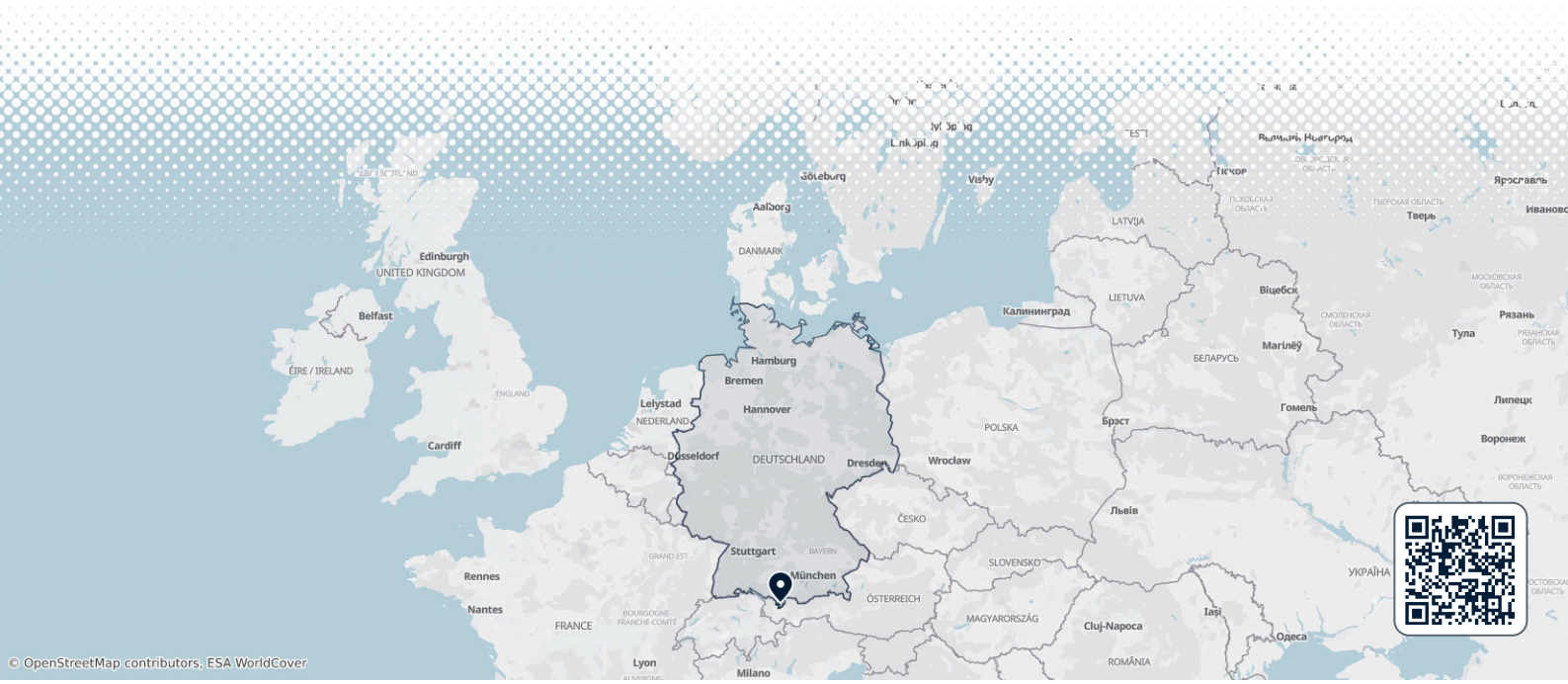


Oberstdorf

Allgau · Germany

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Oberstdorf is a small town in the Allgäu Alps, in Bavaria. It is the southernmost town in Germany. Steep mountains and three green valleys start right at the edge of town.

The town suits active trips. Summer brings hiking, cable cars and mountain huts. Winter brings skiing, cross-country trails and ski jumping. The Austrian Kleinwalsertal valley lies next door. It is a good base for a few nights in the mountains.

When to visit

Summer and early autumn are the best months for hiking and cable cars. Spring is mixed, with snow still on the high trails. Winter is the ski season, and some high routes close.

