

Sillianer Hütte (2447m) – Hornischegg (2550m)

Sillian - Leckfeldalm (1890m) – Sattel (2122m) – Heimkehrerkreuz / Schützenmahd (2373m) – Sillianer Hütte (2447m) – Obermahd Sattel (2470m) – Hornischegg (2550m) – Sillianer Hütte – Leckfeld – Leckfeldalm.

Starting point: In Silliant driving towards the Italian border just at the edge of the village a yellow coloured chapel is located on the right hand side of the road; go left here immediately! (can be easily missed). Across the bridge, straight on upwards in to the forest (signs at bridge towards Leckfeldalm). A well built, unhardened and partially narrow supply road follows. In 7km it brings us to the Leckfeldalm. [Sillian – Pustertal - Ost-Tirol].

Total time: 3½ - 4 hour route with exception of climbing Hornischegg, 4½ - 5 hours including this climb.

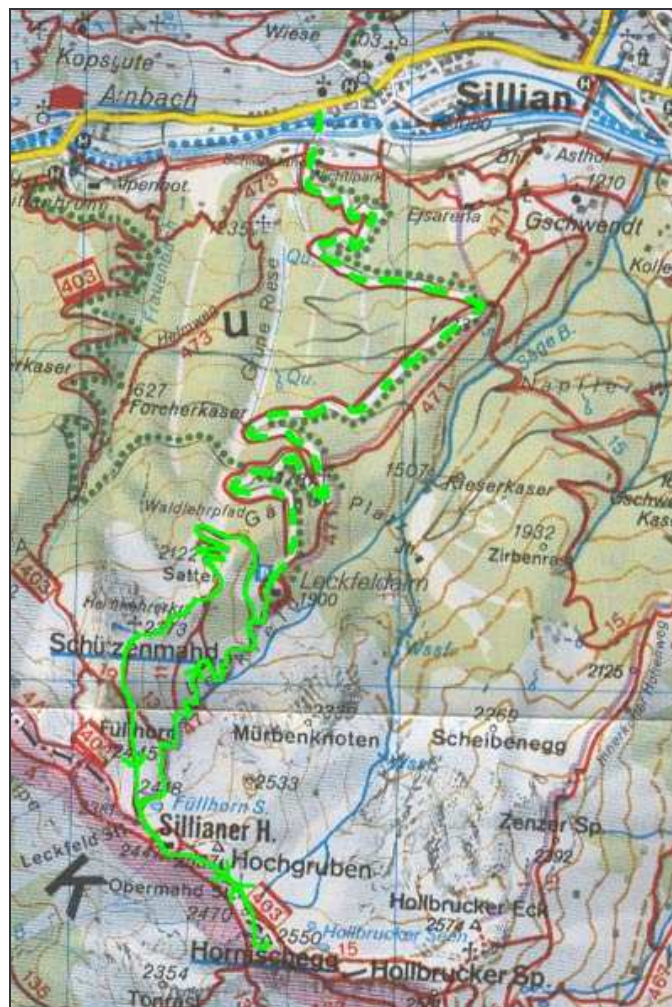
Difficulties: Good paths, well marked. Climb from Sattel up till the Heimkehrerkreuz is steep and for the ridge 'trittsicherheit' and 'schwindelfreiheit' is necessary (therefore 'nur für geübte').

Rating: *** / ****

Why worth it?: Spectacular view of both the Dolomites (Elferkogel e.g.) as well as the Pustertaler mountains.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION:

From the Leckfeldalm we go mountain upwards on the supply road by foot. After several minutes, at a fork, we keep right (signs 'Sattel', 'Heimkehrerkreuz'). After a while (about half an hour) we reach a 'sattel' with a starting platform for para gliders. Here we again find a sign towards Heimkehrerkreuz.



From here on we first descend several meters and then go up steeply through 'latschen' (trittsicherheit!). Next we reach a small ridge covered in trees that needs to be taken carefully at certain points (narrow, both sides steep). After a fun bit of climbing across this ridge, steep upwards again, across a rock path full of loose stones. After a climb with beautiful views we reach the Heimkehrerkreuz.

From here on it's easy going, almost straight, across a path alongside the mountain side of the Füllhorn. We end up in the 'tourist road' from Helm to the Sillianer Hütte. We keep left here and go to the Sillianer Hütte via a heavy climb.

From here we can go on in south-eastern direction towards Obermahd Sattel. Here we walk past the "home mountain" of the Sillianer Hütte: Hochgruben. Just past Obermahd Sattel we find a sign towards Hornischegg. A well worn out path brings us to the top (make-shift cross of wood at the top) in a short time (15 – 20 minutes). The way back to the Sillianer Hütte is the same.

From the Sillianer Hütte we walk across the Hüttenweg (supply road) back to the Leckfeldalm. This supply road can be shortened in between by making use of the 'old' climb (mountain path).

Tour done in 2005



Sattel



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Sillianer Hütte



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Climb towards Hornischegg



Helm Hütte & Hohe Tauern

Legend difficulty degrees:

- * = Moderately easy tour (also perfect for a late afternoon walk). 2 Hours max.
- ** = With some physical condition, easy to do route. From 1 to 3 hours max.
- *** = Average tour, a moderately, good physical condition is needed. From 2 to 4 hours max.
- **** = Difficult tour. Sometimes you have to use your hands to climb! 3 - 6 hours.
- ***** = Very difficult tour. Here the 'climb' factor wins it of the 'walking' factor. Average 5 - 7 hours.

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