



**kandersteg**  
international scout centre

## gemmipass

**Difficulty: Medium**

**UK Groups: Terrain 1**

**Time: 5 hrs from Kandersteg, 3 hours from top of Cable Car. (One Way)**

**Wander Rucksack: Gurnigelweg, Rote Chumme (Silver) and Arvensee (Bronze)**

**Hüttentest: Schwarenbach**

### Description:

This hike will take you from Kandersteg, across the well-marked, easy to follow paths to Gemmipass where you can take a steep cablecar to the Resort of Leukerbad. The hike passes the historical Schwarenbach mountain hotel on its half way point, as well as the lake of Daubensee further along the path.

### Prices:

Overnight in Schwarenbach:	SFr. 56.-/45.-	(adult/child incl. Breakfast)
Sunnbüel Cablecar Adult:	SFr. 16.80.- / 23.00	(Single / Return)
Sunnbüel Cablecar Child:	SFr. 8.40 / 11.50	(Single / Return)



Follow the LNT principles to reduce your recreation impact.

1. Plan Ahead And Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

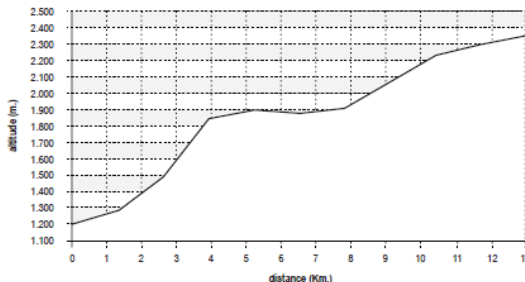
Please note that this route description is intended solely as an aid for planning your route. It is NOT a substitute for properly planning your route and having the necessary equipment, skills and knowledge. The Centre accepts no responsibility for variations in the information given for whatever reason, including the route on the ground.



## Route:

From the Centre (1189m) cross the bridge over the river Kander and turn right. Follow the road to the cable car station Eggeschwand, then continue along the road to a junction of three main tracks. The middle one, starting to climb straight forward, is the path to Stock and Sunnbüel. Choose this. It will lead you to the first climb on the hike. After 2 hours of a relatively steep zig-zag climb through the forest, you reach Stock (1834m) and then the Sunnbüel cable car top station (1934m).

Altitude profile:



**It is also possible to take the cable car from Kandersteg to Sunnbüel.** From here you ascend moderate slopes to the Spittelmatte plateau in 15 minutes. The route to Gemmipass follows the valley, that opens out in front of you.

Cross the Spittelmatte plateau (1872m) along the wide even track (route 10, S-SW). After reaching the border of Cantons Bern and Wallis, you start the second ascent. The path rises up the slopes to Hotel Schwarenbach (2060m). The climb will take some 45 minutes.

Hotel Schwarenbach is situated half way to Gemmipass and is a good place to take a break. From here the track (route 15) goes first to the west around the bowl next to hotel Schwarenbach and then climbs gradually to the south between rocky crags. The third climb (30 min.) ends approximately at 2250 meters and this point is followed by a relaxing descent to the shores of Daubensee lake (2229m).

Choose either walking route 15 (terrain 1/2) on east side of the lake or the mountain path (terrain 1) on the west side of the lake. Both ways take you to the foot of the final moderate climb up to Gemmipass (2346m). The walking path is a direct route, while the mountain path makes a short curve first to SSW before ascending SE up to the pass. Before you climb the final short slope to Gemmipass, look into the valley on your right and you will see SAC Lämmerenhut high up near the glacier.

The mountain hotel Wildstrubel is situated at the very end of the Gemmipass in breathtaking

scenery. Return via the same route, or take the cable car down to Leukerbad. Leukerbad has public transport connections with Kandersteg.

Leukerbad - Leuk: Bus 35 minutes.

Leuk - Brig: Train: 24 minutes.

Brig - Kandersteg: Train 34 minutes.

## ROUTE CARD

GROUP NAME .....	BOOKING NUMBER .....
CAMPSITE / ROOM .....	NATIONALITY .....
MOBILE PHONE NO. (OPTIONAL) .....	NATIONALITY .....

DESTINATION AND ROUTE:

KISC - Sunnbüel via Cablecar - Route 10 -  
Hotel Schwarenbach - Route 15 - Gemmi-  
pass