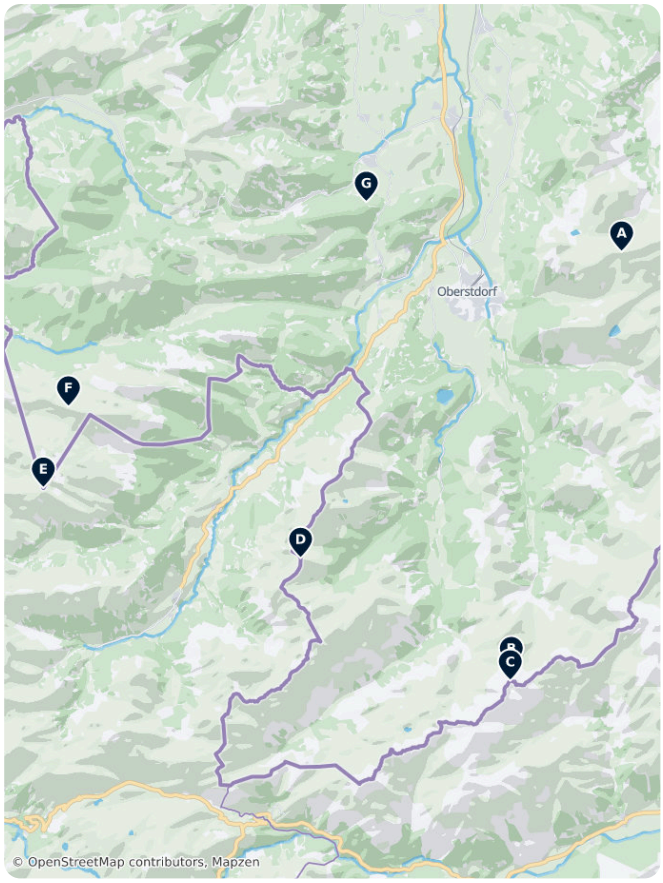
The Four Hills Tournament opens in Oberstdorf each December, before New Year, on the Schattenberg hill. Book rooms early if you want to watch.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	2° / 8° Feels like -2°	-5° / -12°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Good Good for skiing	3° / 10° Feels like -1°	-4° / -14°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for skiing	7° / 15° Feels like 4°	-1° / -8°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Fair Fair for hiking	12° / 20° Feels like 9°	3° / -4°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for hiking	16° / 24°	7° / 2°	19 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 27°	12° / 6°	19 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	22° / 28°	13° / 8°	20 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	22° / 28°	13° / 8°	18 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 24°	9° / 4°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for hiking	14° / 21°	6° / 0°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for skiing	8° / 15° Feels like 4°	1° / -8°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	3° / 9° Feels like -1°	-3° / -13°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Nebelhorn is the main viewpoint above the town. A large cable car runs up to the summit area, with views over the Allgäu Alps.
- B Trettachspitze is a sharp peak south of the town. It is for experienced mountain walkers.
- C Mädelegabel is a high peak in the same range. It stands close to the Trettachspitze.
- D Kanzelwand is a mountain on the border with Austria.
- E Hoher Ifen is a limestone mountain west of the town, near the Austrian border.
- F Obere Gottesackerwände is a rocky karst area close to the Hoher Ifen.
- G Sturmannshöhle is a cave north-west of the town centre. It is an easy stop on a rainy day.
- The Breitachklamm is a deep gorge near Tiefenbach. It has been open to visitors since 1905.
- The Oytal is a quiet valley east of the town with easy walking paths.



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What to experience

- Visit the Heini-Klopfer ski flying hill, one of the largest in the world.
- Ride the Söllereck summer toboggan run.
- Stay a night in an alpine hut, such as the Kemptner Hütte or the Edmund-Probst-Haus.
- Use the Kneipp area in town after a day on the trails.

Day trips

Day trips stay in the Allgäu and the next valley.

- Fischen is a village just north of Oberstdorf.
- Sonthofen is a larger town on the rail line towards Immenstadt. It has shops, cafés and everyday services.
- The Kleinwalsertal is an Austrian valley with villages and cable cars. The B19 is the only road from Oberstdorf.

Getting there

- **By air**: Munich is the nearest major international airport. Continue to Oberstdorf by train.
- **By train**: Oberstdorf is the end of a single-track, non-electrified line from Immenstadt. Plan your connection at Immenstadt. Book tickets and check times at Deutsche Bahn.

