



Skitouring Wallis

Switzerland

18. April - 26. April 2009

Dear Skitouring Friends,

According your pleas to do a meeting in Switzerland, we will skitouring in the high Alps of the Valais. Full of hope for good weather, we will try to do an ambitious program this year, with lots of 4000m peaks. Since we will meet pretty late in the season, I hope as well for good snow conditions as for your physical fitness. Most of the days will be about or slightly more than 1200m ascent.

I did some reservations already, since the area is fairly crowded in case of good weather. This means for us, that I definitely need you fix promises if you want to join. Otherwise you must pay anyway.

We will first do a 4 day round trip with four 4000m peaks (Allalinhorn, Strahlhorn, Rimpfischhorn, Alphubel). Afterwards we will go 4 km north in the valley and go up to Fletschorn and/or Weissmies or s.th. close to it.

Equipment

- Complete skitouring gear inclusive glacier equipment (rope, ice axe, 1 ice screw, slings, harness), avalanche transceiver, a shovel, a probe, Harscheisen.
- A thin sleeping bag is obligatory in Swiss huts (e.g. silk,...)

Be aware of:

I expect that all of you update your knowledge of crevasse rescue and ARVA-handling (avalanche receiver) + to carry the mentioned equipment with you. If I realize that this isn't the case, I won't accept your partition this time. Sorry for these hard words, but it is really high altitude all the time and a round trip, where we go from hut to hut without easy possibilities to return.

How to get there:

By car: into the Rhone valley to Visp → Saas Fee.

By public transport: → to Visp by train, from there with direct postbus to Saas Fee.

Reservation:

Please give me a feedback latest 15. 02. 2009 in order to do reservations in the valley and the hut.

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Meeting time

Saturday, probably around 15:00 in order to get the cable car up to the hut.

Hope to see you in Saas Fee,
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