handholds. In general, via ferrata equipment is not required for hikers who are surefooted with a good head for heights. Generally suitable for children/youths and beginners, though even in this case, a set of via ferrata gear is recommended.



### **B = MODERATELY DIFFICULT**

Somewhat steeper rocky terrain with exposed passages and restricted footing. Longer vertical ladders, iron rungs, pegs or chains. Many passages may be strenuous and strength sapping. Even more experienced mountaineers will need to use basic via ferrata equipment. For beginners and children, a via ferrata set is a must, whilst a short safety line is also recommended on longer climbs.

### **C = DIFFICULT**

Steep to very steep rocky terrain. Passages with little space for footing and almost always exposed. Vertical and slightly overhanging ladders, iron rungs and pegs, in some cases far apart (potentially problematic for shorter people and children). Often vertical sections only secured by a steel cable, single- or double-cable bridges, suspension bridges. Occasionally very strength sapping longer ascents within this degree of difficulty are already major via ferrata challenges. Inexperienced climbers and children/youths should be roped on by an experienced via ferrata partner. Full via ferrata equipment is a must.

### **D = VERY DIFFICULT**

Vertical, often overhanging rockfaces. Iron rungs and pegs are often far apart. Generally very exposed, steep rock, often only secured by means of a steel cable. Places high demands on climbing technique (restricted footing, smooth rock) and mind ("tests of courage"). Longer, vertical or overhanging passages demanding a significant degree of arm strength as well as general physical conditioning. Climbing experience is of advantage (climbing technique, finding natural hand- and footholds, economic motion etc.). Even for very experienced via ferrata climbers, a complete set of via ferrata equipment is now obligatory (potentially also climbing shoes with notread sole). No longer appropriate for beginners, children or inexperienced climbers.

### **E = EXTREMELY DIFFICULT**

Mostly overhanging rocky terrain. Extremely challenging with respect to arm strength (endurance and maximum strength), climbing technique, skill, courage and mindset. Only for true "professional" via ferrata fans. For longer climbs in this category, optimal physical condition is a must! In addition to the standard via ferrata set, also a short sling (ca. 40 cm) with carabiner (to take some strain of the arms, rest in place and attach to safety features) is highly recommended. Otherwise, virtually identical to the characteristics as described under "D".



## Sattelberg Via Ferratas

Ramsau am Dachstein

Sattelberg

The collection of via ferratas on the north side of the Sattelberg was created especially with children and teens in mind. The hikes to the starting points are very short, while the hike down via the Nature & Ecology Path is entertaining and interesting for children and adults alike.

### Via Ferrata Kali (B to B/C)

The Via Ferrata Kali is the ideal introduction to rock climbing for children ages 7 and up. The easiest variant is rated no more than B, though short, steep variants rated as much as C/D may be encountered near the so-called "Gemsenturm".

### Via Ferrata Kala (B/C) & Via Ferrata Kalo (C to C/D)

The Via Ferratas Kala and Kalo were built in parallel. Intended for children ages 9 and up, grown-ups will also have to work hard as well. The Kalo is a good practice via ferrata and an alternative to the Kala, which can be switched to at any time.

### Via Ferrata Heidi (C/D)

The Via Ferrata Heidi excites with an attractive and slightly more challenging via ferrata variant which, after an airy rope bridge, feeds into the middle section of the Kala. Suitable for children ages 9 and up, it also promises climbing enjoyment for the whole family.

### Approach:

**Kali:** From the "Alte Mühle", head to the right along the Hofrat- Gruber-Weg, bringing you to the start of the via ferrata in just a few minutes.

**Kala & Kalo:** From the "Alte Mühle" car park, immediately after the wooden bridge take a left turn, up across a field of scree bringing you to the start of the via ferrata.

**Heidi:** A short hike takes you from the "Alte Mühle" off to the left. After a few minutes, you will reach the turn-off for the start of the Via Ferrata Heidi.

### Descent:

From the top of the via ferratas, follow the Nature & Ecology Path past Pension Concordia heading towards Ramsaubach, then on the Hofrat-Gruber-Weg back to the car park.

## Via ferrata courses with state-certified mountain guides

for everyone aged 7 to 99 years

Those who want to dangle along the steel rope to gain new impressions can take their first steps on the via ferrata in Ramsau am Dachstein. The state certified mountain guides show you all the necessary basic techniques. To be safe on the way and to enjoy every moment in the mountains is the motto.

All further info can be found at:  
[www.schladming-dachstein.at/climbing](http://www.schladming-dachstein.at/climbing)



### Adult Via Ferrata Certification – Monday:

For more information on registration and costs, please visit:



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For more information on registration and costs, please visit:



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For more information on registration and costs, please visit:

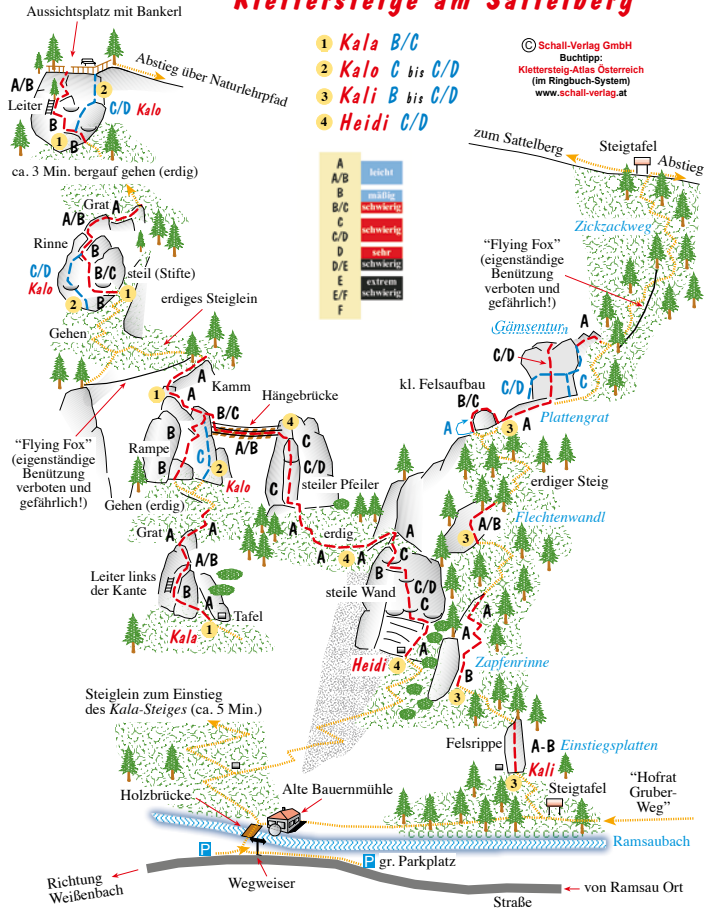


# Kinder- und Jugend- Klettersteige am Sattelberg

- 1 **Kala** B/C
- 2 **Kalo** C bis C/D
- 3 **Kali** B bis C/D
- 4 **Heidi** C/D

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A	leicht
A/B	leicht
B	mäßig
B/C	schwierig
C	schwierig
C/D	schwierig
D	sehr
D/E	schwierig
E	extrem
E/F	schwierig
F	schwierig



- beautiful
- outstanding
- NW
- ages 7 and up
- May - October
- B to C/D
- up to 100 m/0:40 h
- 0:05 h
- 0:40 h
- 150 m/1:30 h

