



W i n t e r w a l k s

B a r t h o l o m ä b e r g – S i l b e r t a l

Winter Walking Eldorado – Bartholomäberg and Silbertal are a paradise for winter walkers and hikers. More than 40 kilometres of signposted and tended winter footpaths through fascinating white landscapes are waiting to be explored. Rellseck and Kristberg mountains (1,500 m) with their panoramic views are especially popular and easily accessible walking destinations.

▪ **Route 1**

Start point: Car park at Bartholomäberg Church (1,087 m).

Cross Roferstraße past Hennakopf estate, onwards across the byroad Güterweg to the hamlet of Worms. The tended winter footpath starts here in idyllic unspoilt countryside with unique panoramic views of the Rätikon range. After about 10 minutes you come to the “Goritschang” turning, and from here you can reach Rellseck peak (1,500 m) in about 30 minutes. Alternatively, the track from Goritschang also leads to the Fritzasee. Via Sassella you can return to the starting point at Bartholomäberg Church. Circuit: Bartholomäberg Church – Worms – Goritschang – Fritzasee – Obersaselle – Barthold Rank – Saselle – Bartholomäberg – walking time about 2.5 hours, altitude difference 350 m.

▪ **Route 2**

Start point: Car park at Bartholomäberg Church. Follow Route 1 as far as Barthold Rank; from here via Botzis-Stelza to Innerberg (Gasthaus Mühle), onwards via the Panorama Walking Trail to the starting point in Bartholomäberg. Walking time about 4 hours, altitude difference 350 m. From Gasthaus Mühle you have the option to return to the starting point by bus.

▪ **Route 3**

Start point: Car car park at Bartholomäberg Church. Take the walking trail to Parzelle Filters past the hamlet of Loch with fabulous views down the Silbertal Valley, onwards via Obdörfli – Loch byroad and back to the starting point. Easy walking, walking time about 2 hours, altitude difference 150 m.

▪ **Route 4**

Start point: Car park at Bartholomäberg Church. Follow the main road (on the footpath) to St. Anton im Montafon, further along the River Ill path to Tschagguns and Schruns or take the Gantschier turning via Gauenstein – Grüner Wald to Bartholomäberg. Walking time about 4 hours, altitude difference 400 m.



▪ **Route 5**

Start point: Car park at Bartholomäberg Church. Take the Roferstrasse past Hennakopf estate to Chrestlis-Egg viewing point. From here you have the option to hike via Riederhof to Filters. You can return via the panorama trail with a fabulous view to Bartholomäberg or alternatively take the high altitude trail from Riederhof, which will also lead you back to Bartholomäberg Church.

▪ **Route 6**

This circuit starts and ends in the centre of Silbertal.

From the SPAR shop you head eastwards near the Kristbergbahn valley station and past the Sennhüsli through deeply snow-covered landscape to the hamlet of Inneres Wühre. Continue along the magical forest path westwards to the edge of the forest. From here you have a fabulous view of the centre of Silbertal. The path then takes a gentle gradient downhill to the valley floor and then along the cross-country ski track back to the centre. Walking time about 45 minutes, distance 2 km.

If your legs are still willing, you can take the Schöffel Güterweg (little road) between Hotel Silbertal and the church, past farmhouses, the Kapellbahn, the Frauenlob ravine as far as Dönz Cabinetmaker's. There you cross the main road, and head back via L95 on the footpath or via Brunnenfeld Güterweg byroad and the L94 back to the centre. Walking time about 1 hour, distance 4 km.

▪ **Route 7**

From the centre, head into the Silbertal valley along the sparkling Litzbach stream, past deeply frozen Teufelsbach waterfall, the little forest chapel as far as Holzerhütte and enjoy the snow-covered countryside. If you take a toboggan with you, you can make light work of part of the route back. Walking time about 3 hours there and back, distance 9 km, altitude difference 200 m.

▪ **Route 8**

Take the Kristbergbahn up to the summit (from 889 to 1,450 metres in just 7 minutes). The view from the top is fabulous. Now turn right along the Panorama trail, as far as Wildried. In summer this is a high-moor bog (1,562 m) but in winter it transforms into a vast white plain, where cross-country skiers can carve a wide loop and hikers can enjoy tranquillity, fresh clear air and unique views. Take the same route back. Walking time about 2.5 hours, distance there and back 10 km.

Back in Kristberg, you can take a well earned break at Panoramagasthof Kristberg or in the Knappastoba. The St. Agatha Miners' Chapel – the oldest church in Montafon – is also definitely worth a visit. Now take the Kristbergbahn back down to Silbertal, or take the high altitude trail to Innerberg. (walking time about 1 hour, distance 4 km) or via Totenbühel Güterweg (little road) or Bodenstall back down to Silbertal (walking time about 1.5 hours, distance 6 km).



G a r g e l l e n

A more leisurely way of enjoying the idyllic landscape is offered by numerous very well laid out winter trails. The landscape, deep in snow, is particularly attractive in winter because of its high altitude, and provides wonderful views around the resort or from the Schafberg plateau. In the virgin landscape the rhythm of life is determined by just the regular crunch of the snow underfoot. To walk in the area around Gargellen is to be in a pristine landscape. Route information from the Tourist Office Gargellen, Tel. +43 (0)5557 6303, info@gargellen.at.

▪ Vergaldner Circuit

Along the Vergaldner Straße to the Haus Piazza Bella. The circular walk leads from there through the magical winter landscape over a total distance of approx. 2 km. Walking time approx. 2 hours.

