

Basic information about the Brevet Munich - Madonna del Ghisallo - Munich

General

Every participant has to take care of himself, on the way there are no organized places to eat and/or sleep. Everything that is needed on the way must either be brought along or organized during the brevet. Accompanying vehicles are absolutely forbidden and will lead to disqualification.

Start location

The start Roeckl-Platz is centrally located in Munich.

For participants arriving by car, there are no parking spaces there.

The start location can be reached quickly from the main train station in Munich. In the download area you will find a gps-track for the route to the start.

Registration Digital Brevet Card

Each participant must register with the Digital Brevet Card.

How to register please read in the information " Usage of Digital Brevet Card".

Digital Brevet Card

Since Corona we use in Germany beside the classical stamp card mainly the "Digital Brevet Card". This is a web based application.

To use it, you need a smartphone.

The controls are documented by matching the location of the smartphone with the GPS data of the control points. At the same time, a photo is uploaded at each checkpoint. The time is then read from the Exif data of the photo.

If possible, use the digital brevet card and read the instructions in the download area.

Unfortunately, the menu navigation of the digital brevet card is only in German. We have put an English translation in the download area.

We highly recommend to do the test of the digital brevet card in advance.

Classic Brevet Card

For the controls we use stamps, receipts or photos.

In most control places you can find stores or gas stations that stamp the card or print receipts when you buy small things.

If there is no stamp or receipt (at night!), then a control photo must be taken and uploaded to the digital brevet card. Please read the instructions in the download area.

Roaming

Switzerland is not part of the EU, so there are extra costs for mobile data. Most providers offer special rates for this.

Money

In Germany and Austria you pay with EURO. Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.

It is more difficult for the credit card "Diners Club" which is rarely accepted.

In Switzerland you pay with Swiss Francs. Mostly you can pay with EURO, but you get the change back in Swiss Francs and the exchange rate is mostly bad. Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.

Overnight stay before and after the brevet

The camping site Thalkirchen is very close to the start (about 2 km). In Munich itself there are a number of cheap hostels near the train station.

Please note: We do not offer luggage storage during the event.

There are also no showers after the brevet.

Route of the brevet

Until the ferry at Lake Como the route is without difficult climbs, on 415 km there are 3.900 meters of altitude difference.

From Bellinzona to Glarus, the climbs of Sankt Gotthard and Klausen Pass add up to 190 km with almost 4,000 meters of altitude gain.

The section from Glarus over the Schwägalp to Lindau is also not without its challenges. Here, 2,000 meters of altitude difference with partly crisp climbs of up to 20% have to be overcome on 135 km.

From Lindau, the pace is calmer again.

So that one creates the Brevet in the time, one should see to be in the morning of the second day only with, if necessary with short sleep break at the Comer lake. The ferries leave on Sunday from 6:50 am and then about every half hour.

A good hotel for the second night is the Liberty Stay Inn in Bellinzona with 24h Self Checkin.

But also on the route between Bellinzola and Airolo you can find many accommodations along the way (e.g. Biasca, Faido, Airolo).

So you can and it is recommended to ride Sankt Gotthard and Klausenpass during daylight.

Food on the way

During the day, food is not a problem.

It is difficult at night, where there are no possibilities in Austria and Switzerland.

Last possibility to get food before the first night is Landeck. There are some restaurants here (e.g. Restaurant/Hotel Greif).

Before the second night there are possibilities in Glarus, Gommiswalde or Ebnat-Kappel.

Sleeping on the way

More than one hotel night will not be possible.

Ideal for hotel accommodation is the greater Locarno/Bellinzona/Airolo area.

With sleeping bag and camping mat, there are numerous waiting houses along the way that offer shelter protected from rain and wind.

Road character

We ride for most of the route on bike paths, without significant car traffic.

From the Madonna del Ghisallo checkpoint to Verbania on Lake Maggiore, unfortunately, the situation is different.

