

Premium hiking trail Kapellensteig

HIKING TOUR


A hike on winding paths to the well-known chapels on the southern slopes of Reit im Winkl.

Starting point
Festsaal / Tiroler Straße

location
Reit im Winkl

 **distance:**
6.2 kilometres

 **duration:**
02:40 hours

 **maximum altitude:**
953 meters

 **minimum altitude:**
681 meters

 **altitude difference:**
363 ascending

 **altitude difference:**
363 descending

The premium hiking trail Kapellensteig starts at the Festsaal Reit im Winkl (685m). The first destination is the Catholic Church in the center of the village. The parish church was built in 1911 in neo-baroque and art nouveau style and, together with the surrounding restaurants, forms the traditional center of the community. Follow the cobblestones up to the Alte Schmiede restaurant and continue in the direction of the Barefoot Park.

After a 5-minute walk and 200 meters behind the church, Hausbergstraße branches off to the right uphill. Follow this road to the end and then follow the hiking signs to Pötschbichl (750m) to the right. One of the most beautiful vantage points of the town center with the Kaiser Mountains in the background is located above the Reit im Winkl outdoor pool. The path runs evenly and flat to the Pötschbauern farm.

Above the stable, the path leads up to the left with signs to the Eckkapelle chapel. A narrow path leads steeply uphill over roots and wooden steps to an open space. Horses graze on these meadows above the farm in summer. The hiking trail leads along the fence for 50 meters until a meadow path branches off to the left. The yellow hiking signs above the meadow path make it easier to find your way up to a well-developed forest road. Follow this for 20 minutes to the Walnberg until a path branches off to the left in the direction of the Eckkapelle chapel (950m). Again and again the forest gives a clear view of Lake Chiemsee and the surrounding mountains.

The path is beautifully laid out, on the root path you can immerse yourself in the mountain forest and enjoy the pleasant coolness. The path leads gently down to the Eckkapelle chapel (870m). This was built in 1710 and is open to Reit im Winkl. The frescoes in the chapel were rediscovered at the beginning of the 20th century and painstakingly restored. A cultural and historical jewel that invites you to contemplate.

Then follow the Way of the Cross in Reit im Winkl in the direction of the valley. 300 meters after the Eckkapelle chapel, between the Stations of the Cross IX and X, the Amthorsteig trail branches off to the right. The trail is certainly one of the most beautiful paths in Reit im Winkl. It goes gently uphill for the first few meters before the path descends just as gently in the direction of the Kriegerkapelle chapel. After a 20-minute walk, the Amthorsteig trail connects with the hiking trail that leads over the Hausbach creek to the War Memorial Chapel (Kriegerkapelle, 742m), which you can reach after a further 5-minute walk.

The Reit im Winkl War Memorial Chapel is dedicated to the fallen Reit im Winkl soldiers of the World Wars. The horror of the world wars can only be guessed at by how many people from a small town like Reit im Winkl had to die and how far away from home the often young men lost their lives. One should take the time to grasp the importance of this place.

After the Kriegerkapelle chapel, you hike at the same height above Reit im Winkl over to the viewing platform and the Protestant church. The beautiful mountain church was built in 1936 and is definitely worth a visit. Below the Protestant church, a road leads back to the town center and back to the starting point. There are places to stop for refreshments in town.

Learn more: check out our trip report on <https://www.reitimwinkl.de/en/kapellensteig-trail>

Arrival by car

Coming from Munich or Salzburg on the Munich - Salzburg motorway (A8 to Grabenstätt exit no. 109), continue towards Marquartstein and on the well-developed German Alpine Road (B305) to Reit im Winkl. Parking spaces: -Dorfstraße 38 at the Tourist - Info, 83242 Reit im Winkl, -Tirolerstraße 37 at the Festsaal, 83242 Reit im Winkl.

Coming from Munich or Innsbruck on the Rosenheim - Innsbruck motorway (A93) to Oberaudorf (exit 59). On to Walchsee, Kössen and Reit im Winkl. Parking spaces: -Tirolerstraße 37 am Festsaal, 83242 Reit im Winkl, -Tourist - Info, Dorfstraße 38, 83242 Reit im Winkl.

Arrival by public transport

Connections to Reit im Winkl from Prien am Chimesee train station (best bus connection!). With the RVO bus, line 9505.

Stop directly at the tourist information office or at the Festsaal.

Connections to Reit im Winkl from Ruhpolding train station with the RVO line 9506.