▪ “Vergaldner Wäldle” variant

Go past the Bergbahnen Gargellen valley station, walk in the direction of Vergaldner Wäldle and along the Vergaldner brook to complete the circuit. Total distance approx. 800 m. Walking time approx. 45 minutes.

S c h r u n s

▪ Gauenstein Monastery

6.2 km, walking time 1.5 hours – from the village centre towards Bartholomäberg as far as Montjola – then on to Gauenstein Monastery. Further to the viewing point at Landschrofen and on to Kaltenbrunnen. Return along the River Ill to Tschagguns and there pick up the River Litz path back to Schruns.

▪ Tschagguns

5.3 km, walking time 1 hour – from the village centre along the road to Aktivpark Montafon – then along the River Ill to Tschagguns. Pick up the River Litz path and walk along the promenade back to Schruns.

▪ Montjola

2.5 km, walking time 1.5 hours – from the village centre following the River Litz promenade as far as the road „Auf der Litz“– from there on to the Gavesweg and walk to Gauenstein monastery. Further on to the Broxsweg to Montjola and back to Schruns.



- **Hochjoch**
5.4 km, walking time 1.5 hours – from Hochjochbahn mountain station, follow the cable car route to Kropfen middle station. From there, valley descent by cable car to Schruns.
- **Wang**
1.2 km – from the Hochjochbahn mountain station towards Sennigrat. Take the same path back to Kapell.

T s c h a g g u n s

- **River Ill footpath: 4-6 km**
From the centre you can easily reach the Ill, Montafon's largest river, with lovely walks on both river banks. From Au along the river to the end of Zelfen and back along the other bank. On the way upstream the footpath passes the ice rink and runs parallel to the cross-country ski track. Level terrain, ideal for an afternoon stroll.
- **Gafazutweg: 8 km**
From the village centre take the bus to Latschau Reservoir – then walk towards Gauertal and turn towards Ziegerberg at the first crossroads – across Rasafei stream onto the Gafazutweg. This path is known for its magnificent views of the valley. Return along Ziegerbergstraße into the hamlet of Lochmühle. A path along Rasafei stream brings you back to the village centre. A half day ramble.
- **Reservoir: 1.7 km**
By bus or car to Latschau Reservoir (Golmerbahn valley station). Follow the footpath around the lake – panoramic views of the valley.
- **Gauertal: 14 km**
Walking time 4.5 hours. By bus or car to Latschau Reservoir. From here head for the picturesque Gauertal – one of the most beautiful valleys in the Alps. At the end of the valley you will find the cosy parlours of Lindauerhütte – the perfect place for rest and refreshment. Take the same route back. Tip – take a toboggan! The Lindauerhütte is open from 26.12.08 until 11.01.09 and from 31.01.09 until 01.03.09.
- **Bitschweil: 6 km**
From the village centre follow Zeilfenstraße then Birtchweilerstraße. You will be rewarded for this fairly strenuous walk with a magnificent view. The route has a fairly constant uphill gradient – a half day ramble.



▪ **Golm: 3 km**

Starting point is the middle station of Matschwitz cable car at an altitude of 1,520 m. Fabulous walks are accessible to non-skiers through the idyllic winter landscapes of the Rätikon mountains and past ancient “Maisäss” dwellings.

S t . A n t o n i m M o n t a f o n

- Railway station – River Ill path via Vandans to Schruns – return.
Walking time about 3 hours, distance 12 km.
- St. Antöner Church – road towards Bartholomäberg – Jetzmunnt viewing point.
Walking time about 1 hour, distance 3 km.

S t . G a l l e n k i r c h - G o r t i p o h l / G a s c h u r n - P a r t e n e n

NEW: In the evenings, 6.5 km illuminated winter trail in the Hochmontafon alongside the cross-country ski run from Gaschurn to St. Gallenkirch.

There are some 16 km of prepared winter walking circuits in High Montafon – full details form the Tourist Offices. Winter walking off-piste is also available on 4 cleared winter footpaths. At altitudes of more than 2,150 m excellently prepared routes take walkers through the beautiful landscapes of the Silvretta mountain range.

- **Ascent by Versettla Gondola Cable-Car from Gaschurn**
“4 Bargen” winter footpath: 2.5 km, walking time 1.5 hours
“Gantekopf” winter footpath: 2 km, walking time 1 hour
- **Ascent by Valisera Gondola Cable Car from St. Gallenkirch-Gortipohl**
“Gampabing” winter footpath: 1 km, walking time 30 minutes
“Alpili” winter footpath: 2 km, walking time 1 hour
- **Circuit**
Signposted winter circular walk between St. Gallenkirch and Gaschurn. Detailed information from the Tourist Offices.



P a r t e n e n – B i e l e r h ö h e

The Silvretta mountain range is perfect for relaxing walks in magnificent high-altitude landscapes. The 8 km long winter footpath from Bielerhöhe to Wiesbadener Hütte is especially popular.

V a n d a n s

Vandans Tourist Office – Bahnhofstraße – Path beside the River Ill – St. Anton i.M. & return; Distance: 3.6 km; Walking time: approx. 1 hour

Vandans Tourist Office – Bahnhofstraße – Path beside the River Ill – Kapelle Venser Bild chapel & return; Distance: 4.2 km; Walking time: approx. 1.5 hours

Vandans Tourist Office – Bahnhofstraße – Path beside the River Ill – Kapelle Venser Bild chapel – Scheibenkopf – Vandans; Distance: 5.5 km; Walking time: approx. 2.5 hours

Vandans Tourist Office – Bahnhofstraße – Path beside the River Ill – Rodundersee & return; Distance: 3.2 km; Walking time: approx. 1.5 hours



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