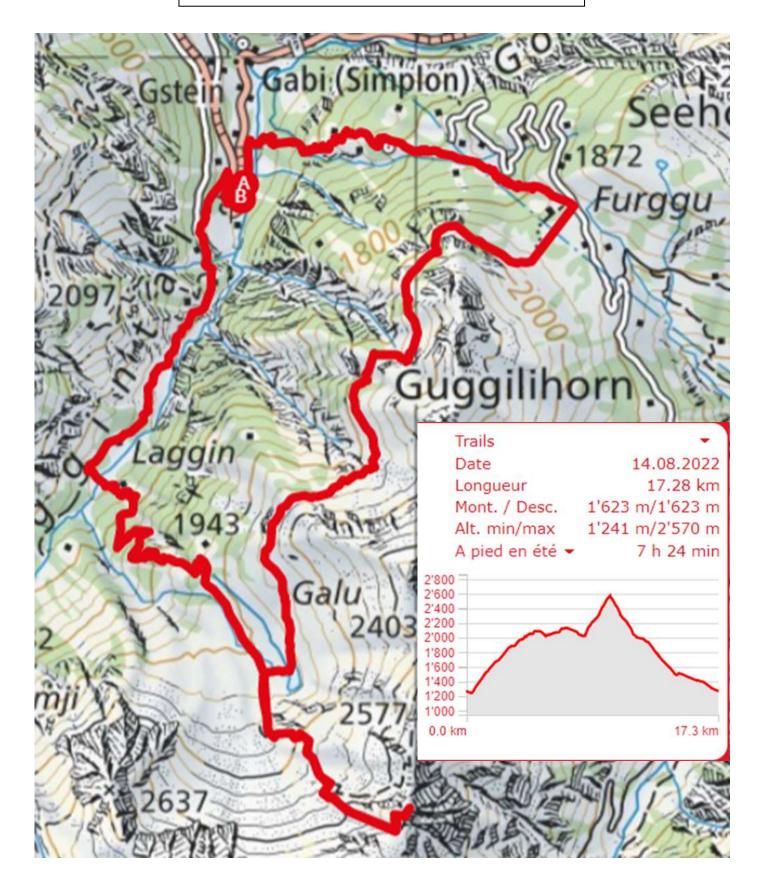


One trail, one summit !

The Galihorn



Location: Left bank of the Rhône, in the Upper Valais, on the Simplon road, above Gabi.

Description: Medium mountain trail but requiring essential equipment such as a first aid kit, means of communication and orientation: the change of scenery is total.

Total length: 39 km-effort

Altitude: between 2512 and 1240 m

National excursion map 1:25'000: Simplon 1309

Best period: July to September

Rating: XS

Useful information: altimeter required to validate your position on certain sections that do not exist.

Route

You can start from *Gabi* but I suggest you do it under the bridge at the *Stitzjini* point (2'648'951/1'114'230/1270 m). Descend in the direction of *Gabi* along the *Laggina* stream to the *Gsteihuis* bridge and take the steep paved path that leads without any difficulty to *Furggu*. This is a section of the *Gondo-Marathon*. From *Furggu*, reach the cross overlooking the pass to the west and look out for the high-voltage pylon in a south-westerly direction from this position. Follow this direction for 500 m and join the path marked white-red-white. This section is grazed and the path non-existent, trampled by cattle through rhododendrons and blueberry bushes. The narrow and steep path does not allow for a fast run : be careful at certain passages if the ground is wet. Continue safely below the *Tschuggmatthorn* and reach the alpine ruins along the path below the *Guggilisgrat*. Then join the *Brichtola* valley to point 2112 of the *Galu* ridge. Continue down to the small *Alpa* lake and head south at the first scree of the lava flow. Stay on your left as you climb up the scree, which allows you to see the path that has been somewhat erased. From point 2103, the path is once again passable and leads you to point 2295, the decision point for the continuation of the route and for the planned summit. For the *Galihorn*, follow a faint trail and for the *Galgilicka*, continue towards the pass at 2510 m. This is the solution I chosed, the fog of the day forbidding me any visibility.

The descent is made by the same path as the ascent to the *Alpa* lake. It then heads to *Obre Staful* at pt 1942 and then through the *Pästuwald* forest to the *Laggina* river in the valley floor. The return on a dirt road takes you following the yellow hiking signs back to your starting point.

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