



HOLIDAYS IN THE MOUNTAINS

Day 1	9 a.m.	Wildlife spotting Emmetten – Niederbauen – Klewenalp
	4 p.m.	Tipi or mountain refuge Accommodation in the mountains
Day 2	9 a.m.	Place of power and pilgrimage Klewenalp – Maria-Rickenbach
	2 p.m.	Up to the blue lake Maria-Rickenbach – Bannalp
	6 p.m.	Relaxing moments Cooling off in the lake and accommodation
Day 3	10 a.m.	Walen Path with alp cheese Bannalp – Brunni
	3 p.m.	Ticklish affair Brunni – Engelberg tickle path

PROGRAMME DETAILS

DAY 1



Wildlife spotting

In Emmetten we fill our rucksack with provisions. We then take the little [cable car up the Niederbauen](#) where we follow the [wildlife observation path](#) to Klewenalp. On the way we find 16 information panels describing the animals we might see as well as 12 birds. With a bit of luck these might include ibex or a black grouse. We have lunch in a nice spot.

[Wildlife observation path:](#)

4 h, medium difficulty; [the services of a game warden can also be hired.](#)

Tipi or mountain refuge

We reach Biel tipi village or, a little further on, the Brisenhauß refuge, where we have our evening meal and spend the night.

[Tipi:](#) wind-, rain- and snow-proof, wood stove heating and cooking. Booking call Josef "Silbi" Käslin, +41 79 643 23 75.

[Brisenhauß refuge:](#) open in summer only, contact the warden for bookings info@brisenhaus.ch, +41 79 176 76 31.



DAY 2



Place of power and pilgrimage

We walk from Klewenalp to [Maria-Rickenbach](#), a place of pilgrimage with a Benedictine convent. The convent shop sells handpicked herbal teas. Prior notice is needed to visit the convent itself and [view the weaving workshop](#). We have lunch at the [Maria-Rickenbach Pilgerhaus](#) or at the [Alpbeizli Musenalp](#) if we arrived via Musenalp.

Walk: 2-3 h, easy.

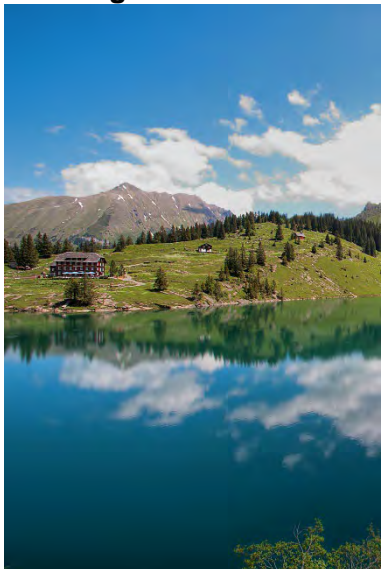
Up to the blue lake

We take the cable car down to Dallenwil in the valley then catch a train or hire a bike ([Nextbike](#)) to go to Wolfenschiesen. We can stock up on snacks in the village shop for tomorrow's walk. We then catch the postbus to Oberrickenbach, followed by the [little blue cable car to Bannalp](#).

Those who like a challenge can walk from Maria-Rickenbach via [Haldigrat](#) straight to Oberrickenbach, helped by the chairlift to Haldigrat.



Relaxing moments



Once at Bannalp, we walk to the Chrüzhütte, the Berggasthaus Bannalpsee or Urnerstaffel, where we have our evening meal and stay the night. If we're in the mood, we can cool off in Lake Bannalp and enjoy the sunset.

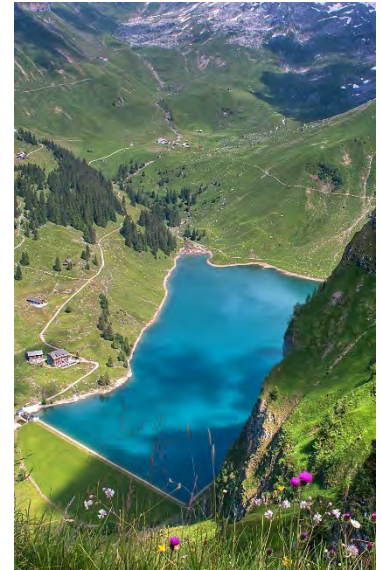
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DAY 3

Walen Path with views and alp cheese

Time to follow the [Walen Path](#) to Alp Oberfeld, where we have a break. The goats and cows accompany us on our way to the Walegg vantage point. After taking some photos, we head on to [Brunni](#).

Walen Path: 4 h, medium difficulty



Ticklish affair

Once at [Brunni](#), we remove our shoes and socks and give our feet a refreshing experience on the “tickle path” around Lake Härzli. We can have lunch at the [Brunnihütte refuge](#) or [Berglodge Restaurant Ristis](#). After that, we take the chairlift and/or cable car back down to Engelberg in the valley.

GENERAL MAP



OTHER LINKS

- [40 aerial cableways and railways in Nidwalden](#)
- [Restaurants in Nidwalden](#)
- [Accommodation in Nidwalden](#)
- [Webcams](#)