## Comments:

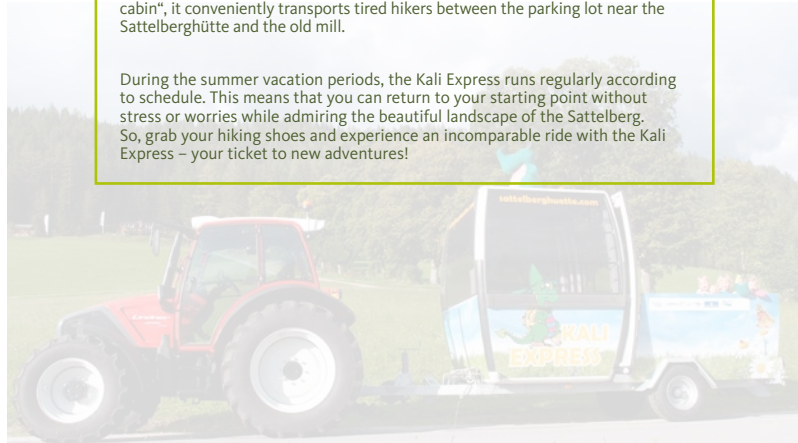
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## Everything on board the Kali Express

### Are you ready for an unforgettable adventure?

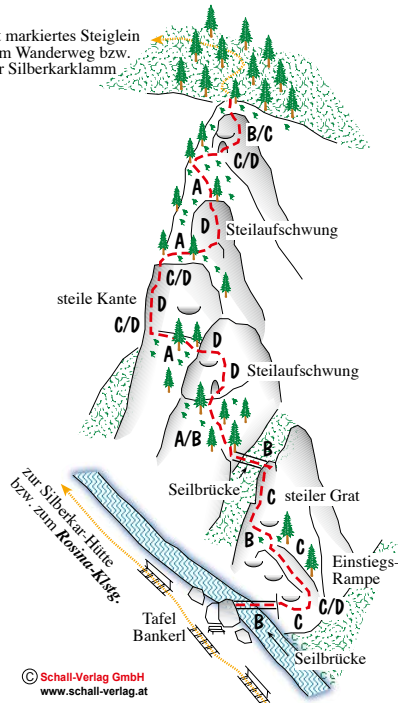
Then visit Kali the Ramsaurier at Sattelberg and hop on the Kali Express! The Kali Express is no ordinary shuttle bus – it's a real experience. With its „rolling gondola cabin“, it conveniently transports tired hikers between the parking lot near the Sattelberghütte and the old mill.

During the summer vacation periods, the Kali Express runs regularly according to schedule. This means that you can return to your starting point without stress or worries while admiring the beautiful landscape of the Sattelberg. So, grab your hiking shoes and experience an incomparable ride with the Kali Express – your ticket to new adventures!



Silberkarklamm, 1100 m  
**Hias-Klettersteig**  
 D 120 Hm

rot markiertes Steiglein zum Wanderweg bzw. zur Silberkarklamm



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Steig durch die Silberkarklamm

## Via Ferrata Hias

Ramsau am Dachstein

Silberkarklamm

A short and sporty via ferrata near the valley, basic fitness required! The via ferrata itself is not very long but challenging. The natural setting was used to perfection – two beautiful rope bridges and some steepish rockfaces are the result. The gorge is a great family hike. Whilst sportier family members can tackle the via ferrata, the rest of the family can simply enjoy the trail through the gorge.

### Approach:

From the Silberkarklamm parking spot (gorge maintenance fee) up via the first steps and ladders, to the striking rope bridge at the start of the via ferrata itself.

### Descent:

At the top of the via ferrata, hike a little further up the mountain, then follow the red markings. Return to the gorge and hike through it back to the start or, alternatively, make your way up to the Silberkarhütte and continue on Via Ferrata Siega.

### Comments:

The gorge is privately owned by the Erlbacher family. 100% of the fee charged is used to maintain the pathway through the gorge.

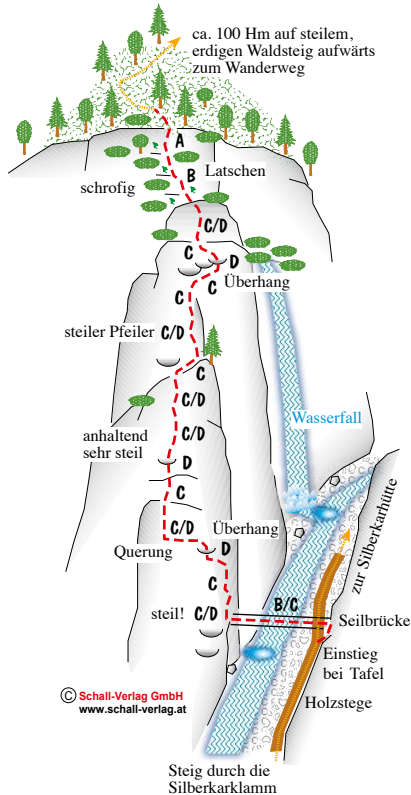
	very beautiful		C to D
	outstanding		120 vm/0:50 h
	W		0:15 h
	ages 12 and up		0:30 h
	May – October		190 vm/1:30 h



Silberkarklamm, 1100 m

## Rosina- Klettersteig

D 130 Hm



## Via Ferrata Rosina

Ramsau am Dachstein

Silberkarklamm

The Via Ferrata Rosina is the most challenging of the three via ferratas in the Silberkarklamm. However, the physical challenges are rewarded by fantastic views of the surrounding mountain world. Hans Prugger, who built this climb, created a vertical masterpiece which extends from the rope bridge, straight up from the Klammbach to the top of the climb. But since there are no walking stages or rest opportunities, arm strength is required all the way up to the top. The combination of the Hias, Rosina and Siega via ferratas is a perfect all-day program, winding down in the comfort of the Silberkarklamm.

### Approach:

After approaching by means of the Via Ferrata Hias, hike up through the Silberkarklamm (maintenance fee) to the next rope bridge on the right-hand side, crossing the stream.

### Descent:

From the top of the via ferrata, follow a path for about 15 min uphill until you reach the actual hiking path. From there, take a right in the direction of the Silberkarklamm and the Via Ferrata Siega, or drop down through the gorge to the parking spot.

### Comments:

Difficult via ferrata (C/D, requiring a lot of stamina!), comparable in parts to the Via Ferrata Hias, though, since there are no rest opportunities, the ascent is significantly more demanding. If you already had difficulties with the Via Ferrata Hias, you should definitely not attempt the Rosina.



very beautiful



D



outstanding



130 vm/1:00 h



O



0:20 h



ages 14 and up



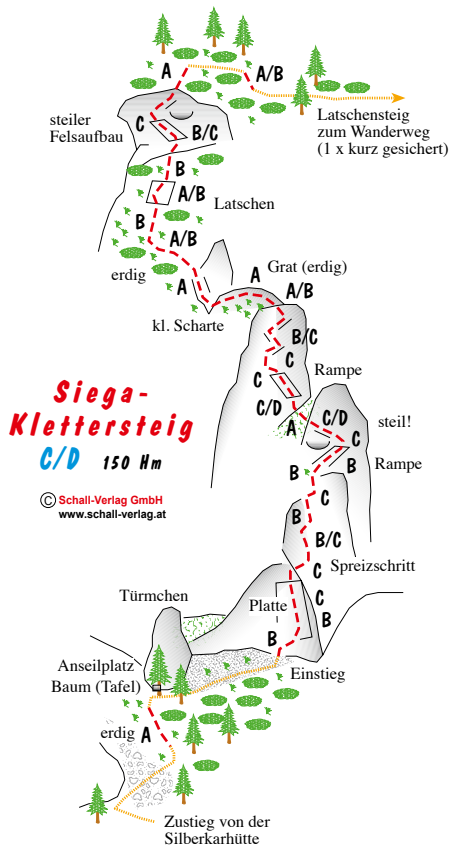
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May – October



230 vm/2:00 h



## Via Ferrata Siega

Ramsau am Dachstein

Silberkarklamm

The Via Ferrata Siega– with 260 meters of steel cables and numerous rungs – leads through the Karwand and adds to the via ferrata opportunities in the Silberkarklamm. It is the easiest, though due to the long hike to the bottom and back down at the end, likewise the longest via ferrata in the Silberkarklamm. Modern design elements, such as rope bridges, were not integrated into this classic via ferrata, though the first half of the climb does feature challenging, steep and exposed passages.

