



International Ski Club of Geneva, Snowshoeing and Winter Hikes Section

WEEKEND 28 & 29 of March 2026

Two winter hikes above Zermatt

Saturday: Zermatt to Sunnegga

This winter hike (path on flattened snow, SuisseMobile N° 830), takes a very indirect way to our aim. We start from the center of Zermatt (1605 m) hike up the mountain, for a long while in the forest, passing Teifmatte. Finally, we get out of the forest, the view opens up, and we see the Matterhorn, among many other peaks. We pass Findeln, where we might have a drink, and then get to Sunnegga, our aim (2288 m). There we have the choice between taking the funicular down, or hiking down by a much shorter route.

Saturday walking time and difficulty: about 3½ hours of hiking on snow; elevation gain and loss +680 m & -40 m; 7 km; no special difficulties; level: **MEDIUM** (this is without counting the descend; if you want to do it, it adds 2 hours; -620 m; 5 km)

Sunday: Blauherd to Berghaus Fluhalp

For the second day winter hike, we will take the Sunnegga funicular up (where we were the previous day) and then a cable car further up to Blauherd (2574 m) where we start our relatively short hike (SuisseMobile N° 833) to Berghaus Fluhalp (2617 m). The big old chalet, set in a high mountain environment with spectacular views, is quite impressive. We will at least have a drink there, and maybe eat, and then walk back the same route.

Sunday walking time and difficulty: about 1¾ hours of hiking on snow; elevation gain and loss +180 & -180 m; 4 km; no special difficulties, but high altitude; level: **EASY**.

Equipment: hiking boots, **mini-crampons** with 1.5 cm teeth might be recommended according to snow conditions, backpack, hiking poles, picnic, drinks, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, gloves, clothes protecting you from snow, rain, and cold; **light overnight equipment** (possibility to leave luggage in the lockers at Zermatt station).

Saturday rendezvous and transport: track 4 of the Geneva train station, zone F-G; please board the last-but-one car of the 07:05 train (direction Brig). Françoise will board your train in Renens.

Geneva dep. 07:05 > Visp arr. 09:23

Visp dep. 09:37 > Zermatt arr. 10:50

Saturday probable return time to Zermatt: (without supplementary descent) at about 16:00.

Sunday rendezvous and transport: We meet at 9:30 at the Zermatt train station and walk to the Sunnegga funicular station. We take the funicular to Sunnegga (every 5 minutes) and then the Blauherd gondola (every few minutes). We will start the hike at about 10:00. Probably we will take the gondola down before 14:00.

Sunday probable return home time: Zermatt dep. 14:37 > Geneva arr. 18:35

Costs: Fee for club members: CHF 10; fee for non-members: CHF 30; plus the train, funicular & cable car tickets (to be bought by the participant), plus your overnight accommodation and meals.

Overnight accomodation: Please find your own hotel in Zermatt or Täsch or lower in the valley (I reserved at the Täscherhof in Täsch, as it is very expensive in Zermatt; those who wish to share a room, let me know, so that I can tell you who else wants to share)

Train & cable car tickets to be bought individually:

All prices with abonnement demi-tarif:

Tickets Geneva <> Zermatt CHF 102.00 (2 one-way tickets added up)

Ticket Sunnegga > Zermatt CHF 8.50

Return ticket Zermatt <> Blauherd CHF 24.50

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?

Confirmation or cancelation: My hotel is not refundable, so I will anyway do something, even if the weather is bad. But you are free to cancel, if conditions are not good. I will send an email with information 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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