Getting around

- Lifts: The Nebelhorn and Fellhorn cable cars carry walkers and skiers up the mountains.

See Tourismus Oberstdorf for lift, bus and trail information.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The town centre is small and easy to walk. Trailheads are close to the edge of town.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Valley paths are flat. Mountain routes are steep.

Food & drink

Allgäu cooking is simple and filling. Look for cheese dumplings, cheese noodles and local mountain cheese.

Many alpine huts serve hot meals and cakes. Plan a lunch stop at a hut on a long walk.

What to eat & drink

LUNCH

Doner Kebab · Döner Kebab
A sandwich of roasted meat, salad, and sauce in flatbread, invented by Turkish immigrants in Berlin and now a national staple.

DINNER

Schnitzel
A thin, breaded and fried cutlet, usually pork, served with potatoes or fries and a lemon wedge.

Sauerbraten
A pot roast marinated for days in vinegar and spices before slow cooking, served with red cabbage and dumplings.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Bratwurst
A grilled or fried pork sausage, often served in a bread roll with mustard, sold at stands nationwide.

Currywurst
Sliced sausage topped with curry-spiced ketchup, a Berlin invention now popular across the country.

Pretzel · Brezel
A large, chewy salted bread pretzel, especially common in Bavaria, often eaten with butter or cheese.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Black Forest Cake · Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte
A layered chocolate sponge cake with cherries, cherry liqueur, and whipped cream.

DRINKS

Beer · Bier
Germany brews hundreds of regional styles, from Bavarian Weissbier to Cologne's Kölsch, each tied to its home city.

Gluhwein · Glühwein
Mulled, spiced red wine served hot, a staple of winter and Christmas markets.

Apfelschorle
Apple juice mixed with sparkling water, the everyday non-alcoholic drink of choice.

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Safety & health

Mountain weather changes fast. Check the forecast and the last lift time before a high walk.

Wear proper boots and carry water. Hard routes, such as the ridges above the town, need experience.

History

In May 1865, a fire destroyed 146 houses in Oberstdorf. About two thirds of the town burned. The town hall and church were rebuilt.

A railway line from Sonthofen reached the town in 1888. The Nebelhorn cable car followed between 1928 and 1930, and the Fellhorn cable car opened in 1972. These lifts helped the town grow into a mountain resort.

Oberstdorf has hosted the Nordic Ski World Championships in 1987, 2005 and 2021. It has also hosted the Ski Flying World Championships several times.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Germany at a glance:

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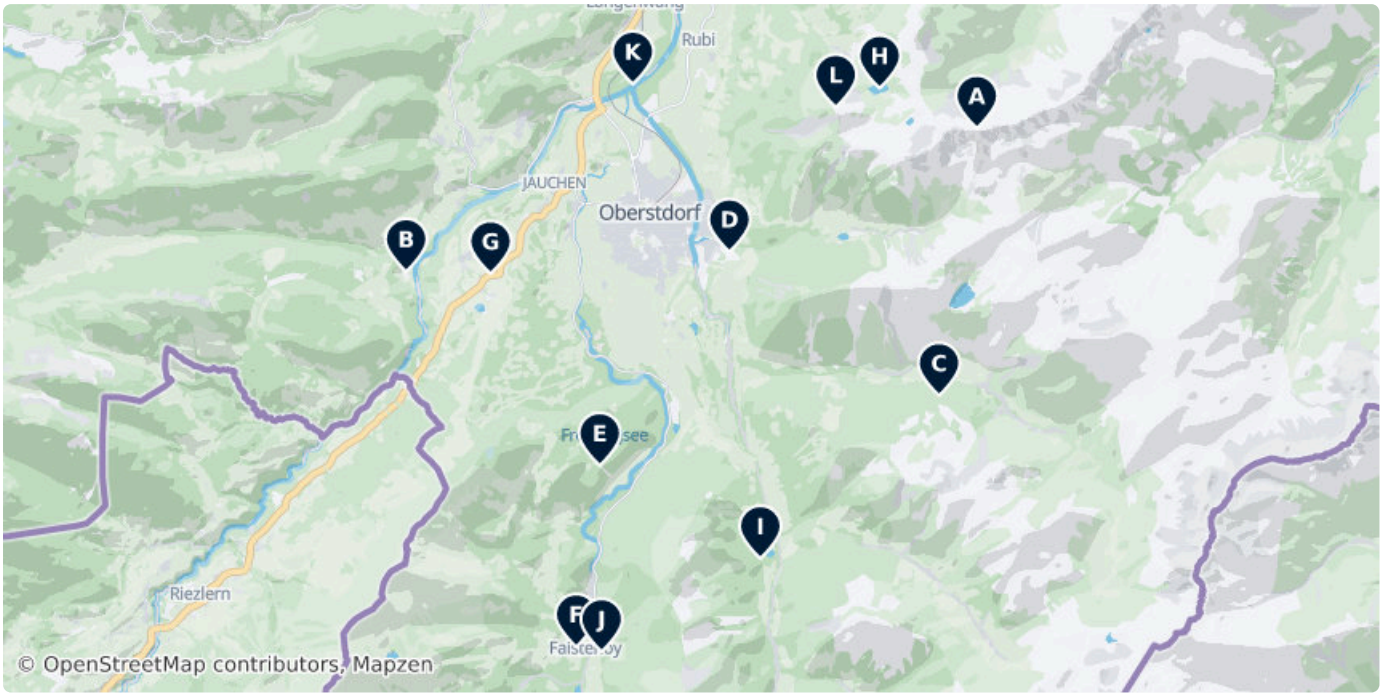
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LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Oberstdorf Essentials