### Approach:

Ascend through the Silberkar gorge (maintenance fee) to the Silberkar Hut, and follow the signs behind the hut. Navigate through the shrubs and across a steep, earthy passage to reach the starting point.

### Descent:

At the top, follow the tracks leading to the right until you come to path No. 619, which will then take you via the Silberkarhütte back to the gorge. Hike down through the gorge and return to the parking spot.

### Comments:

In some places, the rock is very crumbly. For experienced via ferrata fans, the combination of all 3 via ferratas in the Silberkarklamm is ideal, with the Via Ferrata Siega guaranteeing a great conclusion.



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C/D



outstanding



150 vm/0:50 h



S



1:00 h



ages 12 and up



1:00 h

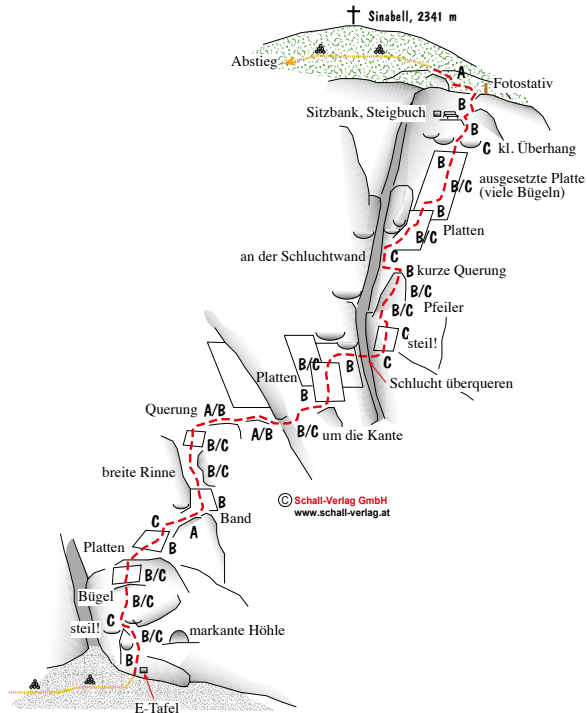


June – October



530 vm/2:50 h

Sinabell, 2341 m  
**Sinabell-Klettersteig**  
 C 220 Hm (350 m)



### Sinabell Practice Via Ferratas

Short practice via ferratas close to the Guttenberghaus on the Sinabell. These climbs are an ideal test for the Austria Via Ferrata Sinabell, as well as via ferratas on the Eselstein. You can detour the first section, which reduces the difficulty to B.

## Austria Via Ferrata Sinabell

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingebirge

Extending east from the Guttenberghaus is the south face of the Sinabell. The nicely designed, moderately difficult via ferrata is rather exposed and steep in parts, though mitigated somewhat by numerous rungs. In the morning, the beautiful, southwest face of the Sinabell is in shade, though illuminated by the sunshine in the afternoon. As a small highlight, just below the top you will discover the bank with logbook, whilst a green meadow with magnificent views invites you to enjoy a well-earned rest after completing the climb.

### Approach:

You will hike up in the direction of the Feisterscharte, then take a right turn below the rockface of the Sinabell, bringing you to the start of the via ferrata. The hike up to the Guttenberghaus from the Feistererhof parking spot takes 2.5 – 3 hours (1000 vm).

### Descent:

From the summit of the Sinabell, the path drops down the grassy ridge to the Feisterscharte. This path is indicated by stone cairns and red dots, bringing you back to the Guttenberghaus.

**Alternative:** From the Feisterscharte, take path No. 618 ("Königsetappe"), then drop down through Silberkarklamm (maintenance fee) to the Feistererhof parking spot.

### Comments:

Due to constant C-rated via ferrata passages, especially for climbers with less experience, this via ferrata seems even harder. As a day-tour from the valley, due to the long hike up involving an over 1000 m vertical gain, this via ferrata is physically very demanding. If you include an overnight at the Guttenberghaus, it becomes a beautiful half-day tour.



very beautiful



C



outstanding



220 vm/1:15 h



SSW



3:15 h



ages 12 and up



3:00 h



June – October



1.240 vm/7:30 h

# Via Ferrata Eselstein Westgrat

Ramsau am Dachstein

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Dachsteingebirge

This easy-to-moderately difficult via ferrata is one of the new ones close to the Guttenberghaus. It leads to the right of the west ridge, initially over short, steep rockfaces to the summit of the Eselstein. It is the perfect extension of the Ramsauer Via Ferrata or, after descending via the Westwand Via Ferrata, can also be tacked on to the Jubiläums Via Ferrata. Furthermore, it is an easier alternative to the Jubiläums Via Ferrata which, rated C/D, is significantly more difficult.

## Approach:











From the Guttenberghaus in the direction of the Gruberscharte, then to the start of the via ferrata. From the Feisterer parking spot, a well-marked and, in the central section, steep hiking path takes you in 2.5 – 3 hours back to the start (1000 vm).

## Descent:

On the one hand, you can descend via the Eselstein Westwand via ferrata, or down the same via ferrata used for the original ascent, or along a marked path across the Feisterscharte back to the Guttenberghaus.

## Comments:

Due to the long climb up to the Guttenberghaus, this tour demands both the physical abilities and the technical skills of via ferrata walking. Beginning at the Guttenberghaus, the two short via ferratas – the Eselstein Westgrat and Eselstein Westwand – are great in combination with the Jubiläum and Sinabell via ferratas.

	very beautiful		B/C
	good		160 vm/0:30 h
	W		3:15 h
	ages 13 and up		3:00 h
	June – September		1.450 vm/6:45 h

# Via Ferrata Eselstein Westwand

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingebirge

This short via ferrata on the Eselstein is the easiest close to the Guttenberghaus and, in the morning, leads across the shady western flank up to the summit. It is a perfect extension to the Ramsauer Via Ferrata, or is used to descend from the Jubiläums Via Ferrata, from the Eselstein Westgrat Via Ferrata, or from the summit of the Eselstein down to the Gruberscharte and back to the Guttenberghaus.

## Approach:











From the Guttenberghaus in the direction of the Gruberscharte, then to the start of the via ferrata. From the Feisterer parking spot, a well-marked and, in the central section, steep hiking path takes you in 2.5 – 3 hours back to the start (1000 vm).

## Descent:

Descend again via the ascent path or along the marked path across the Feisterscharte back to the Guttenberghaus.

## Comments:

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	very beautiful		B
	good		140 vm/0:30 h
	W		3:15 h
	ages 13 and up		3:00 h
	June – September		1.450 vm/6:45 h

Eselstein, 2556 m



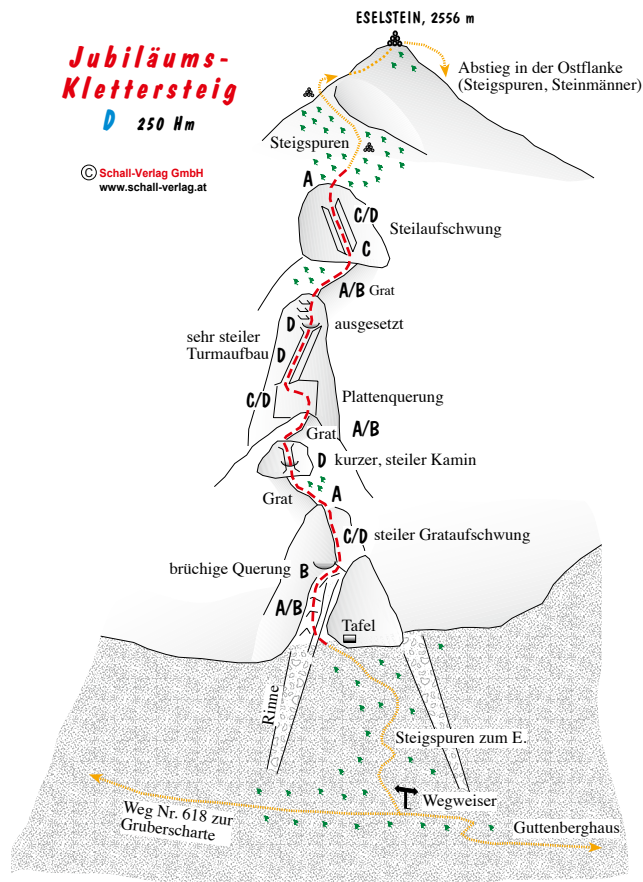
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## Jubiläums-Klettersteig

D 250 Hm

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## Jubiläums Via Ferrata

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingebirge

Built in 1991, the Jubiläums Via Ferrata leads across the south face of the Eselstein, living up to every expectation of via ferrata fans: sunny location, steep climbs full of variety, exposed rockfaces along with easier terrain. Yet this climb should not be underestimated! In the steeper sections, many climbers have been pushed to their limits.

