

Frühmesser 2233m.

Neukirchen / Wildkogelbahn – Bergstation 2099m. – Ghf Wolkenstein 2022m. – Frühmesser 2233m. – Herrnsteig Scharte 2028m. – Rinderbirg Alpe – Ghf Wolkenstein – Bergstation Wildkogelbahn.

Starting point: In Neukirchen we take the Wildkogelbahn up. At the bottom of the cable railway there is a large parking lot (beside the Spar Markt). [Neukirchen 856m. – Oberpinzngau – Pingzau].

Total time: 2½ hours.

Specialities: Well marked trip over well worn out mountain paths that are often full with loose stones – especially near the top and consequently the ('trittsicherheit' necessary). During the trip you also need to go over a few 'stairs' that help you across fences, but sometimes these are fences you just have to climb over. These can be difficult points for some people! (might need help from others).

Difficulty level: ***

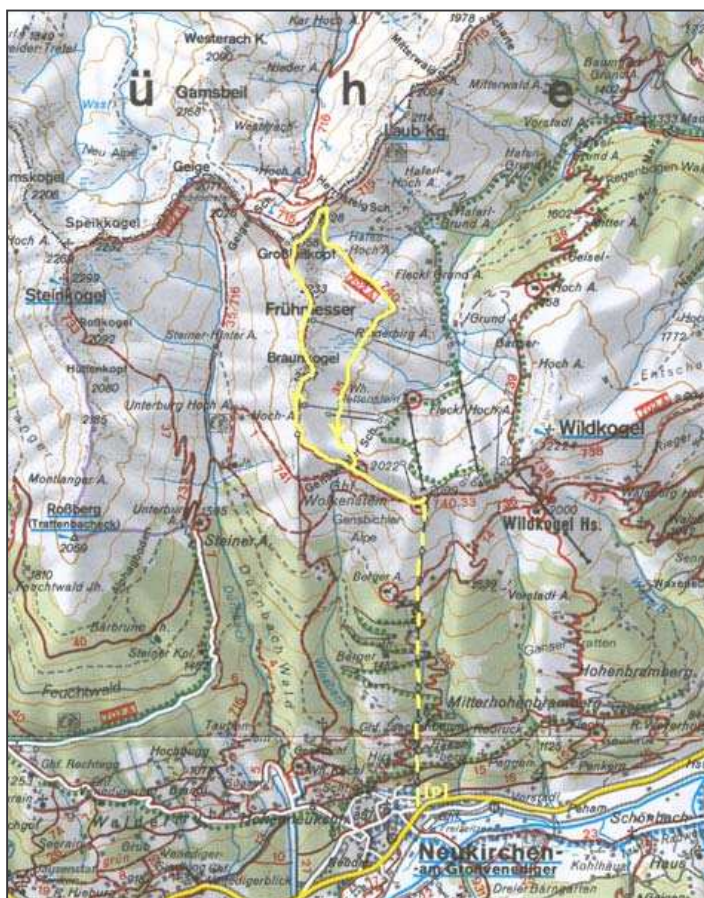
Why worth it?: Beautiful lookout mountain that isn't to much touristy. With view of the Hohe Tauern and Kitzbühler Alpen (with Grosser Rettenstein).

ROUTE DESCRIPTION:

At the *bergstation* of the *Wildkogelbahn* we find signs towards *Ghf Wolkenstein* and also towards *Frühmesser*. We go left and follow the supply road. First we descend about 75 height metres to Ghf Wolkenstein. Here we follow the reasonably steep rising supply road to the mountain station of a ski elevator (red-white-red markings). Past the ski elevator past the *Braunkogel* on the right side. Than the supply road becomes a small path that first goes towards the mountain station of the *Frühmesser ski elevator*. From here the last climb to the top of the Frühmesser follows via a well worn out stoney path with several steeper passages.

Over the top we go further in northern direction. After, first, a short steep descent over loose (gravel-) stones we come to a fork in the road. Here we go right to the *Herrnsteig Scharte* (also see sign). On the *Herrnsteig Scharte* (2028m) we go right (southern direction) and climb over the fence. We now walk across this beautiful path (road number 740 / 702A) past the flank of the Frühmesser back in the direction of the Wildkogelbahn. We cross over several small water streams. The path descends a bit in the beginning after which we rise again. Afterwards the road stays reasonably level across a large alm. We walk past the *Rinderbirg Alpe* and in doing so reach Ghf. Wolkenstein. Now we walk back to the Wildkogelbahn in 10 to 15 minutes.

Walked route in 2004



Legend difficulty levels:

* = Moderately easy tour (also perfect for a late afternoon walk). 2 hours max.

** = With some physical condition, no difficulties. From 1 to 3 hours max.

*** = Average tour, a moderately, good physical condition is needed! 2 till 4 hours max.

**** = Difficult tour. Sometimes you have to use your hands to climb (not all the way, just some parts). Between 3 and 6 hours.

***** = Very difficult tour. Here you're at the boundary of 'real' mountaineering. The 'climbing factor' takes the overhand. Mostly between 5 and 7 hours.

ps: some tours can be different than these ratings (like: a ** tour, with a duration of only 2 hours).***