Oberstdorf serves as a gateway to the Allgäu Alps, anchored by the 2,224-meter Nebelhorn and the Breitachklamm, Central Europe's deepest rocky gorge. This selection highlights the region's diverse topography, from high-altitude lakes like Unterer Gaisalpsee to the car-free glacial Trettach and Stillach valleys. The town is also a premier winter sports hub, featuring the Audi Arena and the Heini-Klopfer-Skiflugschanze, one of the world's largest ski flying hills.





A Nebelhorn

The Nebelhorn is a 2,224-metre-high mountain in the Allgäu Alps in Germany, near the village of Oberstdorf.

(Unnamed Road), 87561, Germany (47.42187, 10.34235)



B Breitachklamm

One of Central Europe's deepest rocky gorges, featuring narrow passages and high vertical walls carved by the Breitach river.

Klammstraße, 87561 Oberstdorf, Germany (47.40266, 10.22920)



C Oytal

A high-alpine side valley of the Trettachtal, known for its steep rock faces and the 25-meter-high Stuibenfall waterfall.

87561, Germany (47.38602, 10.33484)



D Schattenberg Ski Jump

Schattenbergschanze is a ski jumping hill located in Oberstdorf, Bavaria, Germany.

87561, Germany (47.40530, 10.29330)

audiarena.de



E Heini-Klopfer-Skiflugschanze

Heini-Klopfer-Skiflugschanze is a ski flying hill in Oberstdorf, Germany, opened in 1950.

87561, Germany (47.37665, 10.26759)

skiflugschanze-oberstdorf.de

F Fellhornbahn

A two-stage aerial tramway providing access to the Fellhorn ridge, a popular area for hiking and skiing on the border of Germany and Austria.

(47.35231, 10.26293)

G Sommerrodelbahn Söllereck

An 800-meter-long all-weather alpine coaster featuring built-in jumps, waves, and a 4.5-meter-high bridge.

Kornau, 87561, Germany (47.40236, 10.24593)

familienberg-soellereck.de

H Unterer Gaisalpsee

A high-altitude mountain lake situated at 1,508 meters above sea level, nestled in the Allgäu Alps below the north face of the Rubihorn.

87561, Germany (47.42724, 10.32306)



I Trettachtal

A car-free glacial valley extending south from Oberstdorf, leading toward the Trettachspitze and the historic mountain hamlet of Einödsbach.

(47.36417, 10.29941)



J Stillachtal

The westernmost of Oberstdorf's main valleys, home to the Heini-Klopfer-Skiflugschanze and the base station of the Fellhornbahn cable car.

(47.35166, 10.26795)



K Illerursprung

The geographic point where the Trettach, Stillach, and Breitach rivers converge to form the Iller river.

