



DAY 4: Via the Wetterstein mountain range into the Leutasch-valley. Onwards via the ‚Hohen Sattel‘-ridge to Scharnitz.

- Walking Time: approx. 7.5 to 8.5 hours

Altitude Profile: +900 m and -1.800 m in altitude



Programme

Today you cross the Wetterstein mountain range and cross over into the Tyrol into the Leutasch-valley. Onwards by bus or on foot via the ‚Hohen Sattel‘ to Scharnitz. Optionally you can choose a walk to Mittenwald and take the train to Scharnitz.

The Route

Today's tour is very challenging and very long! You decide whether you prefer the easier option to Mittenwald. The ascent to the Meiler lodge takes approx. 1,5 hours, however the descent through the Bergelein valley takes approx. 3 hours. You cover more than 1.100 m in altitude and in parts steeply downhill! In the Leutasch-valley we suggest you choose whether you take a comfortable bus ride to Scharnitz or fancy yet another ascent via the ‚Hoher Sattel‘-ridge (forest road) and descend along a trekking trail to Scharnitz

(additional 3 hours walking time). The optional route to Mittenwald leads along a forest road and the ‚Bannholz‘-hiking path to the lakes Ferchensee and Lautersee. Along a gorge trail you soon reach the lovely village of Mittenwald and then continue by train. Current timetables in the travel documents on site.

Places for Lunch

- Meiler lodge located on the highest point of the tour (daily open)
- inn Gasthof Naturwirt in Leutasch Ahrn

Places for Lunch with option

- Wetterstein alp (daily open)
- Gasthaus Ferchensee (Friday closed)
- Lautersee-Alm (Monday closed, open in summer when the weather is good)

Option/Bad Weather

In bad visibility or thunderstorm you cannot ascend into the Wetterstein mountains! Orientation becomes very difficult, a sudden fall in temperature and thunderstorms are life-threatening!

Option

As an alternative route you walk along the Schachen-forest road via the Wetterstein alp and past Lake Lautersee and Lake Ferchensee to Mittenwald. From there you take the train to Scharnitz. See route description after the standard route, pink markings on the map.

