

## Boval Hut to the Bernina Hospice

Distance	18km
Ascent	548m
Descent	736m
Time	5h30

The original description of the Trek goes from the Boval Hut to the Saoseo Hut in a single day. This is rather long, 26km, taking well over eight hours, and it includes a steep, unmarked descent. A train could be used between Morteratsch and Bernina Lagalb making the direct route much less taxing or an alternative that avoids any difficulty is to split the route by spending a night at the Bernina Hospice.

Begin by retracing yesterday's ascent as far as the junction at pt. 2036, 45min, and take the right fork to descend directly to the station and restaurant at Morteratsch, 1896m, 1h15. Follow the signed path through a wood ignoring bridges and keeping south of the river.

## Diavolezza

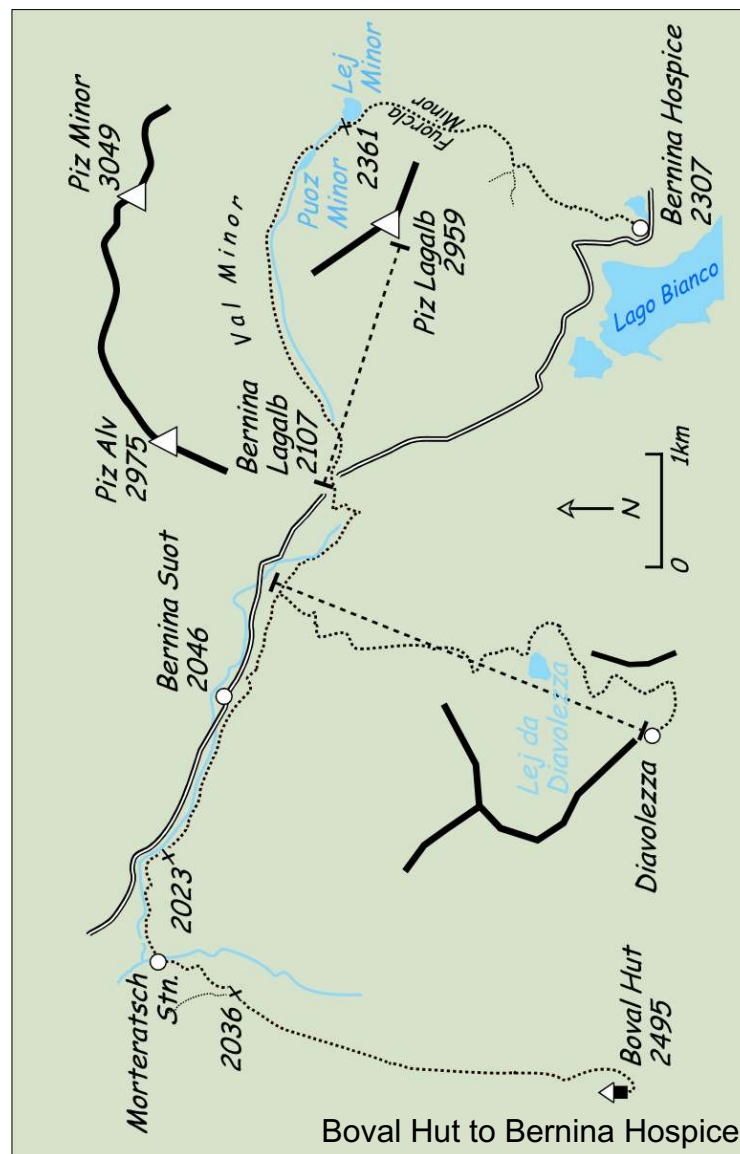
The view from the berghaus Diavolezza is one of the finest in the Alps. To the south are the great buttresses of Piz Palü and as you look to the right peak after peak roll across your vision: the Bellavista ridge, Piz Bernina and Piz Morteratsch. Can be spectacular in the early morning so well worth a detour to stay in the Berghaus.

From the Boval Hut follow the above route to the bottom station of the Diavolezza cable car and take the signed path to the south making height very steadily past Lej da Diavolezza to reach the Berghaus in c. 5h45 from the Boval Hut.

The path soon comes out into the open by pt. 2023. Still on the south side of the river continue on an excellent path past Bernina Suot, 2046m, 2h, to the bottom station of the Diavolezza cable car. Carry on until a small bridge is reached; cross the river, then the railway line to reach the bottom station of the Piz Lagalb cable car, 2107m, 3h.

Taking care to follow the correct path make your way into the Val Minor. This is delightful terrain with fine views and a sparkling stream just below to the right. Making height very easily on a good path one soon arrives at the first of two lakes - Puoz Minor - then a second, larger, lake: Lej Minor, 2361m, 4h15.

The path continues in the same direction for a few minutes before turning to the south to Fuorcla Minor, 2444m, 4h45. For c. 200m the path continues to make height before turning the little peak of Motta Bianca and descending to the Bernina hospice, 2307m, 5h30



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