### Approach:

From the Feisterer parking spot, a marked and steepish hiking path takes you on a walk lasting 2.5 – 3 hours to the Guttenberghaus. From there, continue towards the Gruberscharte and after 20 minutes, at the sign “Klettersteig” (Via Ferrata), branch off to the right and follow the tracks through the scree until you reach the start of the actual climb.

### Descent:

Descend via the tracks that have been left on the north flank of the Eselstein as far as the marked hiking path, then across the Feistererscharte back to the Guttenberghaus (ca. 40 min). Alternatively, climb down the Eselstein Westwand Via Ferrat (B) to the Guttenberghaus. From there, backtrack the same way you came up.

### Comments:

A very well-designed via ferrata meeting every expectation, though not suited for inexperienced climbers or children. Very strenuous and exposed at some parts!



very beautiful



C to D



good



250 vm/1:30 h



S



3:30 h



ages 14 and up



3:00 h



June – September



1.430 vm/7:30 h

# Ramsauer Via Ferrata

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingebirge

The Ramsauer Via Ferrata, renovated in 2023, is a true classic and treats you to a magnificent alpine crossing. It combines the summits of the Edelgriesshöhe, Gamsfeldspitze, Scheichenspitze and Hohe Rams with an alpine trail, secured in parts, to the Gruberscharte. The via ferrata begins from the Edelgriesshöhe, though can be tackled from either side. The landscapes which accompany this impressive "iron path", taking you over peaks and towers to the Gruberscharte, make this an absolutely breathtaking experience.

## Approach:











From the top station of the Dachstein cable car along a marked path, ascending – also with the aid of a safety ladder – to the entrance of the Rosmarie mine tunnel. Through this to the south side, drop down to the Edelgriesskar, then a short hike up to the Edelgriesshöhe. Now along the marked trail to where the actual via ferrata begins.

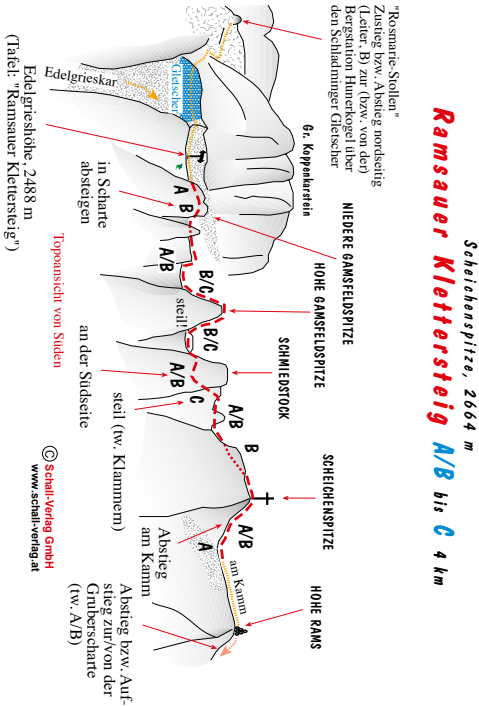
## Descent:

From the Gruberscharte in the direction of the Guttenberghaus and along the "Königsetappe" to the Feisterer parking spot. Alternative: Back to the Edelgriesshöhe and through the cirque, returning to the valley the same way you came up.

## Comments:

Due to the length and physically demanding route, this climb is only recommended for experienced via ferrata fans in very good physical condition.

	very beautiful		A/B to C
	good		450 vm/3:00 h
	W/S/E		1:20 h
	ages 14 and up		3:00 h
	June – September		1.520 vm/7:20 h





# Via Ferrata Irg 2

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingebirge

The Irg 2 is a beautiful, airy via ferrata on the southeast face of the Grosser Koppenkarstein, a new climb built in 2016 and named after the first person who successfully climbed the Dachstein south face, Georg ("Irg") Steiner. The route gets the most out of the terrain and is a real joy for experienced via ferrata mountaineers. In addition to great traverses, this via ferrata also includes steep buttresses and should not be underestimated.

## Approach:











From the top station of the Dachstein cable car, then to the east of the marked path, ascending – also with the aid of a safety ladder – to the entrance of the Rosmarie mine tunnel. Through this to the south side, drop down to the Edelgriesskar, then a short hike up to the Edelgriesshöhe. Hike up along the ridge to the left (north) to the start of the via ferrata.

## Descent:

Use the Koppenkarstein Westgrat Via Ferrata to descend to the Austriascharte, then return to the top station of the Dachstein cable car. Alternative: Hike down through the Edelgriesskar.

## Comments:

The original Via Ferrata Irg, which was built on the southeast face of the Grosser Koppenkarstein in 2004, attracted via ferrata fans for over 10 years. Unfortunately, it had to be dismantled in 2016 since it had unintentionally been built inside Upper Austria rather than Styria. The Via Ferrata Irg 2 was built as its replacement.

-  very beautiful
-  outstanding
-  SSE
-  ages 14 and up
-  June – October
-  C/D
-  300 vm/2:00 h
-  1:00 h
-  1:50 h
-  450 vm/4:50 h



# Via Ferrata Koppenkarstein Westgrat

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingeirge

The Kleiner and Grosser Koppenkarstein, both very scenic mountains, are relatively easy to reach by means of the Westgrat Via Ferrata. The via ferrata is also suitable for climbers with less fixed-cable experience, even featuring a unique rope bridge across the Austriascharte. However, the elevation (ca. 3000 m) should be taken into consideration. This is also the descent route for the Via Ferrata Irg 2.

## Approach:

From the top station of the Dachstein cable car either directly by means of a short via ferrata (C/D) in an easterly direction towards the Schladming glacier, or a pleasant hike via the glacier piste to the starting point near the Hunerscharte.

## Descent:

Same as the way up, or, before the rope bridge, northwards to the big ladder leading to the Rosmarie mine tunnel, then down to the Schladming glacier.