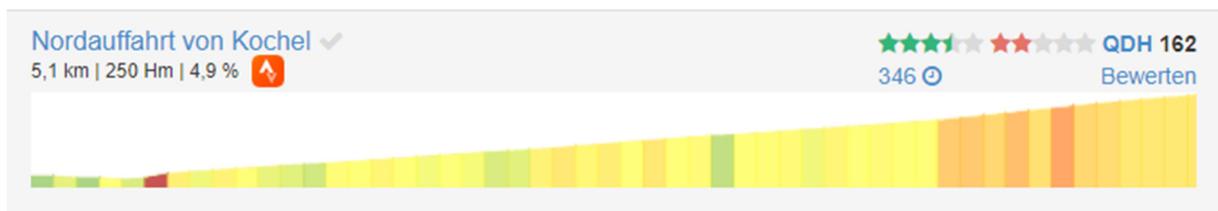
The car traffic is sometimes heavy, the roads just at the roadside in poor condition.

The Italian drivers also often keep only a short distance to cyclists.

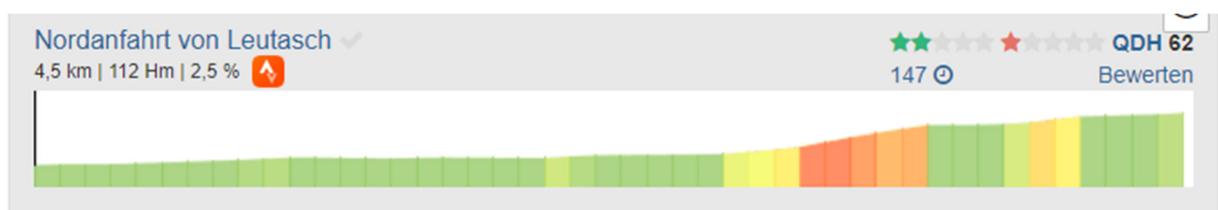
Unfortunately, despite intensive research, we have not found a better route. The many Italian cyclists on the route also do not let themselves be distracted.

The climbs (all altitude profiles from www.quaeldich.de)

Km 75 - Kesselberg (Kochel – Walchensee): 6 km with 6-8%

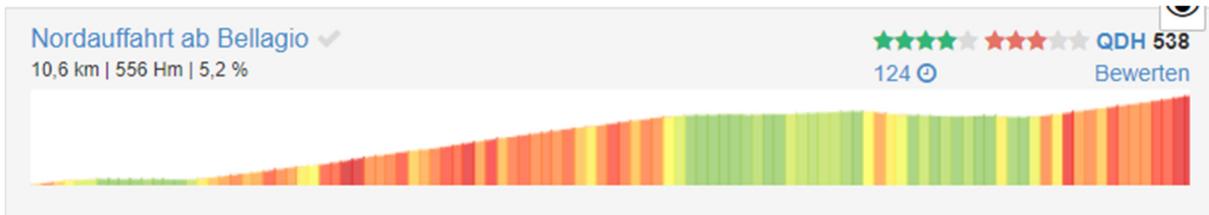


Km 125 - Buchener Sattel: 2 km with 8%



Km 185 - Maloja: drags on forever, but you hardly notice it.

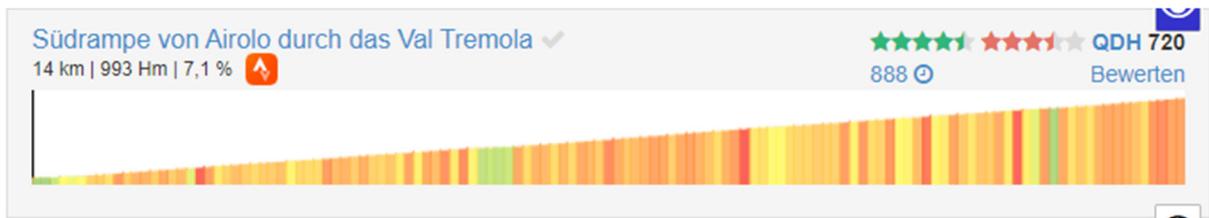
Km 406 – Madonna del Ghisallo: 11 km with often 14%



