



International Ski Club of Geneva, Snowshoeing and Winter Hikes Section

WEEKEND 29 & 30 of March 2025

Two winter hikes starting from Riederalp

(Canton Valais)

A) Riederalp – Rieder Furka – Moosfluh – Hohfluh

This spectacular winter hike starts at the cable car station Riederalp West (1925 m). We will walk on snow, which was flattened down by piste machines. We first reach Rieder Furka (2065 m), where we will see the Villa Cassel (Victorian style; not open). From there on, we are on a broad crest and the view of the high Alps is with each step more impressive. We reach Hohfluh, and from there on, we begin to see down onto the Aletsch glacier. Finally, we reach Moosfluh (2333 m), our endpoint. We hike back down to Hohfluh (2226 m) from where we take the chairlift which brings us back near Riederalp West. Please note that the hike takes place in a ski station environment.

Walking time and difficulty: about 3½ hours of hiking on snow; elevation gain and loss +530 & -190 m ; 7 km; no special difficulties. Level: MEDIUM.

B) Riederalp – Bettmeralp – Fiescheralp

This nice winter hike also starts at the cable car station Riederalp West (1925 m). Here too, we will hike on flattened snow. This outing gives us good views on mountains on the other side of the Rhone valley, and on high summits farther away. We will see at least two nice chapels, one in Riederalp, and one in Bettmeralp (1923 m), where we will arrive quite quickly. Then, after a longer stretch out in the mountains with magnificent views, we will reach Fiescheralp (2215 m), from where the cable car descends to Fiesch. Please note that the hike takes place in a ski station environment.

Walking time and difficulty: about 3¾ hours of hiking on snow; elevation gain and loss +480 & -180 m ; 9 km; no special difficulties. Level: MEDIUM.

You have the choice to come to only one of the hikes, However, please note that I will decide March 28 (maybe late in the day) which hike will happen on which day. The hike A will be done on the day with a better weather forecast.

Equipment: hiking boots, **mini-crampons** with 1.5 cm teeth are recommended, backpack, hiking poles, picnic, drinks, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, gloves, clothes protecting you from snow, rain, and cold; very **light overnight equipment**, for those doing the weekend.

Rendezvous: track 4 of the Geneva train station, zone F-G; please board the last-but-one car of the 07:27 train (direction Domodossola or Milano).

Transport: train, cable car

Geneva	dep. 07:27	>	Brig arr.	09:41
Brig Bahnhofplatz (track 14)	dep. 09:48	>	Mörel arr.	09:56
Mörel (Riederalpbahn)	dep. 10:00	>	Riederalp West	10:14

(same schedule Saturday and Sunday, for those who come the 2nd day)

Probable return time: The hikes will end at approximately 15:00. You will be back in Geneva (Saturday or Sunday, according to your choices) very approximately at 19:00.

Costs: Fee **per day** for club members: CHF 5; fee **per day** for non-members: CHF 15; plus the train & cable car tickets (to be bought by the participant), plus the chair lift ticket for the descent from Hohfluh on hike A, plus the hotel, for those who stay overnight.

For those who stay overnight: Hotels in Riederalp are difficult to find. I will take a Hotel in Brig (Hotel Victoria, near the train station).

Train & cable car tickets to be bought individually:

Your train expenses will depend on your choices: one day or two days and where you stay overnight. However, to give you an idea:

Geneva – Riederalp West: full price: CHF 81.60, with abo demi-tarif: CHF 40.80

Fiescheralp – Geneva: full price: CHF 97.00, with abo demi-tarif: CHF 48.50

Sign up: By email only, to fsamuel@bluewin.ch . **I need to know:** 1) What kind of hikes have you done recently? 2) Your mobile phone number? 3) do you do the whole weekend or only one day, and if only one day, which one?

Confirmation or cancelation: if the weather is very bad, the outing will be cancelled. Two days before the outing (= Thursday morning), I will send an email to those who signed up.

NOTA BENE: The outing leader is not a professional guide. By registering, you agree that you are fit for this level of outing and that you carry insurance against accidents and mountain rescue (e.g., REGA). The hike leader and SCIG disclaim any and all liability for accidents related to this hike.

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