







OPENING HOURS SUMMER 2025


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**Unterwasser Station:
Tourist Info Centre & Post Office**
Daily from 08.15 – 17.30
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Café-Bar Unterwasser Station
Daily from 08.00 – 18.00
Fridays and Sundays till Midnight
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Chäserrugg Summit Restaurant
Daily from 29 May to 19 October
09.00 – 17.00
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Itlios Mountain Restaurant
Daily from 17 May to 19 October
08.30 – 17.15
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Stöfeli Mountain Inn
10 August, Alpine Service
additional dates for groups on request
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Funicular Unterwasser – Itlios
Daily from 17 May to 19 October
08.30 – 17.00 (descent only until 17.30)
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Cable Car Itlios – Chäserrugg
Daily from 29 May to 19 October
08.43 – 16.43 (descent only until 17.13)
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**Chairlift-Gondola
Alt St. Johann – Alp Sella matt**
Daily from 17 May to 19 October
08.30 – 17.00
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Gondola Espel – Stöfeli (1st section)
10 August, 09.00 – 16.30
additional dates for groups on request
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Gondola Gamplüt
Daily from 08.30 – 16.30
evening rides for groups on request

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Alpine Hazards: Please be aware that hiking in the area may involve alpine hazards (e.g. extreme weather conditions, risk of falling, etc.).

THEME TRAILS


- 2 Sustainable Tourism at Chäserrugg**


Start / Destination	Itlios / Chäserrugg
Hiking time	3 h
Length	6 km
Elevation	912 m
Difficulty level	medium (T2)


* First information board at Unterwasser Station
- 3 The Flower Trail**

Start / Destination	Chäserrugg
Hiking time	45 min
Length	1.5 km
Elevation	60 m total
Difficulty level	easy (T1)

HIKING ROUTES

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T1: Hiking, previous knowledge is not necessary
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T2: Mountain hiking, mountain experience is required
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T3: Alpine hiking, alpine experience & equipment is necessary

- 1 The Rosenboden Panorama Trail**

Start / Destination	Chäserrugg
Hiking time	1.5 h
Length	3 km
Elevation	140 m
Difficulty level	easy (T1)
Highlight	View of Lake Walen
- 4 The Highest Summit**

Start / Destination	Chäserrugg / Hinterrugg
Hiking time	20 min
Length	1 km
Elevation	44 m
Difficulty level	medium (T2)
Highlight	View of the Churfürsten cliffs
- 5 The Morning Route**

Start / Destination	Alp Sella matt / Chäserrugg
Hiking time	4 h
Length	9.5 km
Elevation	959 m
Difficulty level	medium (T2)
Highlight	Karst field of Alp Plisa
- 6 The Classic Trail**

Start / Destination	Itlios / Chäserrugg
Hiking time	3 h
Length	6 km
Elevation	912 m
Difficulty level	medium (T2)
Highlight	Architecture by Herzog & de Meuron
- 7 The Worthwhile Detour**

Start / Destination	Alp Sella matt / Chäserrugg
Hiking time	3.25 h
Length	6.5 km
Elevation	956 m
Difficulty level	medium (T2)
Highlight	Gluristal
- 8 The Athletic Trail**

Start / Destination	Alp Sella matt / Chäserrugg
Hiking time	3 h
Length	6 km
Elevation	956 m
Difficulty level	medium (T2)
Highlight	View from the Hinterrugg
- 10 The Churfürsten Panorama**

Start / Destination	Alp Sella matt / Itlios
Hiking time	2.5 h
Length	6 km
Elevation	340 m
Difficulty level	easy (T1)
Highlight	View of the Churfürsten
- 12 The Zuestoll Trail**