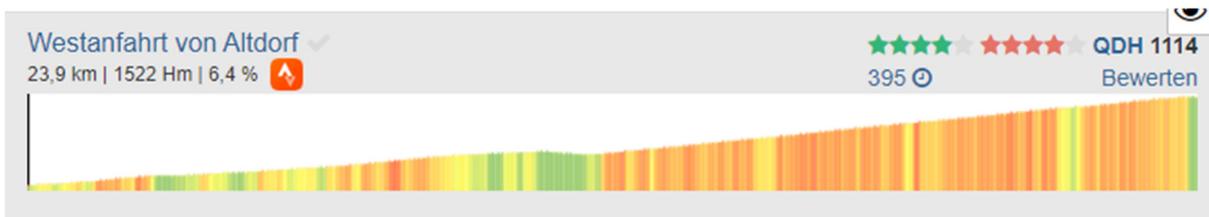
Km 560 - Passo dello Scopello: 22 km with longer sections with up to 10%



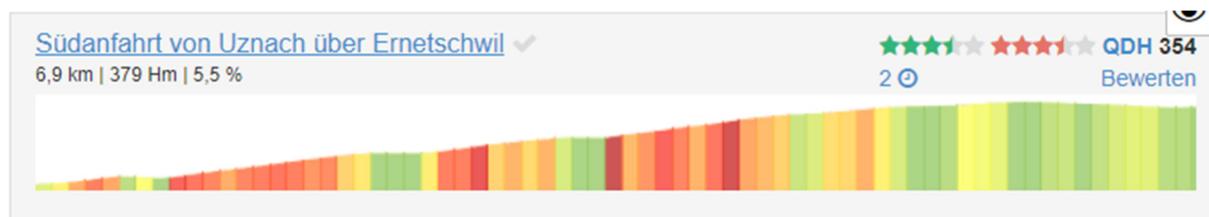
Km 693 - Sankt Gotthard: 14 km, never over 8%, but the last 8 km with good cobblestones



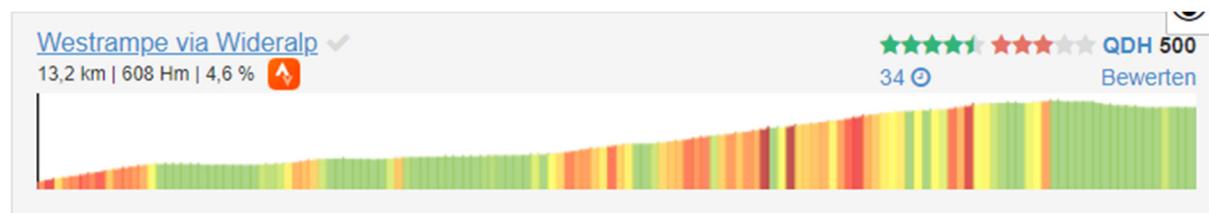
Km 750 - Klausenpass: 24 km, never above 10%, mostly at 8%.



Km 841 - Rickenpass (behind Gommiswald): the crunchiest climb with 2km between 16 and 20%.



Km 863 - Schwägalp: 14 km, at the beginning with 10%, then calmer, later more often around 10% again



In case of abandon

From almost everywhere you can get back to Munich easily by train.

In Switzerland, the train network is optimal, in the many regional trains you (almost) always find a place for the bike. For long-distance trains, you remove the front and rear wheel, wrap everything in cling film and take the bike with you as hand luggage.

There are good long-distance connections from Bellinzona (via Zurich to Munich).

From Lindau there is a regional train to Munich, either directly or with a change.