Shortcut

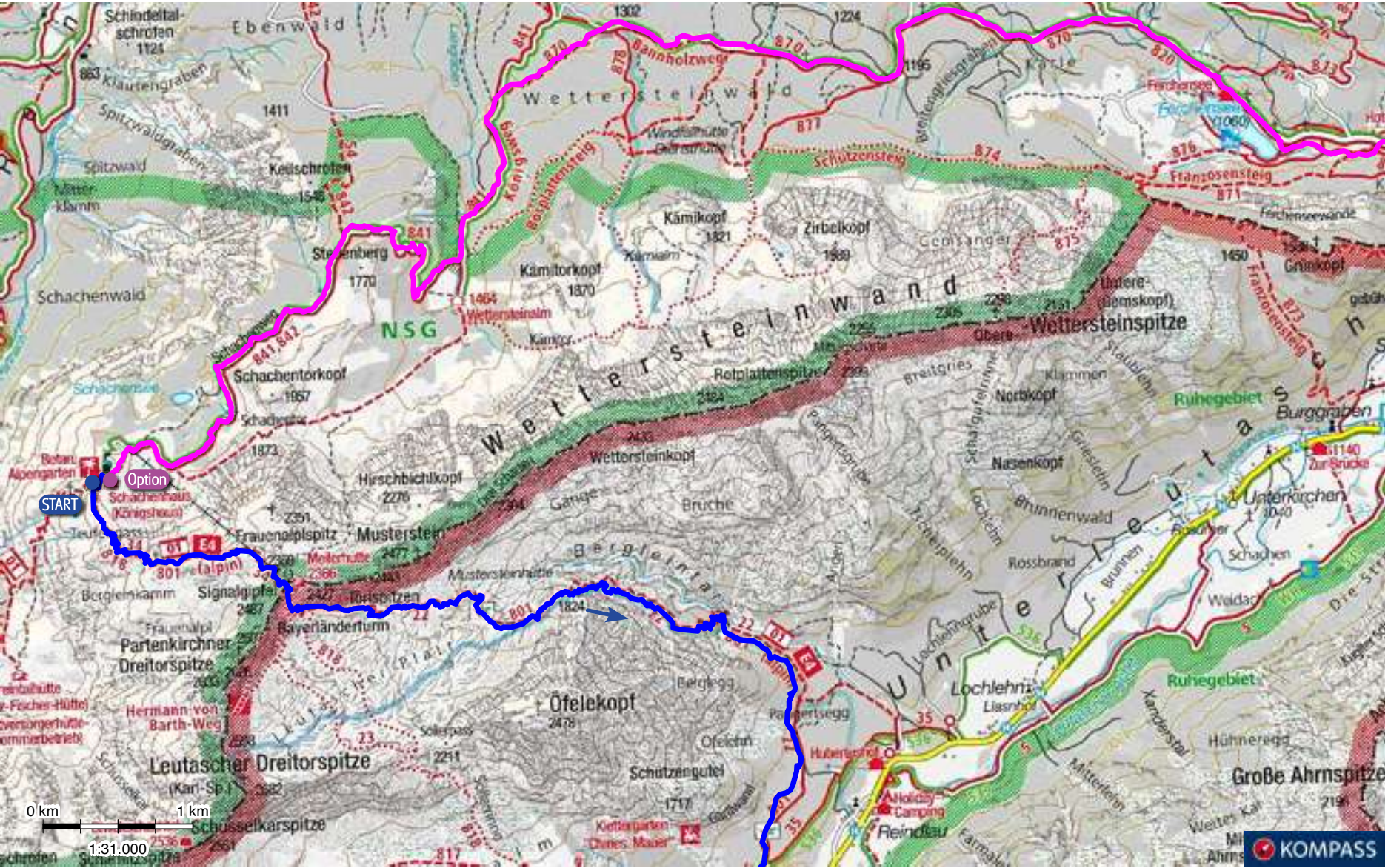
We recommend a bus ride to Scharnitz after you have crossed the Wetterstein mountains in Leutasch Ahrn. That way you avoid another 3 hours walking time over the ridge.

Points of Interest

- Meiler lodge with its impressive location below the Wetterstein peak, situated directly on the boundary ridge between Bavaria and the Tyrol.
- Lake Lautersee and Lake Ferchensee
- Mittenwald: well-known place for violin making and the ‚Lüftlmalerei‘, lovely pedestrian area with painted houses.