## Comments:

A very beautiful, scenic mountain, with a transmitter station operated by the Austrian Armed Forces on its summit. In high summer, keep a close eye on developing storms.



very beautiful



outstanding



SW



ages 12 and up



June – October



B/C



250 vm/1:30 h



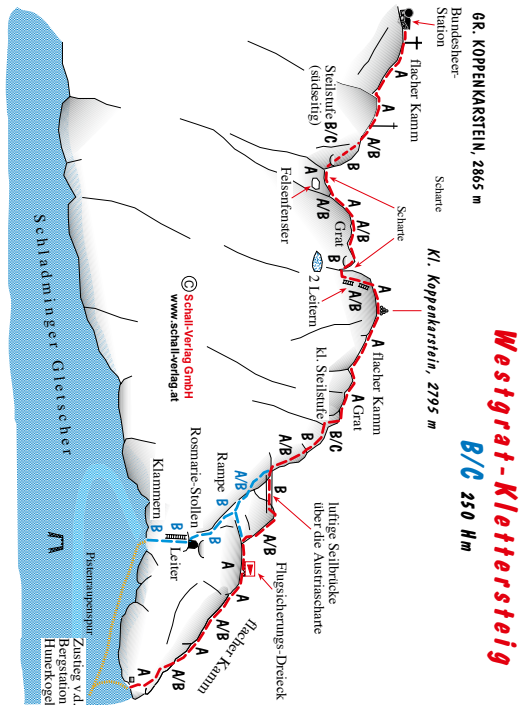
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1:50 h



250 vm/3:30 h





## Hunerscharte Climb

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingebirge

The climb up to the Hunerscharte is a well-known way to reach Dachstein glacier from the south, with permanent safety features for the final 200 vertical meters. For mountaineers in good condition, it leads directly to the Via Ferrata Sky Walk, though is also a very attractive way to reach the Koppenkarstein Westgrat Via Ferrata.

### Approach:

From the bottom station of the Dachstein cable car via a pleasant path leading to the Dachstein Südwandhütte. Shortly before the hut, turn right. Path No. 615 will lead you across a scree-covered cirque (the "Schwadering"), involving a rather arduous climb to the start of the actual via ferrata.

### Descent:

The same way you came or enjoy a comfortable ride down the mountain on the Dachstein cable car.

### Comments:

Not particularly notable as a via ferrata. For children and inexperienced climbers, a short safety line is highly recommended! Patches of old snow still cover the ground in early summer.



very beautiful



good



SSW



ages 12 and up



July – October



B



200 vm/0:40 h



2:15 h

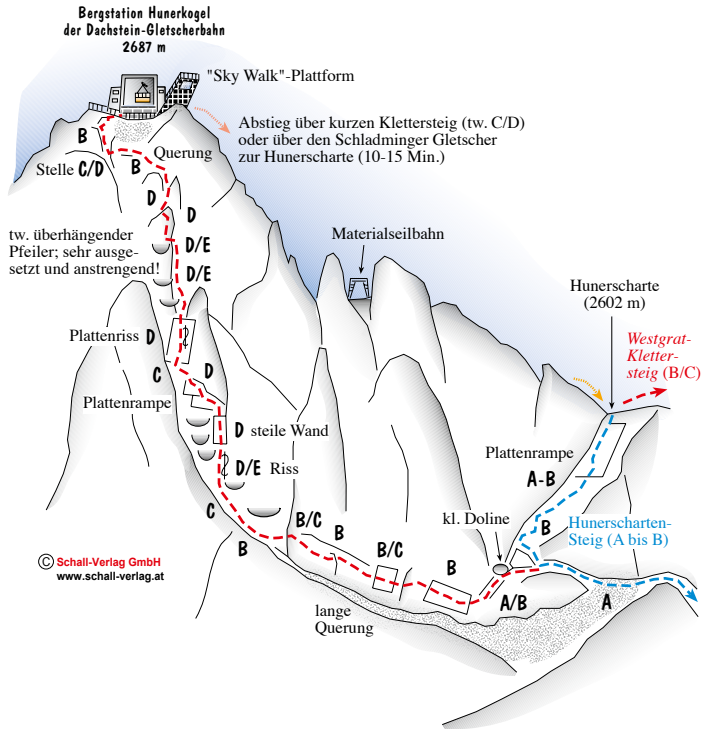


gondola ride down



1.000 vm/3:00 h

Hunerkogel, 2687 m  
**Sky Walk-Klettersteig**  
 D/E 150 Hm



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## Via Ferrata Sky Walk

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingebirge

Seldom does a via ferrata take you as close to the sky as the Sky Walk Via Ferrata. This via ferrata is one of the toughest in the Eastern Alps, virtually in the fall line of the Sky Walk, exceptionally exposed, leading directly to the top station of the Dachstein cable car and, therefore, close to the general public. Which makes it a successful symbiosis of tourist attraction and "super ferrata". Several passages quickly become D/E-rated – in other words, extremely difficult.

### Approach:

From the top station of the Dachstein cable car, down to the Hunerscharte, then climb down the Hunerscharte Climb to the sign/turn-off for the Sky Walk Via Ferrata.

### Descent:

Ride the Dachstein cable car back down the mountain.

### Comments:

Lots of arm strength, courage and experience are required to conquer this very sporty via ferrata – definitely not for casual climbers or beginners. We highly recommend clipping in direct from time to time to take the weight off your arms. Via ferrata shoes or special climbing shoes for better traction are an advantage. We recommend already getting into your via ferrata gear at the Hunerscharte.



very beautiful



D/E



outstanding



150 vm/1:30 h



SSE



0:30 h



ages 14 and up



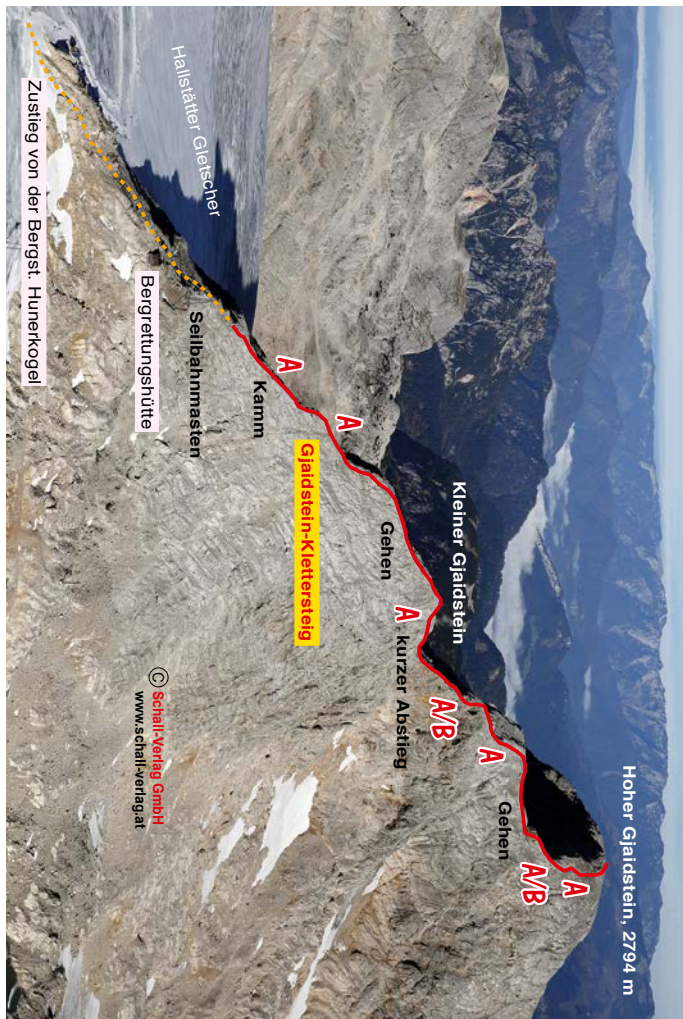
gondola ride down



June – October



150 vm/2:00 h



## Via Ferrata Gjaidstein

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingebirge

Very beautiful, easy and well-secured summit ascent to one of the most scenic lookout points close to the Dachstein cable car. The via ferrata leads you along the mostly not too steep south ridge of the Hoher Gjaidstein, also crossing the Kleiner Gjaidstein in the process. The ridge hike to the Kleiner Gjaidstein is easy, with some passages providing permanent safety features.

### Approach:

From the Dachstein cable car, a brief, direct descent to the Gjaidsteinsattel. Past the mountain rescue hut, bringing you to the start of the safety features.

### Descent:

Identical with the ascent.

