Bürser Schlucht | Bürs

Brandnertal
Alpenstadt Bludenz
Klostertal
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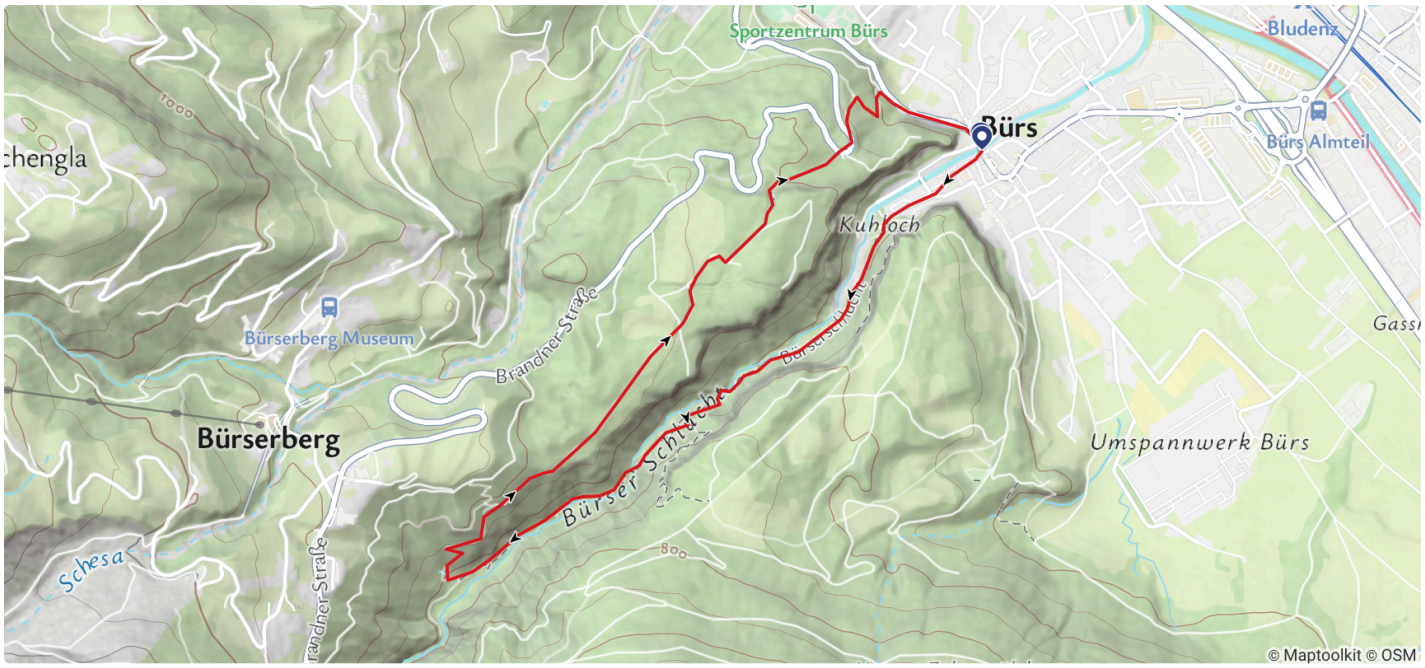

Tour description

The Bürser Gorge offers extremely rare insights into the recent history of the earth and is also considered one of the most scenic gorges in the Alps with an almost primeval forest-like tree population.

The path through the natural monument "Bürser Schlucht" takes about 2 hours via the "Kuhloch" back to Bürs.

The "Bürser Konglomerat", through which the Alvierbach has carved the front part of the Bürser Gorge since the end of the last ice age, has become a geological technical term because of the occurrence so typical here. This rock form mainly occurs in the southern side valleys of the Rätikon. The "Stelleschroffen", which rises behind the church tower in Bürs, was formed by the bedload of the Alvierbach from the already ice-free Alvier valley - todays Brandnertal - into a marginal lake of the Ill glacier.

Through lime-like binders, the round-grained gravel solidified into conglomerate and remained as a rock face after the recession of the main glacier. Gneiss blocks, originating from the Ill glacier, were washed free by the Alvierbach stream at the bottom of the deposits. Moraines and gneiss blocks also lie on the plateaus of the "Schaß" (formerly Zerschaß - on the rock) and the "Spial", which were formed after the deposits. They are reliable witnesses of the interglacial formation of this landscape, which is extremely rare in the Alps.

The Bürser Schlucht is a popular destination and ideal for family excursions. From the center of the village, the gorge trail leads through huge conglomerate blocks into the valley along the Alvierbach stream. Alternately, it goes back and forth over narrow bridges several times. The path turns and leads steeply up to the right, to the highest point of the tour. Here an ascent to Bürserberg would be possible (25 min). Downhill you reach a larch meadow via a wide path. As you continue, the path passes ripped open crevices in the ground. Finally, you reach the Kuhloch, a dry gorge dug into coarse gravel. Via a small forest path you return to Bürs.

The Bürser Gorge is closed during the winter. The Bürser Gorge reopened on April 29, 2026, and is now accessible.

Public transport

Bus line 580, stop "Bürs Dorfmitte" or "Bürserberg Gemeindeamt".

Timetable enquiry online at www.vmobil.at

02:00 h duration	**4,98 km** Length
786 m Highest point	**567 m** Lowest point
219 m Ascent	**217 m** Descent

Start	Bushaltestelle - Dorfmitte
Finish	Bushaltestelle - Dorfmitte
Tour type	Hiking trail
Difficulty	Moderate

Elevation profile

Condition
Difficulty
Result
Landscape

Best time of year

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
				✓	✓

JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
✓	✓	✓	✓		

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Parking

At the start in Bürs: Elektrizitätswerk Lug, Bürs
At the start in Bürserberg: Municipal office, Bürserberg

Directions

Village center - Bürser Schlucht - turnoff to Bürserberg - Lärchenwiese - Kuhloch - village center

Safety instructions

Note: Due to the possibility of falling rocks, the use of the path is only allowed at your own risk and because of the nearby shooting range of the shooting guild, you should not leave the marked paths.

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Equipment

Ankle hight mountain boots, warm clothing, rain and sun protection and hiking poles are recommended. Cell phone for emergencies.

Tips

You can find out more exciting details on the guided gorge hike. All dates at www.brandnertal.at/events.

Bürser Gorge folder and DVD available from Bürs or Brandnertal Tourismus.

Safety in the mountains

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