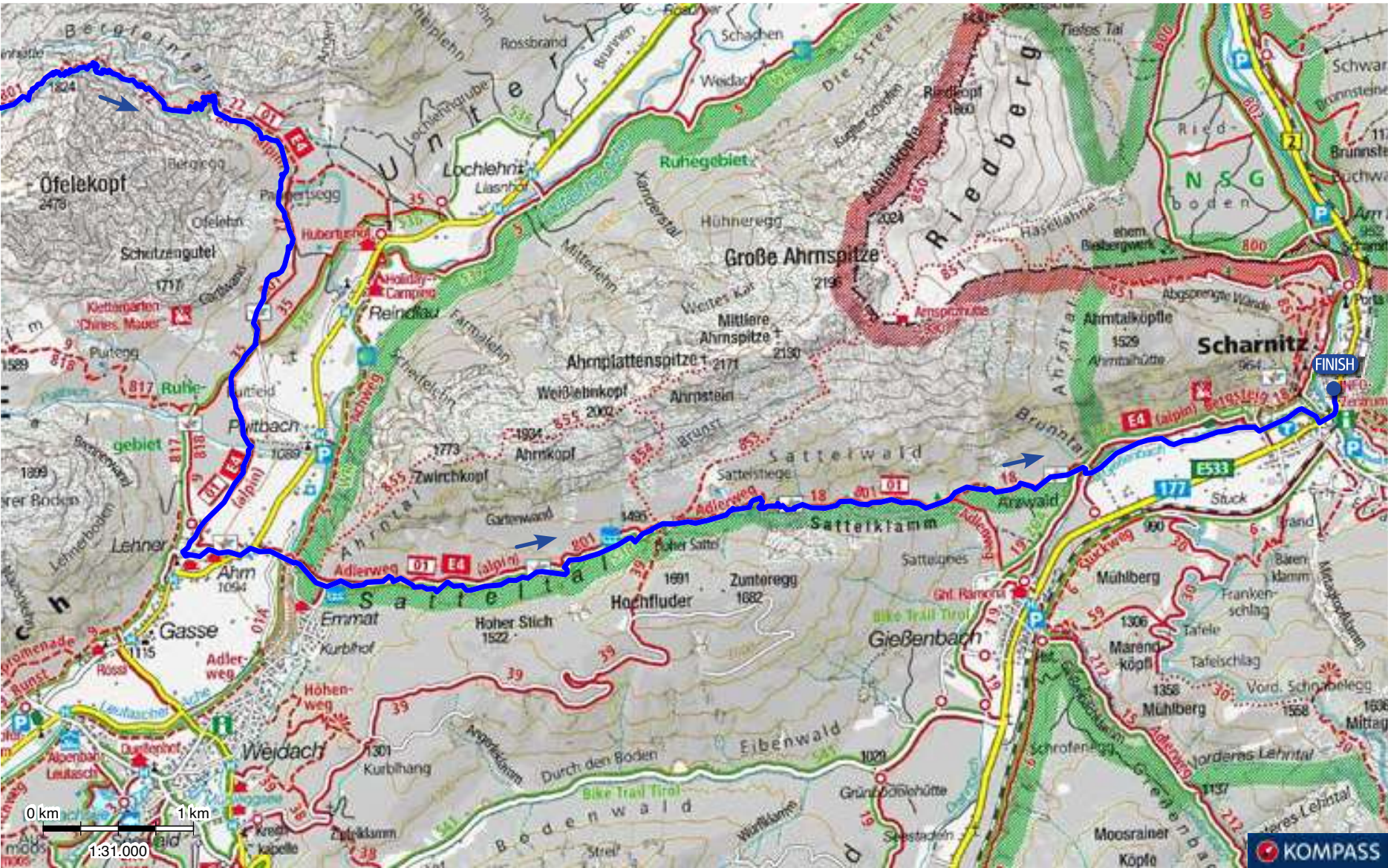


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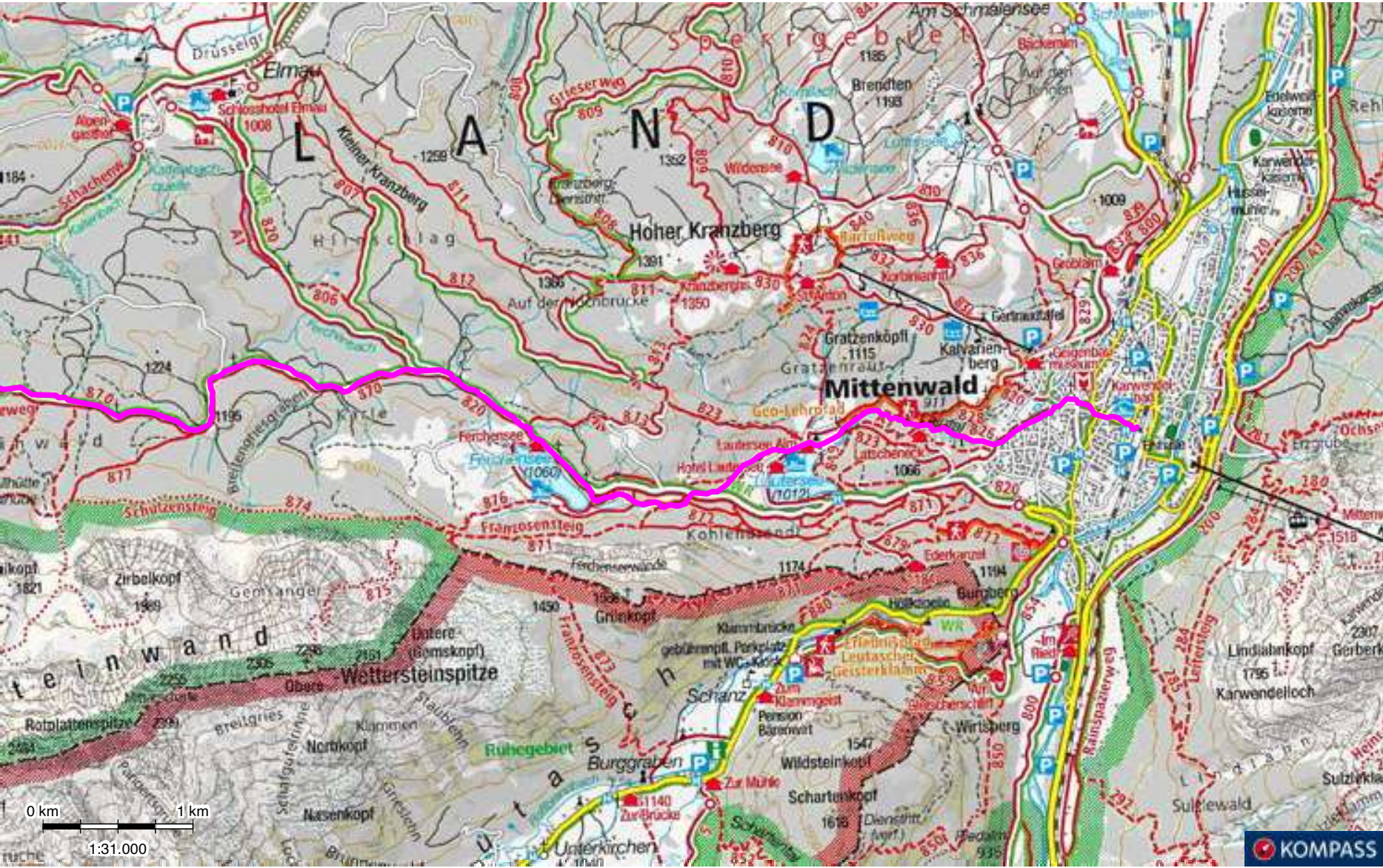


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Picture 1: KM 0,00

Directly at the hut is the start of the path to the Meiler-lodge. Please proceed uphill between the two buildings.



Picture 2: KM 0,05

Continue to the left up at the ridge (to the right is the Schachen-palace).



Picture 3: KM 0,05

Turn left and follow the path uphill to the Meiler-lodge!



Picture 4: KM 0,45

Follow the path up over the mountain crest.



Picture 5: KM 1,30

Now walk up the stairs. Please watch your step, steep section!



Picture 6: KM 1,60

These poles are for orientation purposes on the high-altitude plateau. Watch out for the correct direction and each individual marking!



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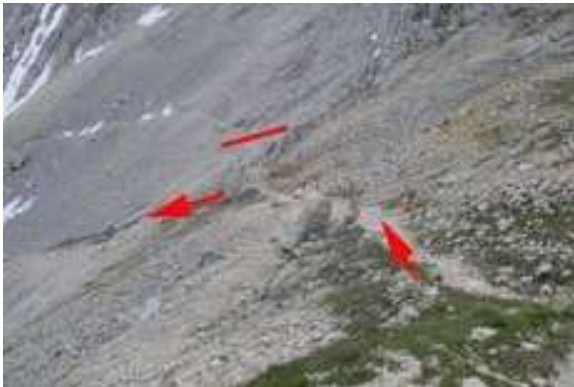
Picture 7: KM 2,10

A zig-zag path leads up to the ridge. Further up you descend to the right for a bit and walk through a rock gate - watch out for markings!