87538, Germany (47.42781, 10.27417)



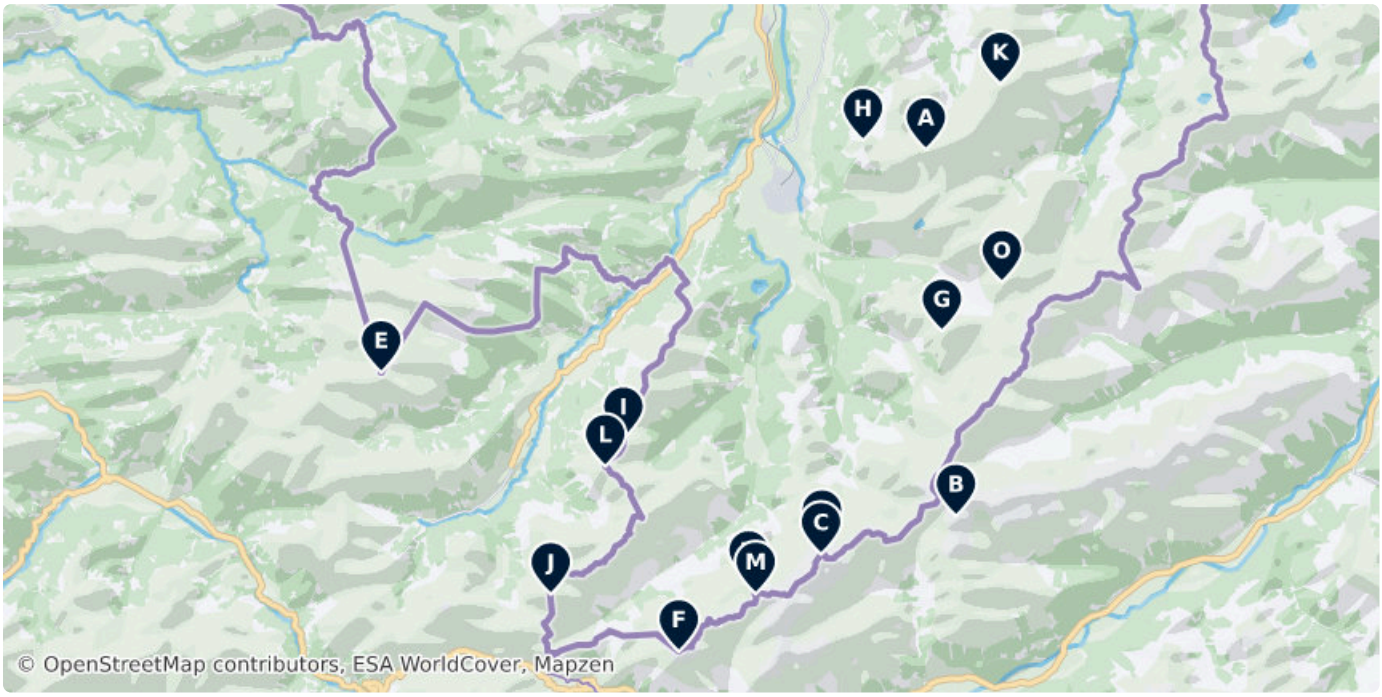
L Rubihorn

Rubihorn is a mountain of Bavaria, Germany.

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Iconic Peaks of Oberstdorf

The Allgäu Alps around Oberstdorf feature a diverse range of summits, from the 2,224-meter Nebelhorn, accessible via cable car, to the Großer Krottenkopf, the range's highest peak at 2,656 meters. This selection includes the distinctive limestone plateau of Hoher Ifen and the famously steep, grass-covered ridges of the Höfats. Climbers often target the Trettachspitze for its technical difficulty, while the Biberkopf marks the southernmost point of Germany. These peaks define the border region between Bavaria and the Austrian states of Tyrol and Vorarlberg.





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(Unnamed Road), 87561, Germany (47.42187, 10.34235)



B Großer Krottenkopf

The Großer Krottenkopf is the highest mountain in the Allgäu Alps of Austria.

6646, Austria (47.31150, 10.35575)



C Mädelegabel

The Mädelegabel is a 2,645 metre high mountain, made of main dolomite, in the Allgäu Alps near Oberstdorf.

87561, Germany (47.29991, 10.29565)



D Trettachspitze

The Trettachspitze is a 2,595-metre-high mountain in the Allgäu Alps in Germany.

87561, Germany (47.30372, 10.29606)



E Hoher Ifen

The Hoher Ifen is a 2,230 metre high mountain in the Allgäu Alps, west of the Kleinwalsertal valley.

