



# ALPINE PASSES TRAIL



Gebidenpass



## CHARACTER

The Alpine passes route has been opened as a new national long distance footpath in Spring 2008 as part of the «SchweizMobil» project. It begins in Chur, crosses through the anterior Rhine gorge and the Lugnez valley and continues on over the high plateaus of the Greina to Tessin. The route runs through Ritomsee, Val Bedretto and the Nufenenpass to Wallis. Walkers can see the high peaks at close hand over the Brig – Zinal section and marvel at the powerful panoramic views of the Walser 4000m mountains including the Matterhorn. The route is suitable for experienced walkers in good health.

★ **THE «SWISS GRAND CANYON»**  
A REAL SHOW AT THE BOTTOM!

★ **WALSER VILLAGES AND CULTURE**

★ **THE GREINA**  
A NATURAL PARADISE DERIVED FROM THE ENERGY INDUSTRY

★ **VAL PIORA AND RITOMSEE**  
THE ALPINE FACE OF THE TESSIN REGION

★ **UNSPOILT VILLAGE CENTRES**  
IN THE GOMS REGION

★ **PANORAMIC ROUTES**  
FACING THE 4000M ALPINE PEAKS

★ **TURTMANNTAL VALLEY, VAL D'ANNIVIERS**  
ANCIENT WALSER MOUNTAIN VALLEYS

★ **ZINAL**  
DESTINATION AT 1700M AND AT THE FOOT OF THE GLACIER



## ELEVATION PROFILE AND ROUTE STAGES



**PART 1: GRAUBÜNDEN****CHUR - VERSAM**

Recommended: Chur - Reichenau by train.

Hiking time Reichenau - Versam 4:00

In Reichenau, the anterior and posterior Rhine meet to form the Rhine river. Sometimes, you can catch a glimpse of the adventurous wild water rafters as they set off down the «Swiss Grand Canyon».

**VERSAM - ILANZ**

Hiking time 3:40. Today the route winds its way down into the gorge of the wild anterior Rhine. Our tip: walk in the morning and book a rafting tour in the afternoon from Ilanz down the «Swiss Grand Canyon»!

**ILANZ - VELLA**

Hiking time 4:30. The traditional wood houses of Vals characterise the delightful little villages of the Lumnezia valley.

**VELLA - VRIN**

Hiking time 4:30. A beautiful panoramic route with no notable climbs, leading across the Alpine meadows of Lugnez.

**VRIN - GREINA****- CAMPO BLENIO / OLIVONE**

Recommended: Bus Alpin Vrin - Puzatsch

Hiking time Puzatsch - Pian Geirett 6:00

A walk through the Greina is an unforgettable experience! Recommended: bus from Pian Geirett to Campo Blenio/ Olivone.

**OLIVONE - ACQUACALDA**

Hiking time 4:30. The upper Bleniot valley is rich in flora and fauna – a beautiful area for walking, well-worth exploring.

**ACQUACALDA - LAGO RITOM / AIROLO**

Hiking time 5:30. From the Bleniot valley, the route runs via the Passo del Sole (2376m) to the Val Piora. Here you can spend the night by the Ritom Lake or take the cable railway / bus down to Airolo.

**PART 2: TESSIN / GOMS****AIROLO - ALL'AQUA** Hiking time 4:30

The route runs from Airolo to the Pesciüm mountain and then along a panoramic route along the left edge of the Bedrettal valley.

**ALL'AQUA - ULRICHEN**

Recommended: post bus Ladstafel - Ulrichen.

Hiking time All'Aqua - Ladstafel: 5:00. This route does not run via the Nufenenpass but instead goes via the Passo del Corno (2525m) located further south to the Goms region.

**ULRICHEN - NIEDERWALD**

Hiking time 6:30

A gentle walk through the beautiful Wals villages of the Goms region.

**NIEDERWALD - BINN**

Hiking time 4:30. Terraced fields, mown meadows, Alpine meadows, footpaths, irrigation channels, dry stone walls, barns and Alpine cabins characterise this traditional cultivated landscape.

**BINN - ROSSWALD**

Hiking time 7:15. The walk runs through the delightful Suflichtal valley to the Suflichschpass (1506m) and into the small ski resort of Rosswald above Brig.

**ROSSWALD - SIMPLONPASS / BRIG**

Hiking time 7:40

The route passes round the Gantertal valley in a wide arch via the Simplon-Passstrasse road and on to the Simplonpass. Various short-cuts available. If required: valley trip to Brig by post bus (several trips each day).

**PART 3: WALLIS/SIMPLON****BRIG / SIMPLONPASS - GIW****- VISPERTERMINEN**

Recommended: cablecar Giw - Visperterminen.

Hiking time Simplonpass - Giw 5:00

From the Simplonpass, the route runs along the Bistinepass (2417m) and onwards along a panoramic route from Suonen to Giw.

**VISPERTERMINEN - SAAS FEE**

Recommended: cablecar Visperterminen - Giw.

Hiking time Giw - Saas Grund 7:00.

Pleasant panoramic route which runs along at a fairly even height of 2000m.

**SAAS GRUND - GRÄCHEN**

Recommended: bus Saas Grund - Saas Fee.

Hiking time Saas Fee - Hannigalp 5:00

A fantastic high trail with views of Balfrin, Bietschhorn and Weissmies. The mountain trail is very narrow in places and secured with ropes. Recommended: cable car Hannigalp - Grächen.