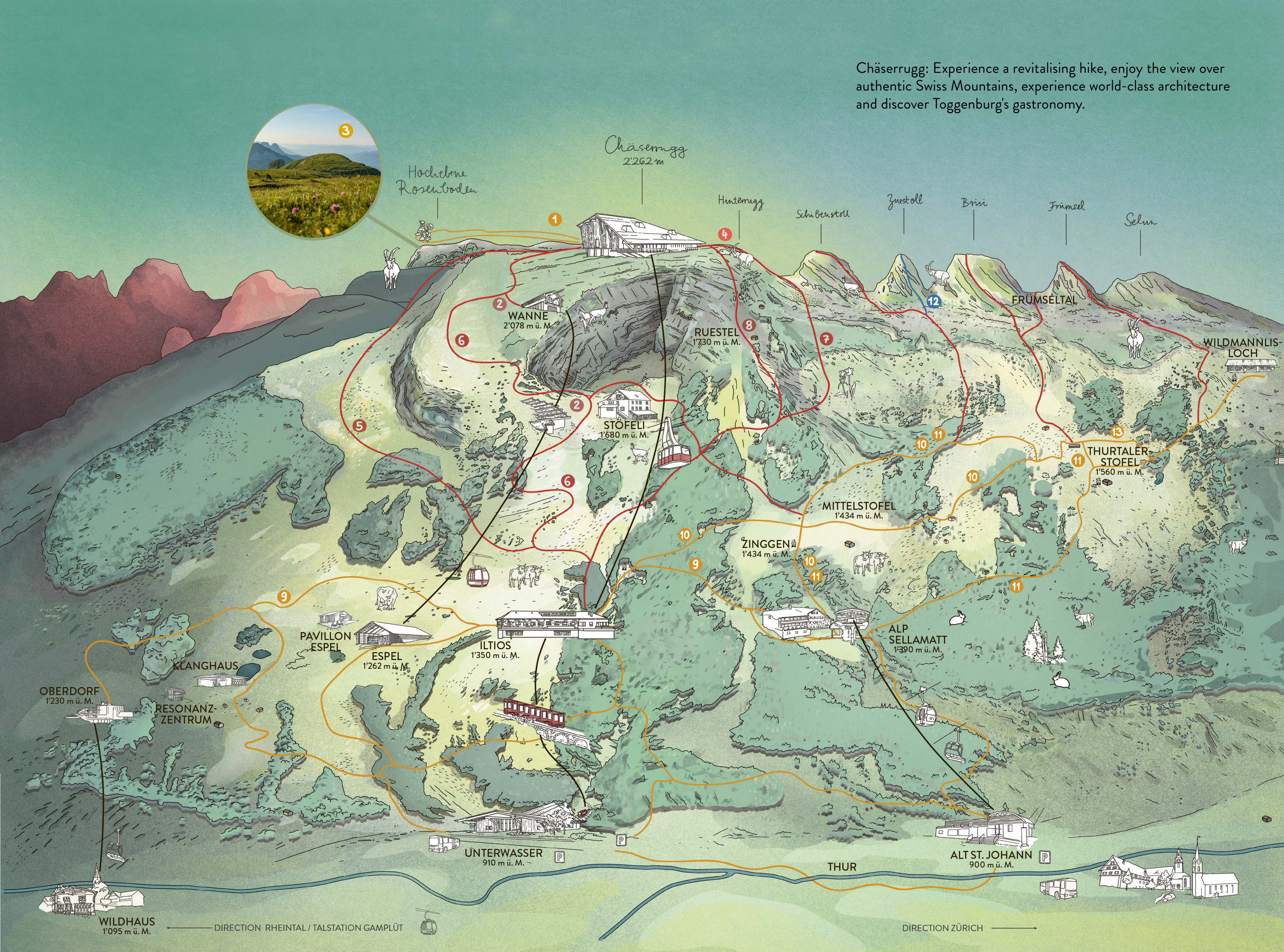
Start / Destination	Alp Sella matt / Zuestoll
Hiking time	2.5 h
Length	4.25 km
Elevation	870 m
Difficulty level	difficult (T3)
Highlight	View from the summit

- 9 The Sound Trail with new Instruments**

Start / Destination	Time	Length	Elevation
Alp Sella matt – Itlios*	1 h	2.5 km	- 40 m
Itlios – Oberdorf	2 h	4 km	- 120 m
Difficulty level	easy (T1)		

* From Alp Sella matt to Itlios suitable for pushchairs and wheel-chairs
- 11 13 The Legend Trail (short / long route)**

Start / Destination	Alp Sella matt
Hiking time	2 h / 3.5 h
Length	6.25 km / 11.5 km
Elevation	250 m / 500 m
Difficulty level	easy (T1)



Chäserrugg: Experience a revitalising hike, enjoy the view over authentic Swiss Mountains, experience world-class architecture and discover Toggenburg's gastronomy.

DISCOVER THE CHÄSERRUGG REGION

Located in Eastern Switzerland, the Chäserrugg region in the Upper Toggenburg is one of Switzerland’s most pristine and unspoilt areas for recreation and outdoor sports. Thanks to its position between Lake Walen and the Alpstein massif, it can be reached from Zurich and St. Gallen in about 60 minutes – making it an ideal destination for a day trip. A wide range of hiking trails lead across alpine meadows and along the seven clear-cut peaks of the Churfirsten mountains, while the rich local wildlife invites visitors to observe and marvel. In addition to its spectacular natural beauty, the region also offers charming restaurants – perfect for relaxation and culinary enjoyment.

