



A fantastic day out that reveals a large variety of terrain: sub-alpine lake, alpine meadows, alpine scree slopes, ridge views, mountain passes, avalanche slopes, aspen forests, and so on. The surrounding views are spectacular. Recommended for people with good hiking experience, as the route varies through cross-country terrain and steeply descending trails.

Hike (red): ~11.4 km. The hike starts in the sub-alpine, quickly ascending (without a trail) through wonderful meadows to the Alpine and great views of the valley and surrounding peaks. The trail then traverses under a peak, gaining a rough trail that goes through a moonscape. A side trip to a ridge reveals splendid views into another valley. Following the ridge and then contouring on the trail the first pass and highpoint is reached (2540 meters). A quick traverse across a plateau brings you to the 2nd pass. The way now descends straight down perfect shale slopes (no trail), and then down a sandy hillside until one regains a trail around treeline (2080 meters). The trail descends steeply through trees and brush, until it meets a hogback right of a creek, which is descended to the valley floor and the trailhead (1372 meters). The descent is about 1100 meters straight down: challenging but fun!