



Mysterious canyons on your hike



Day 6: Solothurn Hike

The first part of our hike is a little over 7 km and begins at the Solothurn main train station and RWGPS will take you to the village of Oberdorf.

This section of the hike will bring you through town and to the suburbs of Solothurn before going into forests and rocky gorges. You will soon be immersed in the tranquility of the Verena gorge and its hermitage. A hermit still lives and prays here. The gorge, with its chapels and hermit's cell is a popular destination for excursions, and the cozy Restaurant Kreuzen is a favorite watering hole.

From here you'll continue following RWGPS to the newly renovated cable car outside the village of Oberdorf. The cost is 26 chf round trip. On the summit, at 1291 meters above sea level, the Kurhaus Weissenstein Grand Hotel in its Art Nouveau style awaits you. Enjoy the vast panorama over the Swiss Midlands and the Alps. This is an excellent place for a drink and to take a moment to contemplate the view.

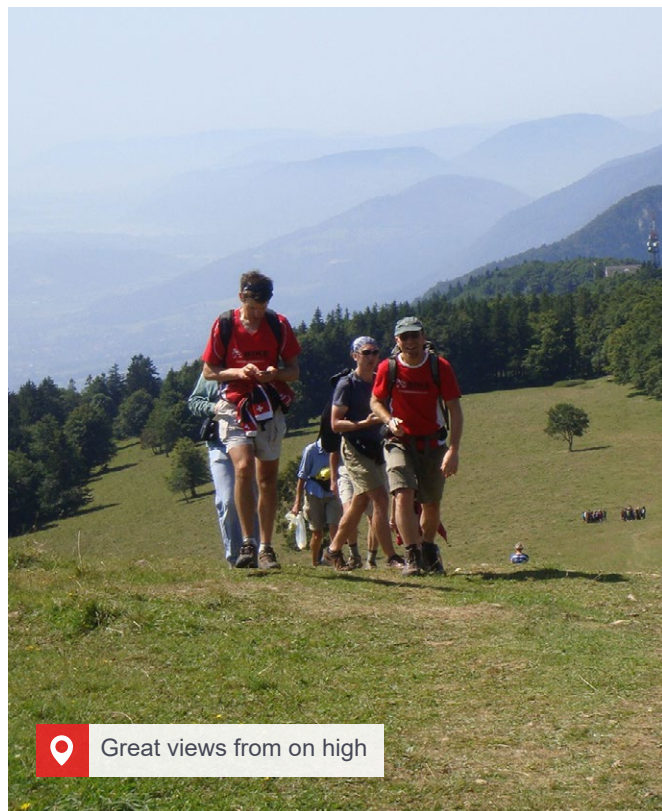
If you want to explore the mountain, continue to follow RWGPS another two km to the peak at «Roti» for some amazing views of the Jura.



Smooth roads to the cable car

Afterwards you can take the lift back down and take a train from Oberdorf back to Solothurn, or walk back. Trains leave at 10 and 33 minutes past the hour and take 15 minutes.

Of course, you could also do the trip backwards and begin by taking the train from Solothurn to Oberdorf, go up the Weissenstein and then walk back to Solothurn. This would give you the advantage of going past the hermitage at the end of the day when the chapel is arrayed with candles. Trains leave Solothurn to Oberdorf at 32 past the hour.



Great views from on high

In any event, we don't recommend hiking up or down Mont Weissenstein. It's difficult and the paths are not wellmaintained.

As always, bring water, sunscreen and be prepared for rain and chilly weather. Even if it is warm in Solothurn, the weather can be different on the mountain.