

Hoher Freschen 2004m. (via Binnelgrat)

Unterfluh Alpe 1184m. - Binnel Alpe 1724m. - Hoher Freschen 2004m. - Same way back

Starting point: Unterfluh Alpe 1184m. Small parking space. More info see route description. [Dornbirn - Ebnit].

Total time: 4 - 4½ hours.

Difficulties: Reasonably well marked. First paths through large alps (after bad rain periods mostly soggy, in sun often sizzling hot). Partly steep, but well maintained paths. The Binnelgrat climb is partly very small, steep at the way, but well worn out and not very difficult. Climb only for mountaineers with sufficient experience. Partly secured with steel wire ropes.

Rating: **** / I

Why worthy?: Adventurous climb and a nice rewarding view from the summit towards Bodensee and the surrounding summits.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION:

Read the following section carefully so you can find the correct starting point!:

We drive from *Dornbirn* towards *Ebnit* and the *Rappenlochschlucht* (see road signs). We first pass *Rappenlochschlucht*. Then, after about 1km, we must look out for a junction to the left with signs pointing towards *Unterfluh Alpe*. We will follow this provisions road and at *Dannersbruck* we go to the right, then at the sign *Vorderschanern* we go left towards *Unterfluh Alpe*. Here we can park our car.

From the parking space we walk towards a small goods cable railway. Here we see signs pointing towards *Hoher Freschen*. In front of us we see a giant 400m. high rock-face. At the right of this rock-face a small path twists upwards. After this pretty brisk climb we arrive at large alps (*Altenhof Alpe*, *Körb Alpe*, *Schönenwald Alpe*). We go right-handed and follow the path towards *Binnel Alpe*. During the summer it can be sizzling hot at those alps so make sure you have enough water to drink and tanning oil! We pass the *Binnel Alpe* and begin at the best part of this tour: *the climb to the summit!*



First upwards along an alp until we reach a fence with a turnstile. Now just a few minutes through some Latschen and then we face the *Binnelgrat*. The climb to the summit is well marked, well worn out and where needed protected with steel wire ropes. The climb is very adventurous, but be sure you climb carefully and concentrated.

Probably we will find a lot of tourists at the summit that came up the easy way from the south (Latensertal - Freschen Haus - Hoher Freschen). We made this tour also, a long time ago ... We go back the same way as we came, so please descend carefully and concentrated.

My father and I made this tour during the summer of 2000

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).***