EXPERIENCE SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Toggenburg Bergbahnen AG is committed to, sustainable tourism shaped by authenticity. Its strategy is built on a balance between innovation and a return to local values – all within a framework of environmental responsibility. The company has been recognised by the Swiss Landscape Conservation Foundation for its respectful use of natural resources and for its infrastructure, harmoniously integrated into the landscape and designed by the renowned architects Herzog & de Meuron.

RELAX AT THE SEVEN CHURFIRSTEN

In the Chäserrugg region, your well-being takes centre stage – and you can enjoy the authentic mountain landscape in all weather conditions. Whether you are out for a leisurely excursion or engaging in outdoor activities, your time in nature should feel intuitive and unhurried. To support this, all forms of advertising (e.g. billboards) and unnecessary infrastructure have been removed. The renewed facilities were developed with the utmost care and a strong focus on sustainability. Thoughtfully integrated into the landscape, they enhance the experience and promote a sense of calm. During your visit, discover the tranquillity of the seven Churfirsten and enjoy a deep sense of relaxation that stays with you long after your journey.



SUNRISE WITH BREAKFAST

Reach the summit before the first rays of sunlight and take in the vastness of the Chäserrugg, including the Rosenboden plateau and the neighbouring Hinter-rugg. Every Sunday in July and August you can reach the summit before sunrise. The new funicular and cable car take you to the top. At 2,262 metres above sea level, you’ll be embraced by natural stillness while the play of light paints the sky and mountain landscape in ever-changing colours. Afterward, a generous breakfast buffet awaits you in the Chäserrugg Summit Restaurant designed by Herzog & de Meuron – featuring freshly baked bread, regional meat and local cheese.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

In September and October, you can also enjoy the rich variety of the summit breakfast buffet on Sunday mornings. On these Sundays, the first funicular departs from Unterwasser Station at 8.30



THE NEW VALLEY STATION IN UNTERWASSER

In Unterwasser, a newly built, multifunctional station welcomes you with its inviting fountain. The architecture, echoing the existing Herzog & de Meuron buildings in the region, sets the tone for your mountain adventure. With its café-bar, tourist information centre and its own Postbus stop, the station has become a place of arrival and pause. On your way home, you can stop by to pick up fresh local specialties and souvenirs from Toggenburg.

This is the sixth Herzog & de Meuron building in the Chäserrugg region. Created in close collaboration with local craftsmen, the station reflects the local architectural language and combines functionality with aesthetics. The new funicular carriages provide a more comfortable ride to Illios and the valley, thanks to additional seating and lower panoramic windows. Whether on foot or by cable car, you will discover carefully renewed infrastructure all the way from the valley to the summit – in harmony with traditional alpine buildings and the surrounding landscape.



RELAXING PANORAMIC CIRCULAR ROUTE ON ROSENBODEN

Take a scenic summit excursion and walk the panoramic circular trail across the Rosenboden plateau, with breathtaking views of Lake Walen and 500 mountain peaks across six countries. As the Rosenboden plateau begins right at the summit of Chäserrugg, this panoramic hike pairs perfectly with a stop at the Chäserrugg Summit Restaurant. The menu is based on local ingredients and offers creative reinterpretations of traditional dishes – giving your outing a delightful culinary touch. The Summit Restaurant offers indoor seating as well as spots on the south-facing terrace.

FAMILY CELEBRATIONS, WEDDINGS, BIRTHDAYS: YOUR EVENT ON THE SUMMIT

Celebrate unforgettable moments on Chäserrugg, in the stunning summit building designed by Herzog & de Meuron! Whether for a family gathering, a wedding or a birthday celebration – our team is happy to support you in planning your special occasion and offers everything in one package: cable car tickets, personalised catering, and an engaging supporting programme. Look forward to lasting memories that you and your guests will cherish for a long time.

YOUR TEAM EVENT IN THE CHÄSERRUGG REGION

Looking for new inspiration or a change of perspective? The Alpine Room in the summit building at 2,262 metres above sea level offers the ideal setting. Whether you are travelling with your team or club, the Chäserrugg area invites you to enjoy scenic hikes and the remarkable architecture by Herzog & de Meuron – all complemented by relaxing culinary breaks. Add a special touch to your outing with a guided tour of the new Klanghaus by Lake Schwendi, an architectural tour of the summit building, or a bonding yodelling workshop. Our team will be happy to assist you with the planning and organisation.



