

SalzAlpenTour Rauschberg-Kienberg

HIKING TOUR

Sporty mountain tour for those interested in culture: Mine life, double summit attack and enjoyment of art included!

Starting point

Rauschbergbahn Ruhpolding valley station

Location

Ruhpolding

↔ *distance:*
16.0 kilometres

🕒 *duration:*
06:25 hours

🏔️ *maximum altitude:*
1640 meters

🏔️ *minimum altitude:*
675 meters

⬆️ *altitude difference:*
1075 ascending

⬆️ *altitude difference:*
1030 descending

Hiking car park Schmelz - Fahrriesbodenkapelle - Knappensteig - Streicher - Kienberg - Vorderer Rauschberg - Rauschberglahner - Fahrriesbodenkapelle Starting point

The SalzAlpenTour **Ruhpolding-Rauschberg-Kienberg** has a lot that you don't get on a "normal" mountain tour: First, hikers dive deep into the history of 400-year mining on the Rauschberg, and then - after a double summit ascent on **Streicher (1594 m)** and Vorderer Rauschberg (1645 m) - to be surprised with excellent and worth seeing art on the mountain. The paths of the quite demanding tour lead over forest roads, forest paths and climbs. The descent is only recommended for experienced people because it is partly exposed and secured with wire ropes.

The **Gasthaus Schmelz** at the starting point of the tour was the official building of the mine when the mine was "active", and so there is still a small, pretty chapel here.

At the summit of the Vorderer Rauschberg (1645 m) you will find a unique art mile by the local artist Walter Angerer the Younger. Not to be overlooked is the huge **"Hand of Adam"**, which stretches imposingly towards the sky and is oriented towards Rome. Great views of the valley await again and again. Finally, it goes below the **Rauschbergbahn**, built in 1953.

Tip:

The sporty SalzAlpenTour Ruhpolding-Rauschberg-Kienberg requires fitness and practice. However, it can also be shortened by parking the car at the Rauschbergbahn valley station and taking the bus (RVO line 9506) from the nearby **"Ortnerhof/Campingplatz"** bus stop to Schmelz. Less experienced hikers can avoid the difficult trail on the descent if they don't turn into the trail, but continue down the forest road and the Sackgraben towards the valley station of the Rauschbergbahn.

If you want to avoid the descent completely, choose variant 1 (by bus to Schmelz) and then take the **cable car** from the summit of the Vorderer Rauschberg back to the parked car.

