Ski tour Gölbner 2.943m

Scaling the Gölbner on skis is certainly one of the most challenging in the Villgraten mountains. The steep north west flank which descends to the base of the Gölbner is often deceptively wind-buffeted and is the epitome of an avalanche slope. Even though it is „only“ the lower third of the flank which is affected and the remainder of the climb proceeds via the wide, bit no less steep northern ridge, you are still out and about in a risk area which is not to be underestimated. Wait until the conditions are right to enjoy a successful ascent of the Gölbner, mostly only evident in the spring.

The most important at a glance

altitude meters uphill	highest point	walking time uphill	distance
1370 m	2940 m	6 h	6.3 km

difficulty
difficult

starting point: Außervillgraten / Winkeltal
destination point: Gölbner
best season: JAN, FEB, MAR, APR

arrival

Parking spot

Car park Reiterstube 1.500m

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Description

Our starting point is in Villgraten’s Winkeltal. Access is to the right of Außervillgraten into the 11 km lateral valley (road sign). At Reiterstubn, at the end of an asphalt road, we make the most of the cleared trail and proceed for around 1.8 km into the valley up to a not much used parking area. This is the first main parking area in Winkeltal and it is right here that our tour begins. Following the yellow signposts to the Straßalm, we keep to the forest trail, which in an ideal situation may be shortened via the sparsely signposted summer trail. The destination for this stage is the traditional Straßalm lodge (1987 m), to where the recently set-up path also leads. The track now swings down beneath the lodge, past the forest ridge which heads up above the lodge (south-east), where we aim for the summer path between the gnarled larch trees. At around 2060 m this proceeds in a crossing which climbs through the light tree stock at the base of the Gölbner. We ascend here in substantial hairpin bends, before we reach the steep flanks of the mighty Gölbner. Up these briefly, before we leave the steep slope at around 2600 m in a crossing which climbs to the east to a wind gap on the north ridge of the Gölbner (risk of avalanche). Via the ridge which follows and which is often windswept, we proceed, depending on the snow conditions, partly carrying our skis up to the highest point. Descend along the ascent track.

Additional ski tour tips can be obtained in the ski tour guides by Thomas Mariacher. These are available here:
http://www.grafikzloebl.at/verlag/buecher/