### Comments:

Due to the short hike from the mountain station of the Dachstein cable car along with the minimal technical difficulty, also highly suited for beginners and children. However, please bear in mind the elevation (ca. 3000 m above sea level) and risk of thunderstorms.



very beautiful



outstanding



S



ages 10 and up



June – October



A/B



170 vm/1:00 h



0:10 h



1:10 h



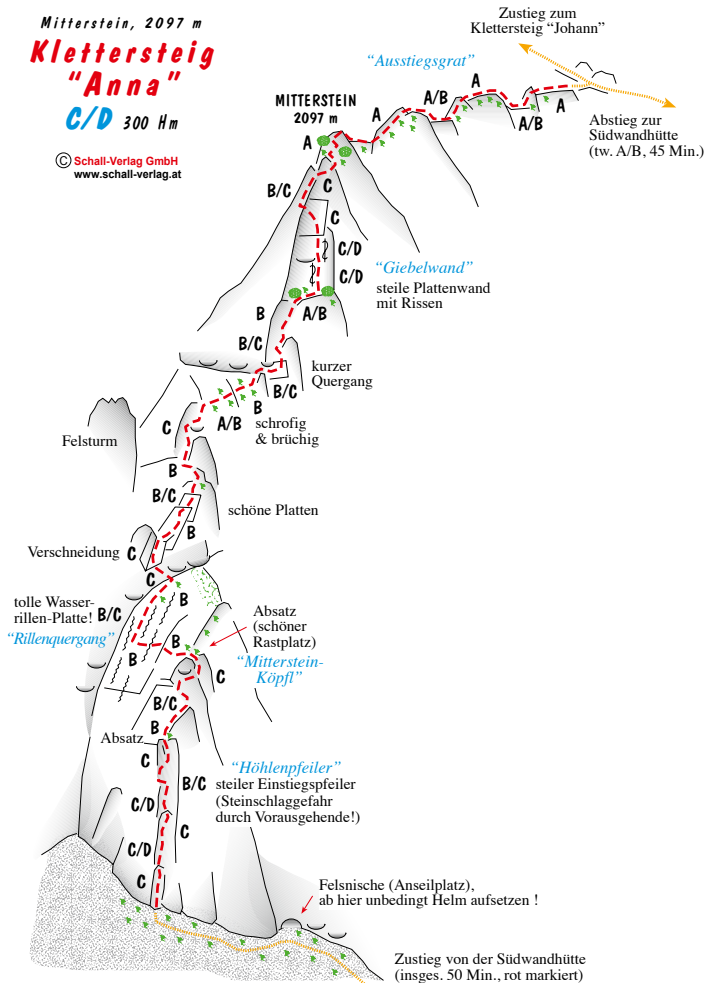
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Mitterstein, 2097 m

# Klettersteig "Anna"

C/D 300 Hm

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## Via Ferrata Anna

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingebirge

The Dachstein has yet another highlight in store for via ferrata fans, in the form of the Anna Via Ferrata. A fascinating, though challenging via ferrata on the Mitterstein that should not be underestimated. Physically, this route demands everything a climber has to give. The combination of the Anna, Johann and Dachstein Schulter via ferratas is one of the longest and most challenging tours in the Alps and is rightly known as the "Dachstein Super Ferrata".

### Approach:

From the bottom station of the Dachstein cable car, follow the marked hiking path leading to the Dachstein Südwandhütte. From there, take the Pernerweg, past the sign for the Johann Via Ferrata, continuing down the Pernerweg until reaching the sign for the Anna Via Ferrata.

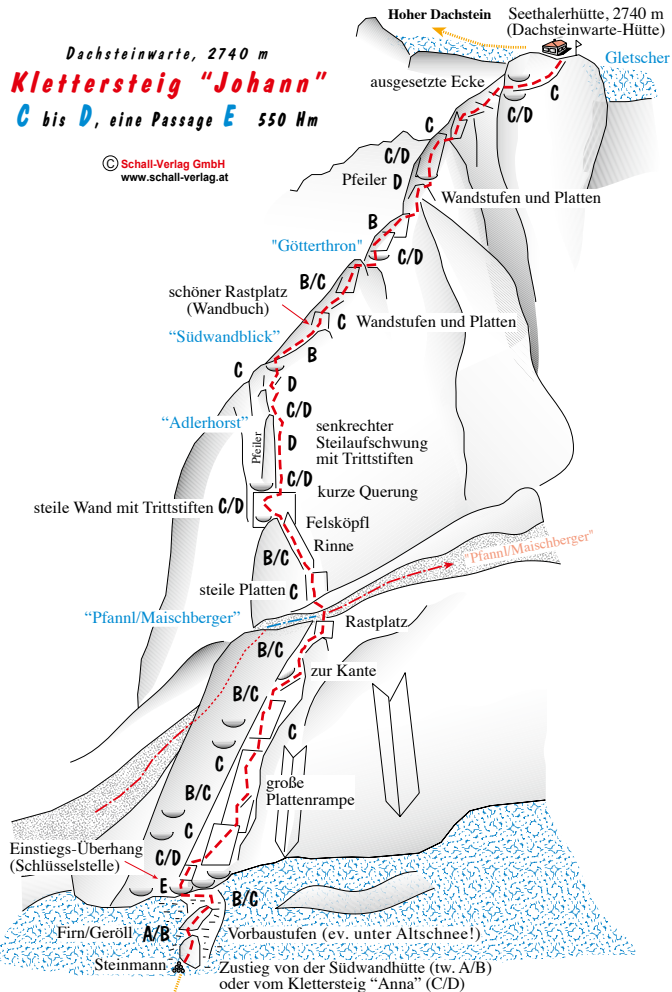
### Descent:

Use the path leading to the Johann Via Ferrata for your descent. The hike down to the Südwandhütte is secured by steel cables in parts.

### Comments:

The name references the love affair between Styria's Archduke Johann and Aussee postmaster's daughter Anna Plochl, reuniting the two over 200 years later.

	very beautiful		C/D
	outstanding		300 vm/2:00 h
	SSW		0:50 h
	ages 14 and up		1:30 h
	June - October		550 vm/4:20 h



## Via Ferrata Johann

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingebirge

The Johann Via Ferrata is an especially interesting and diverse, though long and very difficult via ferrata. The beginning of the via ferrata is a key section, forcing many a climber to turn back, though the rest of the route is very manageable. This via ferrata requires very good physical condition! A 700 m steel cable and more than 250 pegs accompany you up this difficult rockface.

### Approach:

From the valley station of the Dachstein cable car on the clearly marked hiking path leading to the Dachstein Südwandhütte. From there, drop briefly down towards the Tor, then branch off at the sign marked Via Ferrata Johann. A distinct trail leads to the first safety features of the via ferrata, which often lies beneath the snow. Another option: Make your way up via the Anna Via Ferrata.

### Descent:

From the Seethalerhütte, a path takes you southeast across the Hallstatt glacier to the top station of the Dachstein cable car. If you happen to miss the last lift, hike down via the Hunerscharte climb (ca. 2 h).

### Comments:

The physical demands should not be underestimated, compounded by elevations over 2000 m above sea level. Especially in the middle section, there is a danger of rock-slides! The via ferrata ends directly behind the Seethalerhütte on the Dachsteinwarte. This via ferrata is not suitable for children or inexperienced climbers.



very beautiful



C to D, briefly E



outstanding



550 vm/3:00 h



SSW



2:00 h



ages 16 and up



0:30 h



July - October



1.060 vm/5:30 h



## Via Ferrata Schulter & Randkluft

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingebirge

The climb to the top of the highest summit in Styria is an experience with magical views enjoyed at almost 3000 m above sea level. The shoulder ascent in combination with the Randkluft Climb to the top of the Hoher Dachstein is very doable in combination with the Dachstein cable car. The short hike to the start, in particular, makes this via ferrata very attractive and popular. However, it shouldn't be underestimated, not least because you are in high-alpine terrain.

