

INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB OF GENEVA

Hiking Section

SOLOTHURN, SWITZERLAND

***HIKING WEEKEND SATURDAY 27 TO
MONDAY 29 MAY 2023***

Solothurn town is the capital of the canton of Solothurn, located in the north-west of Switzerland on the banks of the Aare and at the foot of the Weissenstein Jura mountains. The town, which has a special affinity for the number eleven, has an impressive array of Baroque architecture and eighteen structures listed as heritage sites. There are also some super hikes in the area!

We will travel to Solothurn by train on Saturday morning, allowing the afternoon to explore the town. We will be able to leave luggage at the hotel ahead of the check-in time. Hikes are planned for both Sunday and Monday (more details of the hikes are further below). **The group is limited to 10 people.**

A reservation has been made at the Hôtel Ambassador, Solothurn. The cost for a twin room with bathroom and breakfast for two nights is CHF 360. There are no evening dining facilities at the hotel so I will make group bookings at local restaurants for both Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Inscription: By email to Janice Cook Robbins (janicecook@infomaniak.ch) with a deposit of CHF 100 by Friday 19 May. You can pay in cash or if you wish to transfer funds to my bank account, I will provide bank details via SMS or WhatsApp.

I need to know:

- 1) Your first and last name
- 2) An email address at which you can be reached on the weekend
- 3) Your mobile number
- 4) Your hiking experience
- 5) Whether you are a SCIG member

To Bring: Hiking equipment, sun glasses, sun cream, picnic items for Saturday (picnics for Sunday and Monday can be purchased in Solothurn during Saturday afternoon).

Price: Participants must purchase their own train tickets. Genève Cornavin – Solothurn – Genève Cornavin. The price with ½ tarif card is CHF 59.00 (at the time of preparing the flyer). Ski club tax: 15 CHF.

Rendezvous: Gare Cornavin, platform 6 for 9.20 am train direction St-Maurice

Return: From Solothurn at 17.58 pm, arriving in Geneva at 19.47 pm

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Assistant: Caroline Truesdell

- By registering, you agree that you are fit for this level of hiking.
- By registering, you confirm that you carry insurance against accidents and mountain rescue, in particular helicopter rescue operations. (See REGA: <https://www.rega.ch/en/home.aspx>) Check with your employer to see if you are properly insured. *The outing Leader and SCIG disclaim any and all liability for accidents related to this activity.*

Sunday hike

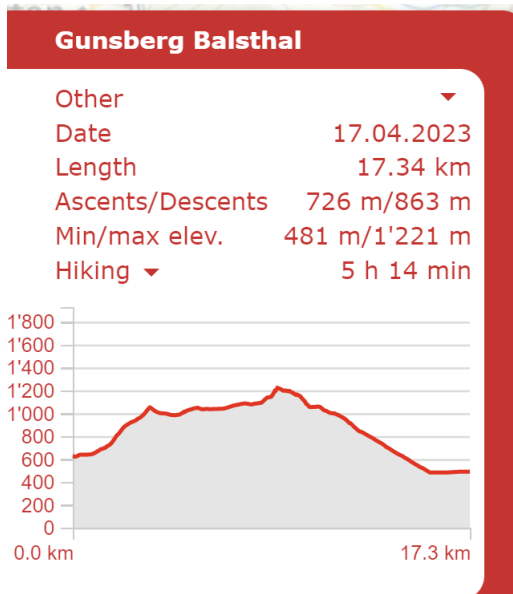
Gunsberg – Balsthal

Depart Solothurn for Gunsberg on 09:37 bus. Route: 17.5km ascent 726m 863m descent, est. time 5hrs 14mins hiking time. Train back from Balsthal leaves at :02 and :32 past the hour and takes about 25 -30mins.

Description: (Medium)

We climb up out of Gunsberg to join the Jura Crest Trail, which will take us into Balsthal. The reward for the climb from Gunsberg is the views along the high-level hike through forest and meadows. There is a steep climb down from the crest into Balsthal.





Monday hike

Hike Solothurn – Welschenrohr:

Depart hotel 08:30 Route: 15 km 900m ascent 660m descent, est. time 5 hrs hiking time. Bus back leaves Welschenrohr :50 past the hour for Geneva via Solothurn. There is 30mins wait in Solothurn for Geneva train so time to get luggage from hotel or left luggage lockers.

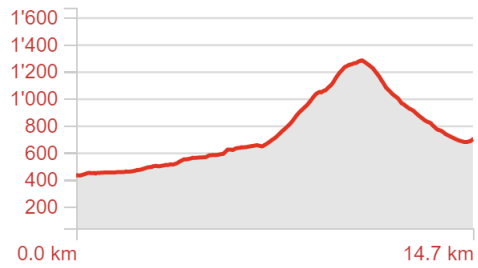
Description: (Medium)

This trail begins in Solothurn and takes us through the mystical Veren Gorge and up to Weissenstein with its breath-taking views. The trail then descends steeply down into Thal and on to Welschenrohr.



Solothurn Weekend Gorge Hi...

Other ▼
Date 17.04.2023
Length 14.68 km
Ascents/Descents 910 m/644 m
Min/max elev. 429 m/1'280 m
Hiking ▼ 4 h 56 min



For those who wish to substitute one or both of these hikes for easier hikes, there are alternatives available but neither the leader nor the assistant would be with you.