



HIKING RECOMMENDATION

ALPENPANORAMA WEG, STAGE 3 APPENZELL SCHWÄGALP

The Alpenpanoramaweg (Alpine Panorama Trail) from Lake Constance to Lac Léman promises plenty of views of the Alpine peaks, but also of the Mittelland (Central Plateau) and the Jura. The route leads through the traditional cultural landscapes of the Pre-Alps, where milk and cheese still dominate today.



The Alpine Panorama Trail offers - as the name promises - plenty of views of the peaks of the Alps but also the Mittelland (Central Plateau) and the Jura. The trail leads from Rorschach near Lake Constance through the Appenzellerland, Toggenburg, Central Switzerland, Emmental, Schwarzenburgerland and Gruyère to the Lac Léman Riviera and ends in the metropolis of Geneva.

Most of the route runs through the agricultural foothills of the Alps, where dairy farming is traditionally practised. Cows in the pastures, and cheese dishes in the mountain inns are two omnipresent companions on the Alpine Panorama Trail. Only at Lac Léman (Lavaux, La Côte) does wine culture dominate.

Another peculiarity of the Pre-Alps is the scattered settlements that date back to the individual land seizures of the Allemanni in the early Middle Ages. The scattered "Heimetli" in the Appenzell region and the individual farms on the ridges and harrows of the Napf region are wonderful examples of the traditional cultivated landscape of the Swiss Pre-Alps.

Stage 3 Appenzell-Schwägalp

From the main town of Appenzell in Innerrhoden, the trail climbs via Bannhüttli and the Eischen campsite to Kau. After a relatively flat section to Kaubad, the mountain trail zigzags up to Alp Wasserschaffen. On the Kronberg ridge - parallel to the northern Alpstein chain with the Säntis and a correspondingly fantastic view - the summit is reached after the Scheidegg mountain inn and the idyllic Kronberg Chapel (St. Jakob) including its unique spring. The trail then descends on an easy mountain path over steep alpine pastures and through the particularly beautiful Bruggerwald forest to

Schwägalp, the valley station of the Säntis aerial cableway.

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MAP

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TYPE OF TOUR

Hiking in the mountain

DIFFICULTY

moderate

LENGTH

16.00 km

ASCENT

1150 m

DESCENT

580 m

TIME

5 hours 30 minutes

STARTING POINT

Appenzell

END

Schwägalp

REMARKS

The route can be completed in both directions.

Hiking time Schwägalp-Appenzell: 5h (16 km)

[More information on the different stages of this route.](#)

OPTIONS TO EAT ALONG THE WAY

[Hotel Appenzell](#)
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[Hotel Landgasthof Eischen](#)
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