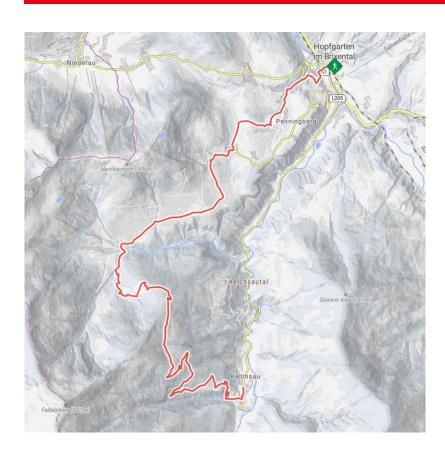


# 1st stage KAT Walk Alpine Attention forestry work, hiking trail still open <br/>dr> Stage 1: Hopfgarten - Kelchsau

total walking time	6 h	distance	20,0 km	difficulty	average
altitude meters uphill	800 m	altitude meters downhil	l 650 m	highest point	1338 m
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skill:	* * * * *				
public transport:	Bus stop: "Hopfgarten Berglift railway station" Train station: "Hopfgarten Berglift Bahnhof "  Guest card = ticket - bus & train included! Online timetables: www.vvt.at www.oebb.at				
parking:	Free parking between the Salvena event centre and Pletzi's Activity Park. Fee based garage at the Hopfgarten cable car – right at the starting point				
starting point:	Tourist information office - Hopfgarten				
destination point:	Kelchsau				
road quality:	Asphalt road, forest roads, mountain paths (medium difficulty – marked in red)				
best season:	JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT				

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### Altitude profile



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## **Description**

The variety-packed route ascends slightly initially through forests and pastures, passing splendid farmsteads in the Penningberg.

After a short, flat route to Innerpenningberg, the second ascent begins to the traditional Haag Alm (not open for business – trough with cooled drinks available for you to serve yourself). With no real ascent worthy of mention you come to the Höhenbrandalm, where the descent via a forest trail to the stage destination of Kelchsau begins. In Kelchsau there are also a few really lovely wood-construction buildings and farms.

From <u>Hopfgarten tourist information centre</u> in the centre of village and at *Intersport Oberhauser*, bear left heading down to the railway underpass. Go under the railway and continue straight across the bridge. There is now a short section to the right, along the road and at the yellow signpost *Penningdörfl*, 1 h proceed to the left for over a field.

The path takes you into the **forest**. At the **Blaickenhof** (670m) continue to the **right** on a **forest path**, until you cross the **bridge** over a stream in **Schönbachtal** (short downward section). Now bear **left** for around 100 metres along the **road**, always following the **signposts** for **Penningdörfl** on a **cart path** through **Schönbachtal**.

As soon as you come to the first **meadows**, the path proceeds through them, heading right up to the old **heritage farms** in the **hamlet** of **Hinterlitz!** (765m). Continue on a **forest path**, climbing slightly for around 500 metres, which then more or less evens out at **Penningdörf!** (1 hour from Hopfgarten). In **Penningdörf!** there is also the authentic shop , Milchbuben', where **homemade cheese** and other **natural farm produce** are **available for purchase**.

Pass the old wooden buildings and follow the **signposts** for *Markbachjoch, Feldalphorn*, walking **uphill** for a short section on a forest path, before a steep **path** (*Markbachjoch, Feldalphorn*) to the **hamlet** of *Schipfling* (985 m) branches off just in front of a detached house.

As soon as you reach the **access road** (*Mittermoosenweg*), keep **left** on a road which goes **downhill** for around 800 metres to *Innerpenningbergstraße*.

Now take a right, heading into the valley on a little used road for around two kilometres, with the final section going slightly downhill to *Innerpenningberg* (921 m, approx. 1 ½ hours from *Penningdörfl*).

Cross a **bridge** here and follow the **signposts** to **Haag Alm**. A **forest path** proceeds in several twists and turns, continually climbing through **forest** and **Alpine terrain** up to the traditional **Haag Alm**, where there is a **rustic trough with drinks** (1,320 m, approx. 1 ½ hours from *Innerpenningberg*).

After this, there is still a short section uphill to get to the highest point of the tour (1,338 m).

The **route** now proceeds slightly **downhill** again to **Höhenbrandalm** (1,299 m). Hike via several **twists** and **turns** on the forest path through the little **ski area** – the final section is on asphalt – **down** to **Kelchsau** (around 1 ½ hours from *Haag Alm*).

#### equipment

Outdoor clothing Sturdy footwear Sufficient food and drink First aid equipment Mobile phone with full battery & charger Hiking map & guide literature Possibly GPS device or load the GPS data onto the mobile phone Sun protection (sunglasses, sun cream & cap) Rain protection Cash

#### downloads

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INTERACTIVE MAP







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