Picture 8: KM 2,50

Turn left to the lodge which is located directly on the crossover from Bavaria into the Tyrol. After a break you continue to the right.



Picture 9: KM 2,50

You pass a small gate and follow the hiking trail straight ahead downhill.



Picture 10: KM 2,55

You soon see the signposts on the left attached to a rock. You descend through the Berglen-valley into the Leutasch.



Picture 11: KM 2,55

Turn left here shortly after the rock (do not cross the gravel field straight ahead!). Watch out for markings.



Picture 12: KM 2,55

Always watch out for these markings. The initial section of the trail is very difficult and steep, soon the terrain becomes easier.



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Picture 13: KM 2,70

Here you can see the course of the route coming up along the left edge of the Berglen-valley.



Picture 14: KM 3,30

Continue straight ahead across the gravel slope, do not turn right!



Picture 15: KM 4,10

On the left you pass a shepherd's hut. After that the trail continues along the right side of the valley.



Picture 16: KM 4,35

Soon you enter the forest, please be careful since the trail is steep and partly slippery.



Picture 17: KM 7,05

After several steep sections and a memorial cross you reach the valley bottom at the stream (bench). After that you continue straight ahead into the forest.



Picture 18: KM 7,90

Continue straight ahead. From here always follow the main path and watch out for markings. You descend slightly through the forest. (Left: shortcut to a bus stop).



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Picture 19: KM 9,10
Turn right at the junction with signposts and continue towards Leutasch - district Lehner. Follow the forest road into the forest.



Picture 20: KM 9,30
Veer left at the first fork, soon you walk through a gate and across meadows.



Picture 21: KM 9,35
Please always follow the signs to Leutasch Lehner, across the stream and across the meadows.



Picture 22: KM 10,50
Once in Leutasch Lehner continue always straight ahead through the district.



Picture 23: KM 10,65
Turn left at the junction with signposts and continue towards Leutasch Ahrn (bus stop Ahrn) and to Scharnitz. Straight ahead for the inn Gasthof Naturwirt (bus stop Naturwirt).



Picture 24: KM 11,10
At the road you find the bus stop Ahrn. Turn right for the inn Gasthof Naturwirt (bus stop). We recommend a bus ride, only hikers with lots of stamina can continue for another 3 hours!



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Picture 25: KM 11,15
Turn right here to continue to Scharnitz.



Picture 26: KM 11,15
Follow the signposts to Scharnitz.



Picture 27: KM 11,40
Straight ahead across the bridge.



Picture 28: KM 11,50
From here you walk straight ahead onto the high-altitude ridge. Always follow the main gravel road.



Picture 29: KM 14,40
On the ridge you can have a rest on the right at the bench. Afterwards continue straight ahead.



Picture 30: KM 14,50
Turn right and continue downhill.



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Picture 31: KM 15,00

Turn right and continue along the walking path. A brief zig-zag section follows leading you down to the river.



Picture 32: KM 15,40

Follow the path downhill into the valley.



Picture 33: KM 16,30

Turn left at the signpost and continue along the forest path to Scharnitz.



Picture 34: KM 16,70

Caution! The path continues to the left here, watch out for the marking!



Picture 35: KM 17,30

Continue along the forest road.



Picture 36: KM 17,35

Please continue straight ahead.



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Picture 37: KM 17,50
Turn right at the signpost and continue towards Scharnitz.



Picture 38: KM 17,55
Turn left after the bridge and continue on the path along the river.



Picture 39: KM 18,75
Turn right at the bridge.



Picture 40: KM 18,80
Immediately after turn left.



Picture 41: KM 19,10
Turn right at this house and continue to the main road. Directly at the entry of the main road you will see the **Pension Frankenhof** on the right side.



Picture 42: KM 19,30
Turn left at the main road and follow it. After the church you see **Hotel Goldener Adler** on the right hand side.



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Gasthof Ramona is located in a district of Scharnitz, in Gießenbach. Guests of Gasthof Ramona follow the signs to Gießenbach (Adlerweg) from picture 33. Your accommodation is located directly on the local road.

