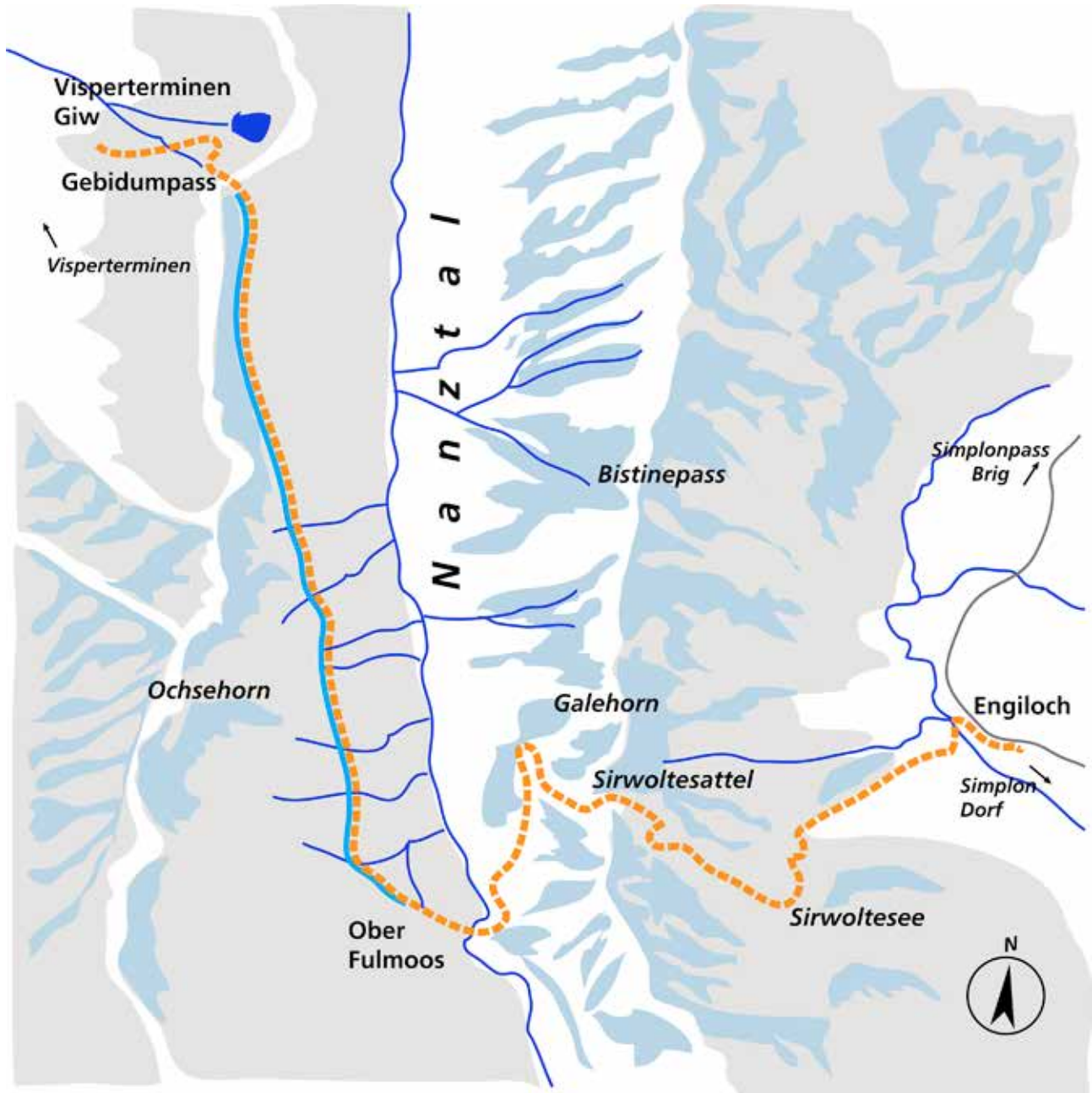


Wasserföhre Heido (bisse du païen)



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In French the «Bisse du Païen». A magnificent walk above Visperterminen, home to the famous Heida (Païen) wine. Step out of time with a view of the Fletschhorn and the other side of the Rhône valley, the Bietschhorn, the Aletschhorn and a partial view of the Aletsch Glacier.

Total length : 10 km in one direction (the bisse measures about 7 km).

Altitude : Between 2000 and 2400 metres.

Route time : Approximately 3 hours, without the return trip.

Location : To the left of the Rhône, Visperterminen above Viège (Visp) and the Nantztal.

Difficulty : No particular difficulty apart from the altitude (bring warm clothing).

Ordinance Survey map 1 : 50'000 no. 274 T Viège (Visp).

Best period : June to September.

Contains water from early June to late October.

Departure & Itinerary

From the village of Visperterminen take the chair-lift to Giw (check the timetable in advance). From the arrival of the chair-lift, head towards «SimplonDorf, Gibidumsee, Heido» on a mountain road used as a ski-slope in the winter. Then, follow the sign-posts for «Wanderweg, Panoramaweg» except for those suffering from a fear of heights, who should choose «SimplonDorf». After about thirty minutes walking you will reach «Gibidumsee». The Bisse «Heido», feeds this mountain lake from the south-west. For the first kilometre of the bisse there is no real path. From «Gibidumsee» you can reach the bisse further along by following the wide trail which leaves the lake heading west. After five/ten minutes walking you will reach a fork sign-posted «Blausee, Sirwoltupass, Engiloch, SimplonDorf». Take this direction up the path of the Bisse «Heido» which flows a few metres below. Once you reach the point at which the bisse takes water, and if you feel inclined, continue for a few minutes towards a ledge to have a picnic by the lake.

Enthusiasts and good walkers can continue towards Simplondorf (6 hours in total) and return to Brig by bus.

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