

KAT Walk Compact stage 2: Primeval drama - From gentle grass mountains to special geological features

Multi-day long-distance hiking trail through the Kitzbühel Alps. Stage 2 of 5: Brixen im Thale - Kirchberg in Tirol

total walking time	7 h	distance	13,5 km	difficulty	average
altitude meters uphill	1000 m	altitude meters downhill	950 m	highest point	1770 m

stamina: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

skill: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

public transport: Station Brixen im Thale Bahnhof – directly on the route
Timetables: www.vvt.at

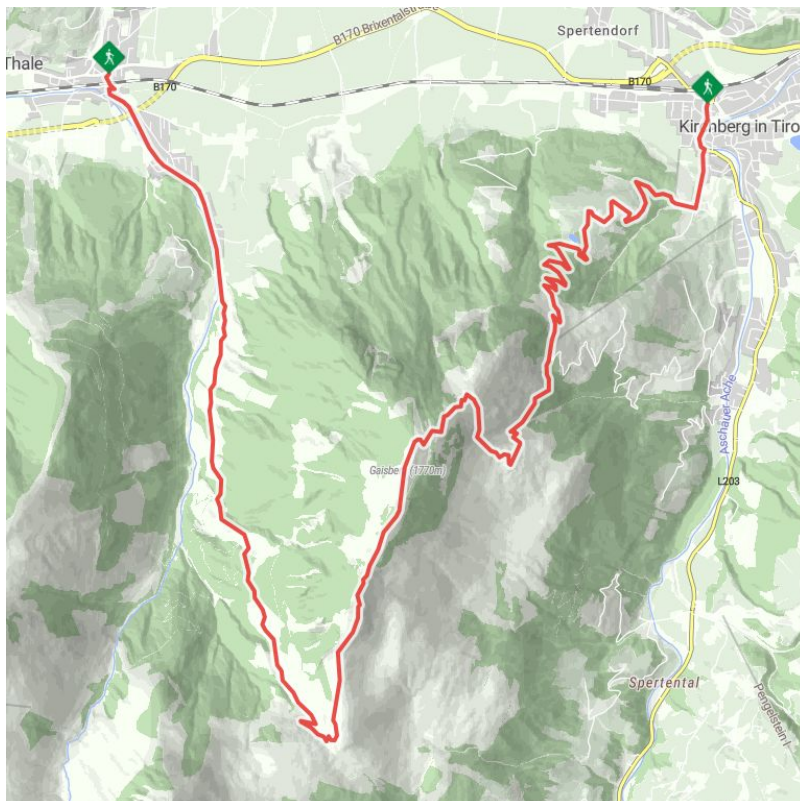
Kitzbüheler Alpen guest card = free ticket for local public transport! More information can be found here.

starting point: Brixen im Thale - centre

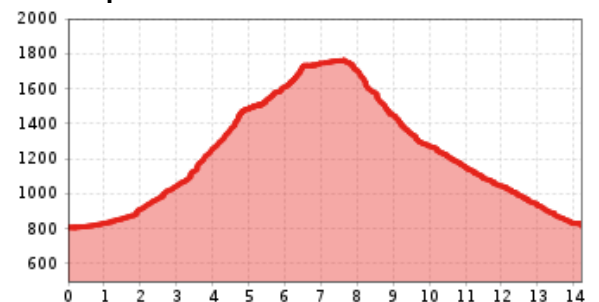
destination point: Kirchberg in Tirol - centre

road quality: Asphalt road, forest roads, mountain paths (medium difficulty – marked in red)

best season: MAY, JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT



Altitude profile



Description

On the ascent to Brixenbachalm along an artistically arranged crossroads - the first highlight of the day. Via open forest and Alpine pasture terrain you come to the Wiegalm, nestling picturesquely in a saddle. From here it is just a short ascent to the protracted mountain ridge of the Gaisberg. The geological make-up of the uppermost area of the Gaisberg also changes the landscape and the vegetation. It is dominated by limestone with karst formations and areas of mountain pine. The summit also provides wonderful 360° panoramic views. The descent through a lovely area of mixed woodland can be truncated at the end by taking the chairlift.

From the centre of the village **Brixen im Thale** take the village road **Dorfstraße** in an easterly direction to the **Reitwirt**. Here a path heads to the **right** to the **train station** and beneath the rail tracks. On the **other side**, take a short section to the **right** and then **left** straight after on to the road next to **Brixenbach** (keep following the signs for **Brixenbachalm** and **Wiegalm**).

Hike now for around **one and half kilometres**, on a moderate **ascent**, until the road to **right** proceeds across **Brixenbach**. At this point however **do not cross the bridge**, but continue **straight on** to the **hiking path (Kreuzweg, Brixenbachalm)**. The very well-constructed **path** now proceeds slightly up through **Alpine terrain towards the valley**, passing the stations of the **Kreuzweg** route. Somewhat above the **Alpine** pasture you come to a **forest trail**, hiking on this for a short section **down** to **Brixenbachalm** (1,075 m; 1 hr 15 mins from Brixen). Just a few metres before this a steep path branches off to the **left** to **Wiegalm**.

The route now becomes somewhat steeper heading up through **steep Alpine terrain**. Later the path heads into a lightly **wooded area**. A few hundred metres before the **Wiegalm** you again come to a **forest trail**, on which you now hike to the inn (1,513 m; 1 hr 15 mins from **Brixenbachalm**). Right **behind** the **inn** the path branches off to the **left**, heading to the **Gaisberg**.

Alternative route without summit: At this point there is an alternative route, without having to climb the Gaisberg, continue **straight** on continuing via **Harlassangeralm / Kobinger Hütte** and **Bärstättalm** back to the main route. Keep to the **signs** for **Harlassanger**, **Kobinger Hütte** and **Bärstättalm**. The route proceeds in slightly undulating terrain over to the **Harlassangeralm** which soon becomes visible and **Kobinger Hütte** directly adjacent. After that, a wide path proceeds through Alpine terrain, descending slightly to **Bärstättalm**. Get your bearings at the **Gaisberg lift**.

Route including the summit: from the **Wiegalm**, hike another short section **uphill** through the **Alpine landscape** and you will soon reach terrain where **mountain pines** are growing. The route now proceeds along the **ridge** from the **Gaisberg** up to the **highest point** at **1,770 m altitude** (45 mins from the **Wiegalm**). In the uppermost area the path now undulates slightly. **Behind** a less prominent **summit** the path, partially washed away by rainfall, proceeds steeply **downwards**, before you come to a **turn-off** to **Bärstättalm**; continue from here to the **Gaisberg lift**.

The steep path soon proceeds into a lovely **mixed forested area**. In several steep serpentine, it proceeds past avalanche barriers to a forest path just above the **Gaisberglift**. Proceed for a short section on this over to the **mountain station** and **Gasthaus Gaisberg Alm** (1,289 m; 1 hr 15 mins from the **Gaisberg**). Now take the **chairlift** down to **Kirchberg in Tirol** (please note the cable car opening and operating hours!).

Anyone who has the inclination and enough energy left, can take the **gravel path down** via several bends to the **Obergaisberg**, continuing on the **access road** to **Kirchberg in Tirol** (1 hour from the **Gaisberg lift** mountain station).

equipment

Breathable outdoor clothing, sufficient food and drinks, first aid equipment, mobile phone with full battery & charger, hiking map & guide books, possibly GPS device or load the GPS data onto the mobile phone, sun protection (sunglasses, sunscreen & hat), rain cover, cash

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