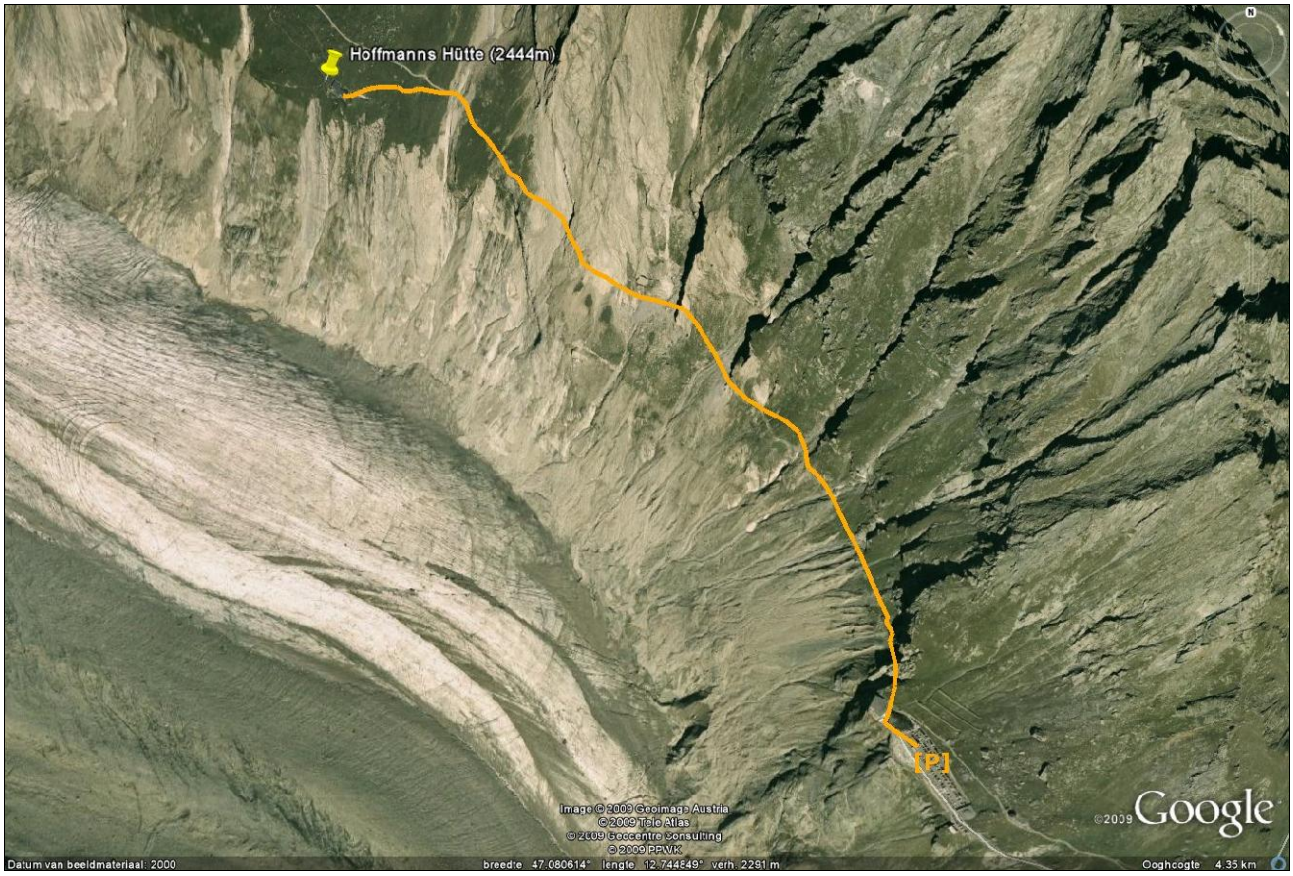
1 Hoffmanns Hütte (2444m)

Frans-Josefs Höhe (2451m) – Gamsgrubenweg – Hoffmanns Hütte (2444m)

Starting point: Parking lot at the Frans-Josefs Höhe (2451m) near the Grossglockner Hochalpenstrasse [Fusch am Glocknerstrasse 813m. – Salzburgerland]
Time: ¾ hour.
Difficulties: Wide paths through, in total, 6 tunnels. Hardly any difference in height.

Why worth it?: Beautiful view of the Glockner and Pasterze. At the end of the day (and if it's not too busy) good chance of spotting Murmeltieren.



ROUTE DESCRIPTION:
From the main parking lot we walk towards the souvenir shop. At the far right we enter a building and see a wide staircase there. To the right of it there's a hallway: we follow it and enter a tunnel this way. We now follow the wide path: the "Gamsgrubenweg". In total 5 more tunnels will follow, in between we have a beautiful view of the Grossglockner, the Pasterze and the surrounding mountains. After the 6th tunnel we go left down towards the "Hoffmanns Hütte" (2444m) which we could see lying there on our way. Return route = Approach route.

Route walked in 2004

Difficulties Legend:

- 1 Moderately easy tour (also perfect for a late afternoon walk). 2 hours max.
- 2 With some physical condition, no difficulties. 1 to 3 hours max.

- 3 Average tour, a moderate, good physical condition is needed! 2 to 4 hours max.
- 4 Difficult tour. Sometimes you have to use your hands to climb (not all the way, just smaller parts). Between 3 to 6 hours.
- 5 Very difficult tour. Here you're at the boundary of "real" mountaineering. The "climbing factor" takes the overhand. Mostly between 5 and 7 hours.

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