### Approach:

From the top station of the Dachstein cable car, a nicely maintained pathway leads to the Seethalerhütte. The shoulder ascent begins close to the hut. A roughly 30 min walk along a generally well-trodden glacier path will bring you up to the foot of the north face and the start of the Randkluft Climb (secured by rungs and cables).

### Descent:

The shortest descent takes you back down the Randkluft Climb to the foot of the rockface, then across the glacier to the top station, or via the Hunerscharte Climb down to the valley.

### Comments:

As you hike up across the glacier, you need to keep your eyes open for crevasses (we recommended roping up!). In the lower section of the Randkluft Climb, there is a danger of rockslides whenever it gets busier. In high summer especially, you might have to deal with "traffic jams" of climbers. Also pay attention to developing storms.



very beautiful



good



NO



ages 14 and up



June – October



B



220 vm/1:30 h



0:45 h



2:15 h



410 vm/4:30 h

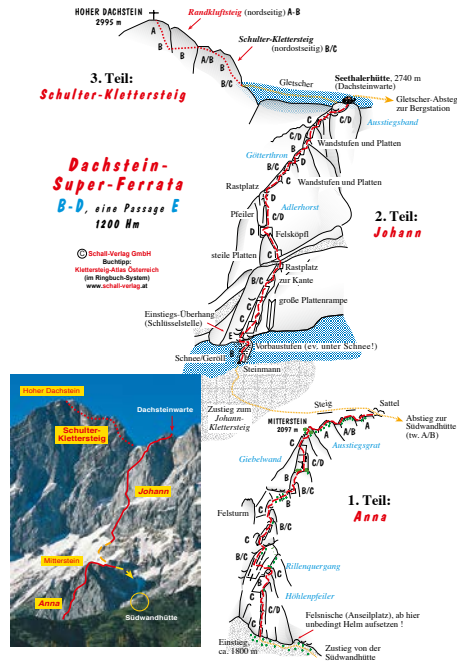
# Dachstein Super Ferrata

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingebirge

The Dachstein Super Ferrata is a special challenge for physically well-conditioned fixed-cable climbers with lots of alpine/climbing experience, combining three significant via ferratas, the Anna, Johann and Schulter & Randkluft Via Ferrata to the summit of the Hoher Dachstein.

With a total vertical gain of 1200 m (not including the hike up) and an "E" via ferrata difficulty rating, this is one of the longest and most challenging via ferrata climbs in the Alps.



- very beautiful
- super
- S/S/W/N
- ages 16 and up
- July - October
- B to D, briefly E
- 1.200 vm/7:00 h
- 0:50 h
- 2:15 h
- 1.410 vm/10:00 h

# Via Ferrata Dachstein Westgrat

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingebirge

The Via Ferrata Dachstein Westgrat up the Hoher Dachstein is often attempted in combination with a crossing of the summit and descent via the Randkluft Climb or Via Ferrata Schulter. A moderately difficult via ferrata in high-alpine terrain surrounded by extraordinarily beautiful landscapes, with access and descent across the glacier.

## Approach:

Until just before the Seethalerhütte, then to the Steinerscharte (secured by steel cables in parts, rated up to level B), then descend on the west side to the Gosau glacier (with rungs and safety cables). From there, ascend heading south to the Obere Windluke, then left to the foot of the western ridge (start of the safety features).

## Descent:

Descend via the Randkluft Climb, but only if the condition of the glacier crevasses permits. From ca. the beginning of August, you will have to descend via the Randkluft Climb and Schulter Ascent.

## Comments:

Vital when crossing the glacier – dangerous crevasses – crampons and ropes are essential.



- very beautiful
- super
- W
- ages 14 and up
- June - September
- B
- 210 vm/1:00 h
- 2:00 h
- 2:15 h
- 800 vm/5:15 h





## Via Ferrata Amon

Ramsau am Dachstein

Dachsteingebirge

The Amon Via Ferrata provides a connection between the Adamek- and Simonyhütte. A very rewarding, though highalpine via ferrata that should not be underestimated, with approach/descent across the glacier. Aside from alpine experience and good physical condition, glacier equipment is also essential.

### Approach:

From the top station of the Dachstein cable car until shortly before the Seethalerhütte, past the Steinerscharte to the Simonyscharte. This is the beginning of the safety cables for the upper portion of the Via Ferrata Amon (C).

The complete Via Ferrata Amon can be reached via the Steinerscharte to Gosau glacier (constant danger due to crevasses), dropping down to directly below the west face, where you will find the start of the actual climb (C/D).

### Descent:

Hike down the trail back to the Simonyscharte, from there back to the top station of the Dachstein cable car. Option to hike down via the Niederes Kreuz to Hallstatt glacier – alpine experience is essential.

### Comments:

Crossing Hallstatt glacier to the Simonyscharte and on Gosau glacier, you will encounter giant glacial crevasses. Crampons, ropes and alpine experience are a must.



very beautiful



C/D



outstanding



360 vm/2:30 h



NW-S



1:30 h



ages 14 and up



2:30 h



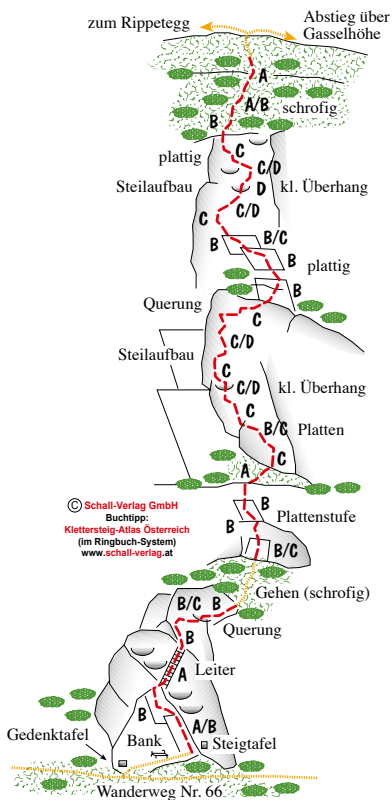
July – October



640 vm/6:30 h

# Franzi-Klettersteig

C/D eine Stelle D 220 Hm



## Via Ferrata Franzi

Schladming

Schladminger Tauern, Reiteralm

The Via Ferrata Franzi on the Reiteralm is the first via ferrata in the Schladminger Tauern. It is a via ferrata with several variants and a sporty route through the vertical Gasselwand between the existing hiking paths of the Reiteralm circular hiking trail. It shouldn't be underestimated; the toughest passage is in the upper section and demands major reliance on the steel cable. Good in combination with a hike to the top of the Rippetegg, with unique scenery including constant views of the Dachstein massif.

### Approach:

From the Preunegg Jet top station, a half-hour hike in the direction of Spiegeelsee brings you to the starting point, just above the hiking path next to a bench.

### Descent:

At the top, continue right over the Gasselhöhe back to the starting point at the Preunegg Jet top station. Alternatively, go to the left and climb up the Rippetegg (ca. 1:30 h).

### Comments:

The lichen on the rock can become very slippery when wet, requiring good climbing technique. Absolutely not recommended after rainfall or in bad weather.



beautiful



C/D



super



220 vm/1:00 h



E



0:30 h



ages 12 and up



0:45 h



June – October



280 vm/2:30 h

### Goas Climb (A/B – one section C)

The newly built via ferrata is located in front of the Via Ferrata Franzi on the hiking trail in the direction of Spiegeelsee and, with its 100 metres of steel rope, is a nice practice round. You find the entrance after about 20 minutes from the top station.

# Stoderzinken

## Via Ferrata Park

Gröbming

Stoderzinken

In the via ferrata park there are 4 short variants from easy to extremely difficult. They offer climbing experience for young and old. All 4 variants end at a suspension bridge. However, this one can also be bypassed. After the via ferratas the ascent to the Stoderzinken summit is definitely worth it.

