Exploring Swiss mountains in a hike

Key points:

Date: 2025-07-06 (Sunday)

Mountain peaks: Gnipen (1567m) and Wildspitz (1580m)

Hiking time: 5h 30min
Hiking distance: 13.8 km
Elevation gain: 1'220 meters
Elevation loss: 940 meters

> Difficulty level: Easy hike on continuously marked hiking and mountain trails (T2)

The route:



Where do we start and how to get there?

Starting point: Steinerberg

Starting time: 9 amHow to get there:

1. Take the train from Zurich main station (Zurich HB)

Train: IR46 towards Locarno

Time: 08:05 a.m.Platform: 8

Get off at Arth-Goldau at 08:45 a.m. (platform 4)

2. Take the train from Arth-Goldau

Train: S31 towards Biberbrugg

Time: 08:54 a.m.Platform: 2

Get off at the next station Steinerberg

> Time to travel: 53 minutes

Costs: CHF 25.40

Is there a restaurant/mountain hut on the way?

- Yes, there's a mountain inn at Wildspitz (and an alpine farm at Halsegg). Card payment is possible at restaurant Wildspitz.
 - o Mountain inn: https://wildspitz.ch/gastronomie/speise-und-getraenkekarte/
 - o Alpine farm: https://halsegg.ch/speis-und-trank/ (no card payment!)
- Estimated arrival times at Wildspitz: 12:30 p.m.
- ➤ The downhill hike starts at 01:30 p.m. from Wildspitz.

Where does the hike end and how do we get back to Zurich?

> Ending point: Sattel-Ägeri

Estimated ending time: 03:30 pm

> How to get back: two options

Option 1:

1. Take the train from Sattel, Sattel-Aegeri

■ Train: S31 to Arth-Goldau

■ Time: 03:51 p.m.

Platform: 1

• Get off at Arth-Goldau at 05:04 p.m. (platform 2)

2. Take the train from Arth-Goldau

Train: IR46 to Zurich

■ Time: 04:15 p.m.

Platform: 4

• Get off at Zurich HB at 04:55 p.m. (platform 7)

> Travel time: 1h 16 min

> Costs: CHF 28.00

> Option 2:

1. Take the bus from Sattel, Sattel-Aegeri

■ Bus: B 609 to Oberägeri

■ Time: 03:40 p.m.

• Get off at Oberägeri, Station at 03:55 p.m. (platform B)

2. Take the bus from Oberägeri, Station

■ Bus: B 601to Zug

■ Time: 03:57 p.m.

• Get off at Zug, Metalli/Bahnhof at 04:22 p.m.

Walk to Zug train station (5 min)

3. Take the train from Zug

Train: IR70 to Zurich HB

■ Time: 04:29 p.m.

Platform: 5

• Get off at Zurich HB at 04:51 p.m. (platform 6)

> Travel time: 1h 16 min

> Costs: CHF 22.80

Where to buy tickets: https://www.sbb.ch/en/travel-information/apps/sbb-mobile.html) (https://www.sbb.ch/en/travel-information/apps/sbb-mobile.html)