Restaurant recommendations in Scharnitz

- **Wirtshaus Alte Mühle:** traditional Italian dishes as well as finger food, burgers and BIO certified specialities (Monday closed)
- **Pizzeria Bella Vista:** delicious Italian specialities such as pizza and pasta (daily open)



DAY 4: Option: From the Schachen via the lakes Ferchensee and Lautersee to Mittenwald.

- Walking Time: 4.5 to 5 hours

Altitude Profile: +50 m and -970 m in altitude





DAY 4: Option: From the Schachen via the lakes Ferchensee and Lautersee to Mittenwald.



Picture 1: KM 0,00

From the Schachenhaus you return on the same way along the forest road towards Garmisch. Initially it is the same route you ascended on yesterday. Ignore all turn-offs.



Picture 2: KM 3,00

Turn-off to the Kälbersteig-trail: at this point the Kälbersteig-trail turns off to Garmisch. You however continue straight ahead and always follow the forest road downhill.



Picture 3: KM 3,40

Sometimes you can take a shortcut on the forest road for a bit. However in wet weather we suggest you always stay on the gravel road.



Picture 4: KM 4,70

For in the path at the Wetterstein alp: turn right for a possible detour to the Wetterstein alp. Otherwise continue to the left and follow the forest road into the valley.



Picture 5: KM 5,90 Caution! Watch out for turn-off! Turn right here onto the Bannholz-path to Mittenwald. » Option: you can continue along the forest road and turn right later to Mittenwald, see signpost.



Picture 6: KM 5,90

Once you are on the Bannholz-path please follow always the markings straight ahead in the forest.



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Picture 7: KM 6,80
Cross the forest road straight ahead and then opposite continue along the ascending gravel road to Mittenwald.



Picture 8: KM 9,35
Continue straight ahead into the valley.



Picture 9: KM 10,70
You join a forest road. Continue straight ahead, soon you will reach the lake.



Picture 10: KM 11,85 Inn at Lake Ferchensee.
Here is another bus stop. Follow the path straight ahead along the lake. **Option:** Turn right along the path around the lake - you rejoin the route at Picture 12.



Picture 11: KM 12,30
At the end of the lake turn right onto the hiking path.



Picture 12: KM 12,40
Keep left to Mittenwald. In the forest simply follow the great signposting to Mittenwald.



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Picture 13: KM 13,10

You reach another forest road and cross it straight ahead. After that turn right onto the path towards Lake Lautersee.



Picture 14: KM 13,30

Turn left here onto the hiking path above Lake Lautersee. Continue along this remarkable high-altitude path with brilliant views onto the lake.



Picture 15: KM 13,95

Turn left and continue along the lake.



Picture 16: KM 14,10

After the beergarden turn right before the chapel onto the hiking path, then follow the signposting to Mittenwald across lovely meadows.



Picture 17: KM 14,35

The most beautiful route to Mittenwald leads through the Laintal-valley. First turn left here.



Picture 18: KM 14,50

Here immediately again to the right and continue through the Lain-valley.



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Picture 19: KM 14,90

Continue straight ahead. Do not cross the bridge!
A little bit further you come across another signpost to Mittenwald.



Picture 20: KM 14,95

Now turn right to Mittenwald and continue through the Laintal-gorge.



Picture 21: KM 15,50

Turn left in the village and follow the signposting into the centre and to the train station. Marvel at the remarkable ‚Lüftmalerei‘-painting on the houses and enjoy the lovely pedestrian zone.



Picture 22: KM 16,60

Day Finish: Mittenwald, train station.
From here you take the train to Scharnitz.

Restaurant recommendations in Mittenwald

- **The market restaurant:** in the modern vaulted cellar, an exceptional restaurant where fine Bavarian dishes are served (Sunday/Monday closed)
- **Espetada:** very good restaurant, burger, meat, baked potatoes and much more (daily open)
- **Ristorante Da Mamma Lucia:** Italian specialties (daily open)