6863, Austria (47.35479, 10.09981)



F Biberkopf

The Biberkopf is a 2,599 m high mountain in the Alps on the border between Germany and Austria.

87561, Germany (47.27058, 10.23235)



G Höfats Westgipfel

The Höfats is a 2,259 m high mountain in the Allgäu Alps. Located near Oberstdorf, it separates the Oy and the Dietersbach valleys, along...

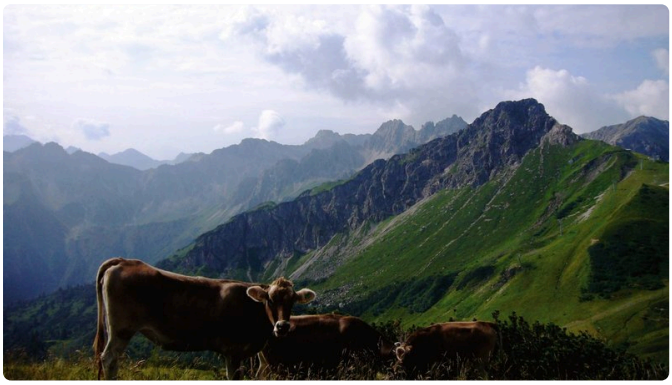
87561, Germany (47.36720, 10.34946)



H Rubihorn

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87561, Germany (47.42469, 10.31436)



I Kanzelwand

Kanzelwand is a mountain on the border between Vorarlberg, Austria and Bavaria, Germany.

6991, Austria (47.33478, 10.20770)



J Geißhorn

Geißhorn is a mountain in the Allgäu Alps of Bavaria, Germany.

87561, Germany (47.28786, 10.17533)



K Großer Daumen

A 2,280-meter summit in the Daumen Group, frequently reached via the Hindelanger Klettersteig via ferrata from the Nebelhorn. The peak offers views over the Laufbichlsee, Engeratsgundsee, and Schrecksee alpine lakes.

87541, Germany (47.44161, 10.37550)



L Walser Hammerspitze

Walser Hammerspitze is a mountain of Bavaria, Germany. The former name was Schüsser.

6993, Austria (47.32646, 10.19955)



M Rotgundspitze

Rotgundspitze is a mountain of Bavaria, Germany. It is located in the main ridge of the Allgäu Alps mountain range.

6654, Austria (47.28797, 10.26657)



N Linkerskopf

Linkerskopf is a mountain of Bavaria, Germany.

87561, Germany (47.29141, 10.26341)



