



International Ski Club of Geneva, Snowshoeing and Winter Hikes Section
WEEKEND 17 & 18 of January 2026

Two winter hikes in Kanton Schwyz

Saturday: Rigi Scheidegg to Rigi Kulm

For this iconic winter hike, we take the cog train from Arth-Goldau, then the cable car at Kräbel up to Rigi Scheidegg (1660 m). We will walk on snow flattened down by piste machines. We will follow the broad crest of the Rigi mountain, passing Kaltbad and Staffelhöhe, and finally ascending Rigi Kulm (1797 m). All along the path, we will have stunning 360° views, either onto the surrounding lakes (Vierwaldstättersee, Zugersee, Lauerzersee) and mountains of central Switzerland, or onto the sea of fog and the high peaks emerging from the fog. From Rigi Kulm, we will take the cog train down. Please be aware that due to the Rigi's celebrity, we will not be the only tourists on the spot.

Saturday walking time and difficulty: about 2½ hours of hiking on snow; elevation gain and loss +220 & -20 m; 7 km; no special difficulties; level: EASY-MEDIUM.

Sunday: Rotenflue and Ibergeregg loop

For the second day winter hike, we will take a cable car starting from Rickenbach by Schwyz, to the top of the Rotenflue (Mythenregion), where our loop starts at 1571 m. Our path will be a combination of the SwissMobile paths N°562 and N°564 with a connection between the two. Overall, we will first descend (Gross Boden, 1280 m) and then go up again (Ibergeregg, 1406 m) and finally back to Rotenflue. We will most probably have a drink at one of the numerous mountain restaurants. This hike offers absolutely gorgeous views, especially onto the face of the nearby famous Grosser Mythen.

Sunday walking time and difficulty: about 3¼ hours of hiking on snow; elevation gain and loss +400 & -400 m; 8 km; no special difficulties; level: MEDIUM. If the weather is not agreeable, the hike can be shortened.

Equipment: hiking boots, **mini-crampons** with 1.5 cm teeth might be recommended according to snow conditions, backpack, hiking poles, picnic, drinks, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, gloves, clothes protecting you from snow, rain, and cold; very **light overnight equipment** (no possibility to leave luggage somewhere).

Saturday rendezvous and transport: track 4 of the Geneva train station, zone F-G; please board the last-but-one car of the 07:05 train (direction Brig). Françoise will meet you when you change the train in Renens.

Geneva	dep. 07:05	>	Renens VD	arr. 07:37
Renens VD	dep. 07:41	>	Olten	arr. 09:18
Olten	dep. 09:30	>	Arth-Goldau	arr. 10:45
Arth-Goldau RB (cog train)	dep. 10:55	>	Kräbel	arr. 11:03
Kräbel (cable car)	dep. 11:05	>	Rigi Scheidegg	arr. 11:11

Saturday probable descent time: Rigi Kulm dep. 16:48 > Arth-Goldau arr. 17:35

Sunday rendezvous and transport: you come from your hotel wherever it is, and we meet on the Bus 503 (depending on hotel position, you will board in different places), that arrives in Rickenbach SZ, Rotenfluebahn at 9:23. (Then cable car every minute).

Rickenbach SZ, Rotenfluebahn dep. 09:30 > Rotenflue (Mythenregion) arr. 09:35

Sunday probable return home time: Rotenflue dep. 14:40 > Geneva arr. 19:25

Costs: Fee for club members: CHF 10; fee for non-members: CHF 30; plus the train, cog train & cable car tickets (to be bought by the participant), plus your overnight accommodation and meals.

Overnight accomodation: Please find your own hotel in Arth-Goldau, Schwyz, Brunnen.

Train & cable car tickets to be bought individually:

Of course, depends where your hotel is; all prices with abonnement demi-tarif:

Return ticket Geneva <> Arth-Goldau CHF 78.00

Ticket Arth-Goldau > Rigi Scheidegg CHF 19.50

Ticket Rigi-Kulm > Arth-Goldau CHF 24.50

Return ticket Arth-Goldau <> Rotenflue (Mythenregion) CHF 27.60

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?

Confirmation or cancelation: My hotel is not refundable, so I will anyway do something, even if the weather is bad. But you are free to cancel, if conditions are not good. I will send an email with information 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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