### Via Ferrata Karl (D)

The longest of the practice via ferratas is suitable for advanced climbers. The via ferrata Karl is named after Karl Matuschik, who was a founding member of the Gröbming Mountain Rescue as well as site manager for many years.

### Via Ferrata Julius (D/E)

The most demanding via ferrata of the short practice via ferratas brings even advanced climbers to their limits, a steep D/E section and several D sections require very good technique and sufficient strength. The name "Julius" comes after Julius Steiner. He created the Stoderzinken in its present form: the road, the lifts and the Steinerhaus were built by him between 1958 and 1968. Before the war, he was a mountaineer, skier and ski jumper. After the war, he was the first head of the Gröbming Mountain Rescue.

### Via Ferrata Emil (B/C)

This via ferrata is very suitable for beginners. Only a moderately steep climb, an ideal introduction to the sport. This climb was named after Emil Ritter von Horstig. He was the first pioneer on the Stoderzinken, he built "Friedenskircherl" and introduced coal mining on the Stoderzinken back in 1890.

### Via Ferrata David (A/B)

Rated A/B, the David Via Ferrata is suitable for children, promising them an unforgettable experience on the rocky mountainside. An opportunity even for the youngsters to demonstrate their skills and prowess. This via ferrata is named after David Zefferer, who was the last coal miner on the Stoderzinken to work under Baron Emil von Horstig.



very beautiful



super



S



ages 10 and up



June – October



A/B to E



ca. 50 vm/ca. 0:15 h



0:40 h



0:35 h



200 vm/1:30 h

## Flora Climb (A)

With marvelous views of Ennstal and the surrounding mountains, even the hike to the start is memorable. Without via ferrata gear, the Florasteig requires sure-footedness and a head for heights!



# Stoderzinken Via Ferratas

Gröbming

Stoderzinken

## Via Ferrata Franz (C)

Aside from the practice via ferratas, the Via Ferrata Franz is an attractive, enjoyable climb of substantial length (300 m), making it one of the longer via ferratas. It promises a diverse, moderately difficult climbing experience. It is named after Franz Seebacher who, together with Julius Steiner, made a substantial contribution to road and lift construction on the Stoderzinken.

## Via Ferrata Peter (C)

This is one of the newer via ferratas in the area, 420 meters-long. The starting point is the same as for Via Ferrata Franz, but then continues to the right, ending just below the summit of the Stoderzinken.

This via ferrata is dedicated to author Peter Rosegger, who explored Gröbming's local mountain at the beginning of the 20th century, preserving his memories in writing. A monument was also erected in his honor on the Stoderzinken.

### Approach:

Past the Steinerhaus, downhill along the gravel road to the Stoderhütte, then right following the signposted path to the "Friedenskircherl". The start of the actual climb lies about 30m beyond the "Friedenskircherl", next to the sign on your right.

### Descent:

After reaching the top, make your way uphill to the marked Stoderzinken hiking path. From here, drop down to the parking spot or continue 15 minutes to the summit of the Stoderzinken.

### Comments:

The practice via ferratas – Karl, Julius, Emil and David – are ideal "warm-ups" in combination with the Franz or Peter Via Ferrata.

-  very beautiful
-  super
-  S
-  ages 10 and up
-  June – October
-  B/C to C
-  ca. 200 vm/  
ca. 1:15 h
-  0:30 h
-  0:35 h
-  200 vm/2:15 h

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# Via Ferrata Hilde

Gröbming

Stoderzinken

The Via Ferrata Hilde, built in 2022, with its approx. 700m is currently the longest and most demanding via ferrata on the Stoderzinken. The second steep ascent is partly overhanging and thus key point. Many large climbing clamps keep the required effort limited. From the exit, directly on the hiking trail to the Stoderzinken, it is only a few minutes to the summit.

**Tip:** Take plenty to drink with you!

## Approach:

25 min from the parking lot to the Rosemalm and further east. Turn right downward direction toll road, after the road bend turn left on the red marked hiking trail steeply downhill to a small hut below a climbing garden. At the wide gravel path left approx. 200m uphill to the junction access Via Ferrata Hilde. Last over a boulder field to a rock wall and along there take a short descent to the entry point (large tree).

## Descent:

35 min via the marked Stoderzinken hiking trail towards the Steinerhaus. At the Stoderhütte turn left downhill via the Hiking trail No. 675, or directly across the alpine pasture back to the Rosemalm.

## Comments:

A very well designed via ferrata, in places very exhausting and exposed. Attention: Not suitable for the untrained and children!

## Trial Climbing at Stoderzinken

The via ferrata park at Stoderzinken offers itself as an ideal terrain for young people to try out via ferrata climbing intensively.



For more information:



# Via Ferrata Burgstall

Stainach-Pürgg

Totes Gebirge

The rockfaces on the south face of the Burgstall near Pürgg are well-known and popular climbing areas. The Via Ferrata Burgstall was built as an approach/descent route for the various climbing routes, with a number of interesting, wellsecured passages of its own. The descent from the Burgstall leads to the very charming village of Pürgg (beautiful church), for a beautiful tour punctuated by a via ferrata experience.

## Approach:

From the parking spot, make your way uphill to the right, following the tracks until you reach a sign for the via ferrata, continuing left until reaching the start.

## Descent:

Via a beautiful forest path, you will come to the charming village of Pürgg with its beautiful church. From here, a hiking path leads to Unterburg and back to your original starting point.

## Comments:

Also suitable for children and beginners, though via ferrata equipment is essential.



- modest
- very good
- S
- ages 9 and up
- April – November
- B
- 100 vm/0:40 h
- 0:05 h
- 0:40 h
- 210 vm/1:30 h

# Toni Climb

Wörtschach

Totes Gebirge

The Toni Climb is a well-secured, occasionally very exposed via ferrata leading to a striking summit. The descent via the east side is rather loose and slippery in parts and less beautiful. However, in combination with the Toni Climb, it is a highly recommended way to cross the Hochtausing. Also possible in the reverse direction, of course.

## Approach:

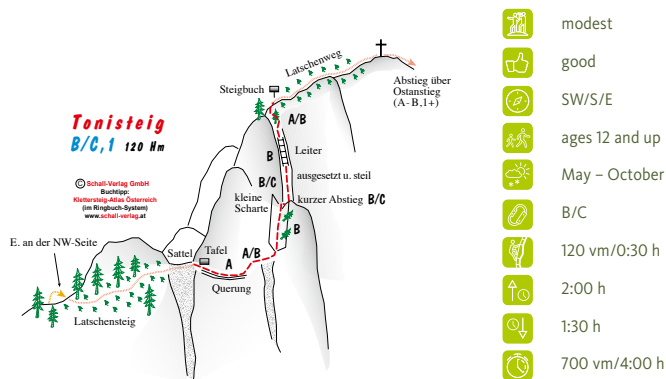
From the parking spot along the marked path in the direction of the Hochmöblinghütte as far as the Langpoltner Klamm. Here, take a left towards the Schneeitzalm, then head southeast on the cart path in the direction of the Hochtausing.

## Descent:

The eastern approach is marked in red, secured in parts, with some scrambling required (rated up to 1+). After reaching the path up, another 30 – 40 min until you reach the start of the actual via ferrata.

## Comments:

Due to closure of the Tausingkar during hunting season, the hike up is rather circuitous and long (via the Schneeitzalm).



- modest
- good
- SW/S/E
- ages 12 and up
- May – October
- B/C
- 120 vm/0:30 h
- 2:00 h
- 1:30 h
- 700 vm/4:00 h

## Hechlstein Westgrat

Variety-filled ridge climb, occasionally secured by cables at exposed points, rated B/C with scrambles up to level II, bringing you to the summit of the 1814 m high Hechlstein.

From the starting point at the Wörschachwalderhof, keep following signs for "Hechlstein Westgrat". You will hike down to the east using trail No. 278 in the direction of the Hochtor and then return to the Wörschachwalderhof.



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