ILTIOS MOUNTAIN RESTAURANT WITH PLAYGROUND

Where numerous hiking trails meet and the mountain railways converge, you will find the Illios Mountain Restaurant. Here, guests can enjoy traditional dishes, crisp salads, and creative culinary options. Located right along the Klangweg (Sound Trail) and featuring a natural playground with stunning views of the seven Churfirsten, Illios – with its sunny terrace – is the perfect spot for a relaxed lunch or an ice cream break.

TOGGENBURG MOUNTAIN MARKET ON ILTIOS

On the last Sunday in August – 31 August 2025 – the annual Toggenburg Mountain Market will once again take place on Illios. Against the picturesque backdrop of the Churfirsten peaks, local producers offer insights into their careful craftsmanship and the traditions behind it. Taste regional cheese, meat and bread while enjoying the warm, welcoming atmosphere in the heart of the mountains.

CALENDAR 2025

Mother's Day Brunch on Illios
Sunday, 11 May from 08.45 – 12.00

Klanghaus Opening
Saturday, 24 May and Sunday, 25 May

Alpine procession on the Sellamatt Alp
June 2025 (the exact Date will follow)
ascents starting at 04.30 from Alt St. Johann

Full Moon Dinner on the Chäserrugg
11 June, 10 July, 9 August, 7 September,
6 October, 5 November
ascent trips until 19.00 every 30 min
descent trips from 21.00 – 22.30 every 30 min

10 Years Chäserrugg – Anniversary Concert
Saturday, 28 June

Sunrise and Breakfast on the Chäserrugg
Sunday, 6 July to 31 August
until 3 August: first ascent at 05.00
from 10 August: first ascent at 05.30

Alpine Festival on the Sellamatt Alp
Sunday, 20 July

1 August Celebration on the Chäserrugg
Sunrise ascent and breakfast starting at 05.00

Evening buffet starting at 06.00
with bonfires

**From the Lake to the Mountain:
Weesen to Chäserrugg**
Saturday, 9 August

Alpine Worship Service on the Stöfeli
Sunday, 10 August, at 11.00

Toggenburg Mountain Market on the Illios
Sunday, 31 August
09.30 – 17.00

Sunday Breakfast on the Summit
Sundays, 7 September to 19 October
from 08.30 – 10.30

Chäserrugg Mountain Run
Sunday, 28 September, starting at 09.30
from Unterwasser to the summit of Chäserrugg

FOLLOWING THE SOUND

Discover the new Klanghaus and the Peter Roth Resonance Centre during a hike along the Klangweg (Sound Trail) between Alp Sellamatt and Oberdorf!

Arrival by funicular
Begin your journey at Unterwasser Station and take the new funicular up to Illios. From there, the Klangweg (Sound Trail) leads you along a scenic trail over Dunkelboden to Lake Schwendi and onward to the new Klanghaus and Resonance Centre.

Explore more sound installations
Take the chair–gondola lift from Alt St. Johann to Alp Sellamatt, where the Klangweg (Sound Trail) begins. From there, follow the easily accessible trail to the Illios Mountain Restaurant – the perfect place for lunch. Then continue along the Klangweg (Sound Trail) to Dunkelboden and branch off toward Lake Schwendi and the Klanghaus.

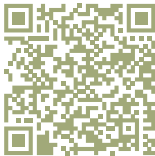


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and you are good to go!



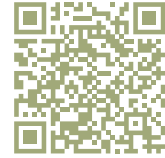
THE CHÄSERRUGG PASS

Sunrise rides with breakfast, Full Moon Dinners and hiking adventures – with the Chäserrugg Pass, you can enjoy a summer full of variety for just CHF 79 per month! The pass includes rides for your hikes or relaxing summit visits, and also covers transportation to and from events. And you are already prepared for the coming winter – because the Chäserrugg Pass is valid year-round and comes with a minimum term of twelve months. You choose when your Chäserrugg membership begins. Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone to learn more about the new Chäserrugg Pass.



FULL MOON DINNER AT 2,262 METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL

Spend an unforgettable full moon evening on the summit! At the Full Moon Dinner on Chäserrugg, you will enjoy a four-course menu based on local ingredients, enhanced with creative touches – all served in the Summit Restaurant designed by Herzog & de Meuron. Between courses, take a short walk across the Rosenboden plateau or the meadows surrounding the summit building. The shifting colours of twilight and the transition into the moonlit alpine night offer a truly memorable panorama over the glowing valleys below.



Tickets for the Full Moon Dinner are available in the online shop. It also makes a wonderful gift – simply print a voucher at home.