**(GRÄCHEN) - ST.NIKLAUS - GRUBEN**

Recommended: Bus Grächen - St.Niklausen,

cablecar St.Niklausen - Jungu. Hiking time

Jungu - Gruben 6:00. Gentle ascent through

the inner Tälli to the Augstbordpass (2893m).

This is the highest point on the tour.

**GRUBEN - HOTEL WEISSHORN**

Hiking time 5:05. Spend the night in the

exceptional Hotel Weisshorn at 2337 m!

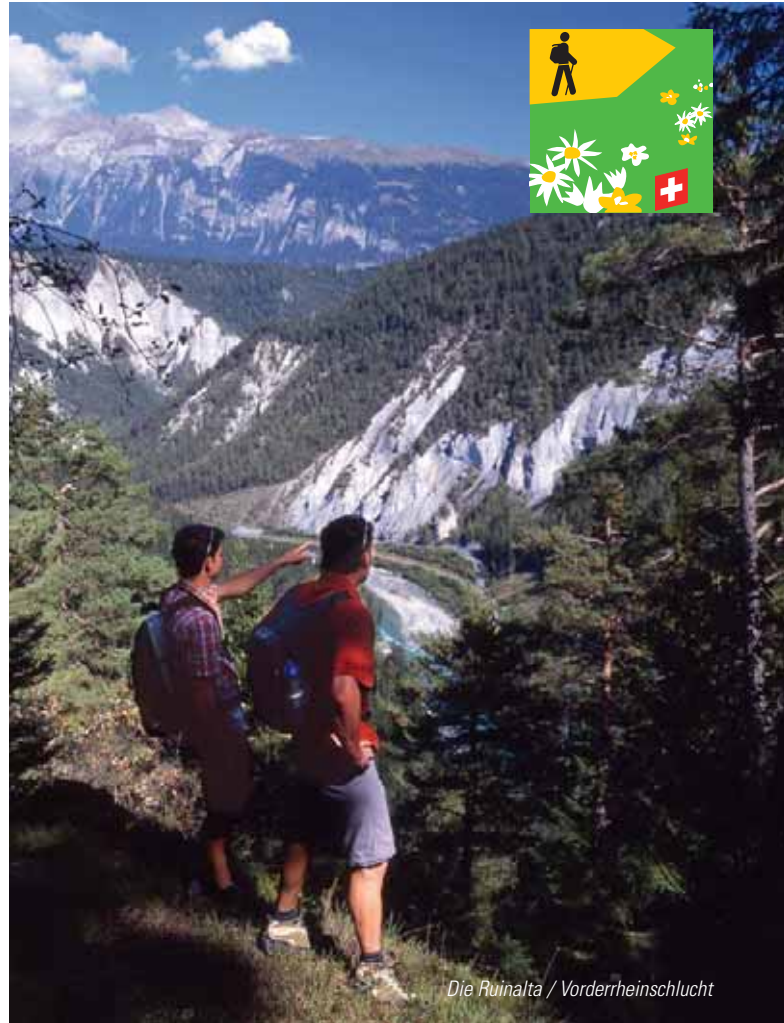
**HOTEL WEISSHORN - ZINAL**

Hiking time 5:00

A gentle panoramic route to the final destination of Zinal. (Lack of accommodation means that a continued journey through to St. Gingolf is not currently bookable).

**SEASON 2009**

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Die Ruinalta / Vorderrheinschlucht



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**Take a break**

Why not spend a rest day and stay for 2 nights at the same place?

We recommend:

**Niederwald**

Hotel Drei Tannen (\*\*\*)

**Visperterminen**

Hotel Rothorn (\*\*\*)

**Hotel Weisshorn**

2337m über Meer!

**À la Carte**

Plan your own individual hiking tour: the entire route from Chur to Zinal as well as all the stage destinations listed in the «elevation profile» are available to you with SwissTrails à la carte. You can choose the duration of the trip as well as the start and end destinations and accommodation (hotel and budget).

Pricelist see pages 48 / 49.

**RATES 2008** (in CHF / Euro, per Person, incl. VAT.)

OPTIONS	START AND FINISH	DAYS / N.	HIKING DAYS	OVERNIGHTS	BASIC RATES HOTEL	BASIC RATES BUDGET
<b>A</b> Part 1: Graubünden	Chur - Airolo	7 / 6	7	Versam - Ilanz - Vella - Vrin - Olivone - Acquacalda	CHF 953 / € 610	CHF 670 / € 430
<b>B</b> Part 2: Ticino / Goms	Airolo - Simplon	6 / 5	6	All'Aqua - Ulrichen - Unterwald - Binn - Rosswald	CHF 785 / € 503	CHF 550 / € 352
<b>C</b> Part 3: Wallis / Simplon	Simplon - Zinal	6 / 5	6	Visperterminen - Saas Grund - Grächen - Gruben - Hotel Weisshorn	CHF 785 / € 503	CHF 550 / € 352

\* Included in the price: supplements / reductions see page 5. All other options see SwissTrails à la Carte, pages 48 / 49.

Additional night possible at start and end destination and all stage destinations / Top Class: top class hotel (usually \*\*\*\*\*) at selected stage destinations (see Elevation Profile)