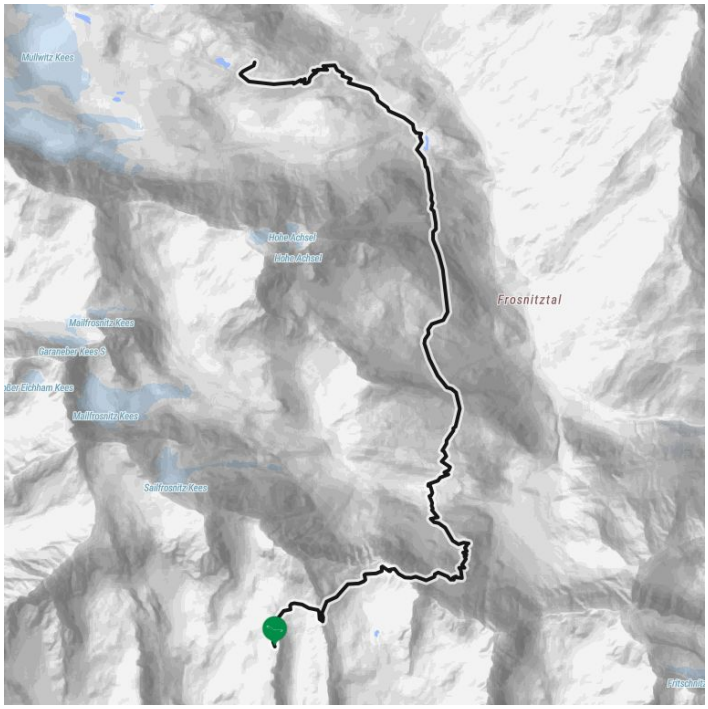
Eagle Walk Stage O4: Bonn-Matreier Hütte - Badener Hütte

The rewards along this walk are great—stunning natural scenery, outstanding views, and clean air—but be prepared to work for every view you get. From Bonn-Matreier-Hütte Hut climb across talus and rock-laden terrain, slowing your pace as you clamber up to Säulkopf Peak. If you don't want to summit it, head north to gain narrow Kälberscharte Crest and steep Galtenscharte Notch. The trail is a bit rough and can be hard to follow in places; but you'll get your first occasional glimpses of majestic Großglockner. Clamber up and around large granite boulders at Galtenboden; and if you are up for the extra effort, summit Hohe Achsel Peak on a demanding trail that is assisted by a fixed anchoring system of cables. As you near Badener Hütte Hut, you'll be greeted by a murmuring brook. The striking rock face above the hut resembles the notorious Eiger North Face and pays scenic dividends to tenacious trekkers.



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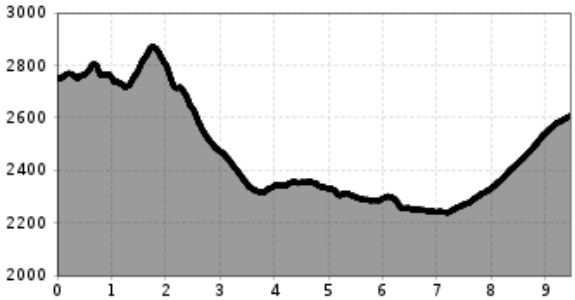

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The most important at a glance

distance	altitude meters uphill	altitude meters downhill	total walking time
10 km	800 m	950 m	5 h

highest point	difficulty
2872 m	difficult

fitness:

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technique:

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starting point: Bonn-Matreier-Hütte
destination point: Badener Hütte
best season: JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP

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Description

trail description: From Bonn-Matreier Hut, walk up for about 10 minutes and take the right fork at the signpost. Traverse a rocky trough on your way to the slanting, jagged crags of Kälberscharte Crest (elev. 2,791m). The trail up both sides of the crest, the crossing into Kleines Niltal Valley and the steep climb atop Galtenscharte Notch are assisted by stone steps and a fixed anchoring system of cables, making it relatively easy to negotiate. From the notch, the trail drops down 600 metres, steeply and demanding, to reach Mailfroßnitzbach Creek. The upper section of the steep tread is assisted by a fixed anchoring system of cables; snow may remain until summer in the steep middle section. If the tread is snow-free, the trail is well-defined. When you reach the creek, the steep grade lessens. The trail continues some 40 metres beneath the bridge across Mailfroßnitzbach Creek and heads north high above Froßnitztal Valley along the grassy slopes of Hohe Achsel Peak. The terrain varies greatly, passing rivulets and streams; some sections are assisted by a fixed anchoring system of cables. You'll get to explore a quiet little tarn set in a moraine-scoured cirque at the head of Achsel. This is where the Venediger High Trail intercepts the Valley Trail. The route proceeds towards “Badener Hütte”, traversing lateral moraines and eventually crossing Froßnitzbach Creek on a footbridge. Amble along ridges and through hollows, and thrill at the views, both at your feet and off to the horizon. Watch for white-tailed ptarmigans, a member of the grouse family that makes this beautiful but harsh Alpine environment its home. Eventually, you’ll get to the lateral moraine of Froßnitzkees Glacier; bear right and continue walking to reach the destination of this walk, Badener Hut at Großvenediger Mountain, situated at an elevation of 2,608 metres.