

Hohe Kugel 1645m.

Ebnit 1088m. - Heumöser Alpe - Schneewald Alpe 1300m. - Treietpass 1498m. / Staffel Alpe - Hohe Kugel 1645m. - Emser Hütte 1272m. - Fluhreck Alpe - Ebnit

Starting point: Ebnit 1088m. From Dornbirn follow the sign towards Rappenlochschlucht and Ebnit [Dornbirn]. Parking space nearby the church of Ebnit.

Total time: about 4½ hours.

Difficulties: Well marked route. The climb to the summit is not very difficult, but at the descend there's a short rocky part with a steel rope for protection. First through forests, then on alps to the summit.

Rating: ***

Why worthy?: Nice view of the Rheintal and Bodensee.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION:

After an adventurous ride towards *Ebnit* (because of the small road and steep parts), we can park our car near the church or somewhere else in the village. From here we walk through the village towards *Heumöser* (concrete road). Before the last corner we go to the right into an alp, underneath a ski lift. Then the path leads us through a forest upwards (signs: *Schneewaldweg*, *Alpe Schneewald*, *Staffelalpe*, *Kugelalpe*, *Hohe Kugel*). After a while we reach the Schneewald Alpe (at about 1300m.). Please be careful: after periods of rain these alps can be very soggy!

We continue our route towards *Hohe Kugel*. From the Schneewald Alpe we have a clear view of the summit (see photograph). After another part through the woods, we come to a provisions road: *Treietpass* 1498m. From here signs leads us in a *northern* direction to the summit of Hohe Kugel.



After a nice break at the summit we continue in a northern direction on the *Kugelgrat*. Here we have to pass a short rocky part with a steel wire rope to use as a safety. Next passing the *Kugel Alpe* we follow signs towards *Emser Hütte* and *Ebnit*. After the Emser Hütte (1272m.) we go *eastern* towards *Fluhereck* (See signs) and Ebnit. After a quiet descend on a broad mountain path we will arrive in Ebnit near the church.

My parents and I made this tour during the summer of 1994

Difficulties:

* = 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).***