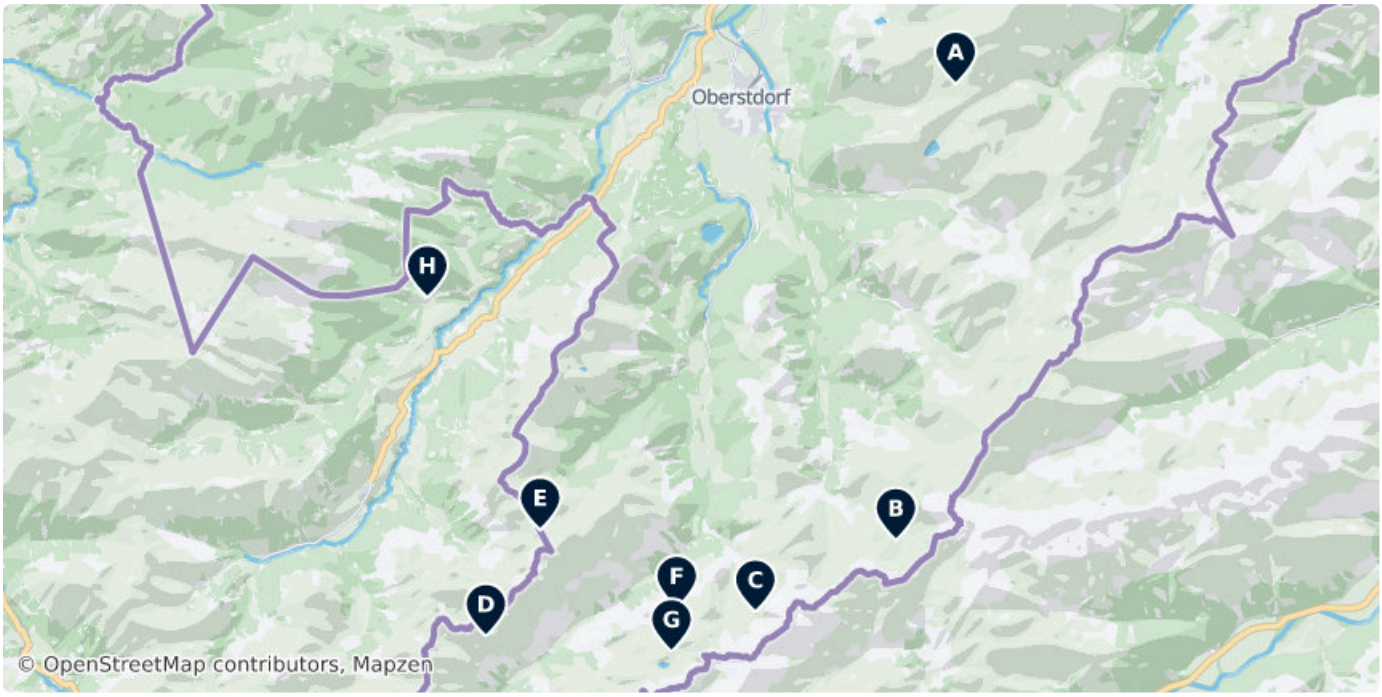
Himmelhorn

Himmelhorn is a mountain of Bavaria, Germany.

87561, Germany (47.38196, 10.37615)

Alpine Huts in Oberstdorf

This selection features the high-altitude refuges of the Allgäu Alps, primarily managed by the German Alpine Club (DAV). These lodges serve as critical bases for the Heilbronner Weg and E5 long-distance trails. The list includes the Rappenseehütte, the region's largest lodge near the Rappensee lake, and the wheelchair-accessible Edmund-Probst-Haus. Facilities range from traditional dormitory sleeping quarters and regional restaurants to modern amenities like showers and Wi-Fi in select locations.





A Edmund-Probst-Haus

Wheelchair-accessible lodge managed by the DAV Allgäu-Immenstadt section. Situated near the Nebelhorn cable car mountain station, it offers a restaurant and outdoor seating.

(47.41351, 10.34712)

edmund-probst-haus.de, +4983224795



B Kemptner Hütte

A major stop on the E5 long-distance hiking trail managed by the DAV Allgäu-Kempten section. The facility provides regional cuisine and shower facilities for overnight guests.

87561, Germany (47.31340, 10.32777)

kemptner-huette.de, +49 8322 700152



C Waltenbergerhaus

Recently modernized alpine hut of the DAV Allgäu-Immenstadt section, located along the high-altitude Heilbronner Weg.

87561, Germany (47.29769, 10.28223)

waltenbergerhaus.de, +49832165621



D Mindelheimer Hütte

High-altitude refuge situated near the Mindelheimer via ferrata. It features indoor showers and non-smoking premises.

87561, Germany (47.29232, 10.19488)

Mo–Su Open 24/7

mindelheimer-huette.de, +49 8322 700153

E Fiderepasshütte

Located directly on the border between Germany and Austria, this lodge serves the Fiderepass area with a restaurant, outdoor terrace, and showers.

(47.31564, 10.21244)

fiderepasshuette.de, +43 5517 20626;+43 664 3203676

F Enzianhütte

Privately run mountain lodge known for its regional restaurant and modern amenities, including Wi-Fi and electronic payment options.

87561, Germany (47.29849, 10.25672)

Mo–Su Open 24/7

enzianhuette-oberstdorf.de, +49 170 7931655

G Rappenseehütte

The largest alpine hut in the Allgäu Alps, located near the Rappensee lake. It serves as the primary starting point for the Heilbronner Weg ridge hike.

Postfach 1412, 87561 Oberstdorf, DE (47.28898, 10.25504)

Mo–Su 06:00–23:00

rappenseehuette.de, +498322700155

H Mahdtalhaus

A mountain lodge in the Mahdtal area focusing on basic accommodation with non-smoking facilities.

Innerschwende 39, Riezlern/Kleinwalsertal, AT (47.36664, 10.17588)

alpenverein-stuttgart.de/index.php, +4355176423

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