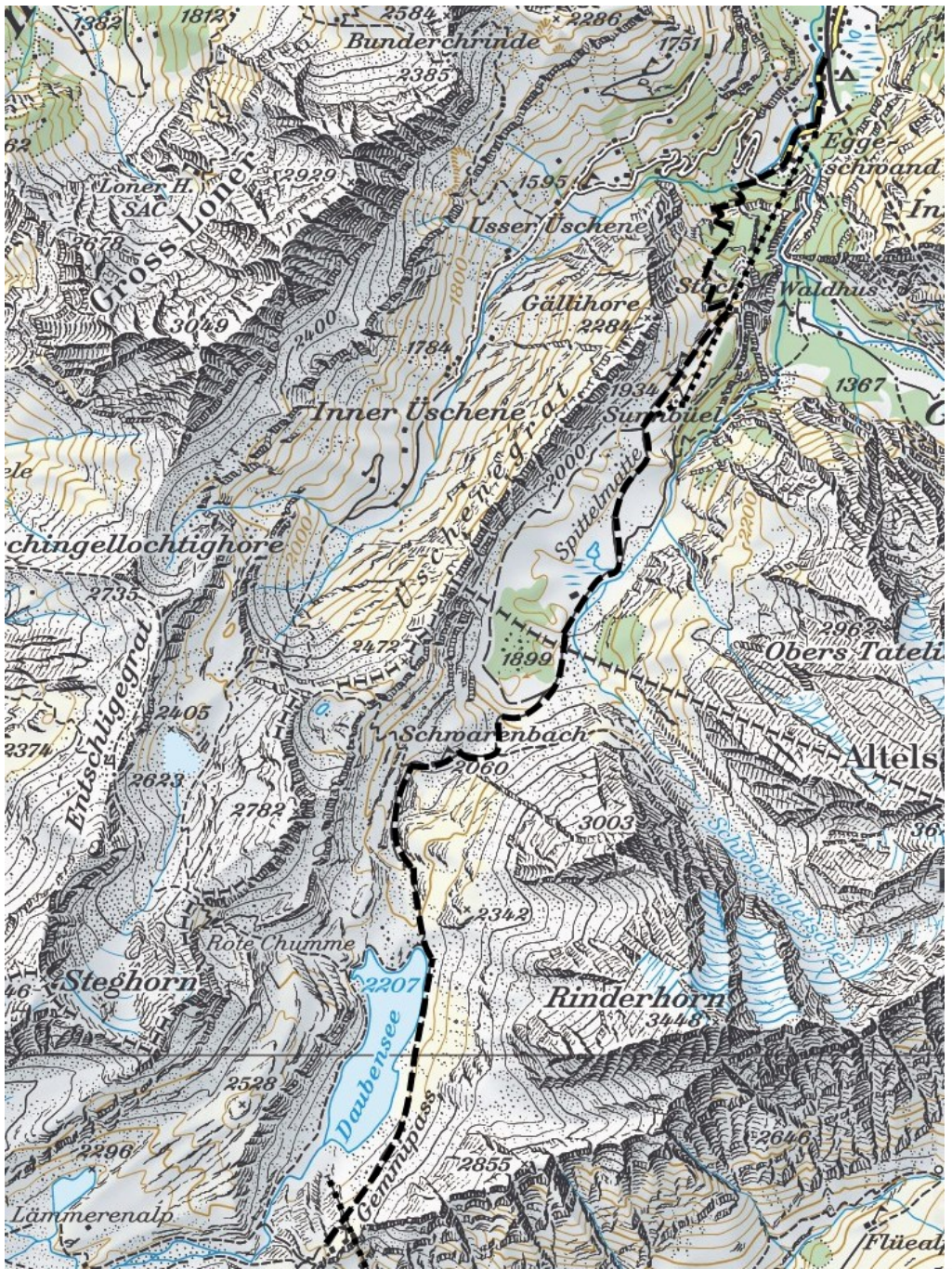
WEATHER?		ROUTE CONDITION?		HUT?	EQUIPMENT?
MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL IN GROUP			
16 -	.....	.....			
16 +	.....	.....			
DATE	TIME	CENTRE GUIDE			
DEPART	.....	.....			
RETURN	.....	.....			

All groups leaving the valley on adventurous activities must complete a Route Card, whether accompanied by a Centre guide or not. All groups must report back to Reception immediately once the whole group is back at the Centre. Failure to report may mean that the Centre Staff start a search for the group.

The Group Leader is responsible for ensuring the route and the manner in which it is conducted adheres to the National Regulations.



ENGLISH CARD CHECKED ..... STAFF GROUP RETURNED ..... STAFF AT ..... HRS



This map is only a guide. Please take a hiking map with you. They are available at Reception.

# GEMMIPASS

## Safety Checklist

### Terrain:

Wanderweg

### UK Groups:

Terrain 1

**Specific activity information:** Unguided hike on marked paths

**Minimum Age:** Recommended 12 years+

**Group Size:** Maximum of 12 to 15 people

UK Groups to follow their own hike regulations

**\* All groups going on a hike must fill out a route card from the Reception.**

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### Weather

Daily weather forecast to be consulted. The following conditions require attention:

- Bad weather (e.g. thunder/storms/snow). Call local restaurants and mountain huts on the route you are taking for advice.
- Rainfall before or on the day.
- Hot weather - check you have enough water, plenty of sun block and have a cap or sun hat on. Keep an ongoing observation of your group

### Hot Spots

- The hike from KISC to Stock is steep in places and care should be taken, especially if you walk down this way when tired. The Sunnbüel Cable Car is recommended for this section for most groups.
- The rest of the hike poses very few problems.

### Extra Guest Requirements

Confidence and previous hiking experience. Fill out a route card at Reception.

### Special Equipment Needed

Refer to hiking equipment list as detailed in the KanderActive.

### Cancellation Decision

- Weather conditions (as detailed above) should be taken into consideration.
- Inadequate equipment.
- Poor behaviour of the group.
- Poor leadership.
- Any member of the group suffering from health problems.
- Any situation which may jeopardise the safety of your group.

### What do you need?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rucksack                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boots (with ankle support)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Medication     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof Jacket <b>AND</b> Trousers | <input type="checkbox"/> Food (Packed Lunch)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle (full, min 2 Litres)     | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Hat                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Map, Compass & Whistle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Cream                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tickets                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Glasses                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Phone           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Hat                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Money                  |

### In the event of an emergency:

***Don't Panic!***

***Administer (basic) First Aid***

***Contact the Centre (0041 33 675 82 82) for advice and help in alerting the Emergency Services***

