



International Ski Club of Geneva, Summer Hikes Section
EASTER Sunday & Monday, April 20 & 21, 2025

Aargau: Gebenstorferhorn & Wasserflue (Canton Aargau)

SUNDAY: Baden – Gebenstorferhorn – river confluence zone

We go through the center of Baden, and pass under the impressive Stadtturm (tower), and then up the steps to Schloss Stein (castle). We eventually get into the forest, and will hike on to the Gebenstorferhorn. The viewpoint, with its many benches, will be an ideal picnic place. From there, we will have a unique panorama onto the confluence zone of the Limmat and the Reuss into the Aare (3 rivers). Then we will descend to Turgi, and from there explore the whole region of the confluence of the three rivers which we saw from above. Then we will hike towards Brugg, and once we get into the town periphery, we will take a bus towards the train station.

SUNDAY walking time and difficulty: about 3½ hours of hiking; elevation gain and loss +250 & -300 m; 14 km; no special difficulties; please note that about half of the hike takes place in an urban or peri-urban environment; level: EASY-MEDIUM.

MONDAY: Aarau – Wasserflue – Salhöhe

We start in Aarau, walking through the very pretty old town. We will cross the Aare and go up, and from a viewpoint, we will see down onto Aarau. Then our path will mostly be in the forest, but now and again the view will open up onto the fields and soft curves of the Jura mountains. Finally, we will reach the Wasserflue viewpoint, and the sight is suddenly stunning. If we are lucky, we will see a very wide range of the Alps. Once we have admired, picnicked, and rested, we will go over the crest of the Wasserflue, till Salhöhe, where a bus will take us back down.

MONDAY walking time and difficulty: about 3¾ hours of hiking; elevation gain and loss +680 & -280 m; 12 km; no special difficulties; level: MEDIUM.

Equipment: hiking boots, backpack, hiking poles, picnic, drinks, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, gloves, clothes protecting you from rain and cold; very **light overnight equipment**, for those doing the two days.

SUNDAY rendezvous: track 5 (check!) of the Geneva train station, zone F-G; please board the last-but-one car of the 07:35 train (direction St-Gallen).

SUNDAY transport: train & bus
Geneva dep. 07:35 > Bern arr. 09:26
Bern dep. 09:33 > Baden arr. 10:37

After the hike: bus Windisch, Kunzareal dep. XX:14 to Brugg AG;
many trains Brugg AG – Aarau (depends where you booked a hotel)

SUNDAY probable return time: On Sunday, the hike will end at approximately 16:00. For those staying for the second day, we will be in Aarau about an hour later. Those going back home would be in Geneva about 4 hours later.

MONDAY rendezvous: 09:30, in front of Beck Maier (bakery), Rain 12, Aarau old town.

MONDAY probable return time: On Monday, the hike will end at approximately 15:30. Buses from Salhöhe are at XX:56. Back in Geneva about 4 hours later.

Costs: Fee **per day** for club members: CHF 5; fee **per day** for non-members: CHF 15; plus the train & bus tickets (to be bought by the participant), plus the hotel, for those who stay overnight.

For those who stay overnight: There are not many hotel possibilities (it's Easter!), but hotels on the Zürich-Olten train line are possible. I will stay at Hotel Aarauerhof in Aarau.

Train & bus tickets to be bought individually:

Geneva – Baden:	full price: CHF 84.00, with abo demi-tarif: CHF 42.00
Windisch, Kunzareal – Aarau:	full price: CHF 12.40, with abo demi-tarif: CHF 6.20
Salhöhe – Geneva:	full price: CHF 90.80, with abo demi-tarif: CHF 46.40

Sign up: By email only, to fsamuel@bluewin.ch . **I need to know:** 1) What kind of hikes have you done recently? 2) Your mobile phone number? 3) do you do the whole weekend or only one day, and if only one day, which one?

Confirmation or cancelation: if the weather is very bad, the outing will be cancelled. Two days before the outing (=Friday morning), I will send an email to those who signed up.

NOTA BENE: The outing leader is not a professional guide. By registering, you agree that you are fit for this level of outing and that you carry insurance against accidents and mountain rescue (e.g., REGA). The hike leader and SCIG disclaim any and all liability for accidents related to this hike.

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