Walk 8033 - Öeschinensee - Blümlisalphütte - Öeschinensee

OUTLINE ROUTE MAP WALK GRADING DETAILS

Canton/s Bern / Berne - Kandertal

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 Length
 13.0 km / 8.1 miles

 Ascent
 1150 metres / 3795 feet

 Descent
 1150 metres / 3795 feet

Time 7.00 hours

Grade moderate/hard

The Blümlisalphütte is located on the northern flanks of the Blümlisalp a short ascent above the Hohtürli col. Starting from near the Öeschinensee, this is a long day in the mountains and you should be adequately prepared.

Start & End Upper station of the Sesselbahn Öeschinen from Kandersteg. The valley station is a few minutes walk from Kandersteg Railway Station. See <u>Transport Map</u> for the Kandertal Region.

Exit the upper station of the chairlift and follow the wide path signed to the Öeschinensee. Ahead the Blümlisalp and its satellite peaks provide a wonderful panorama. Where the main path descending to the hotels bears right, continue ahead on a narrower path. The path passes through a landscape of scattered woodland. Soon you reach a junction of paths. Fork left here for the Blümlisalphütte and begin a traverse across the flank of the Zallershorn.

The route ahead is never in doubt and with spectacular mountain scenery particularly to your right, there are plenty of scenic distractions to help you forget about the steady ascent. Arriving at Oberbergli you join the path coming up from the Öeschinensee. The immediate surroundings are becoming rougher as you climb higher. Crossing a stream the path climbs to the follow the crest of a long since departed glacier. The terrain changes to scree with the hut now clearly visible on a ridge to your right. Reaching the broad col of Hohtürli, turn right off the main trail, which now descends to Griesalp. With less than 50 metres of ascent remaining, you soon arrive at the hut.

The return route is identical to that used above. As an alternative you can also continue over the broad col of Hohtürli and descend steeply to Griesalp.

Suggested Maps	 	