SKI TOUR · WINTER

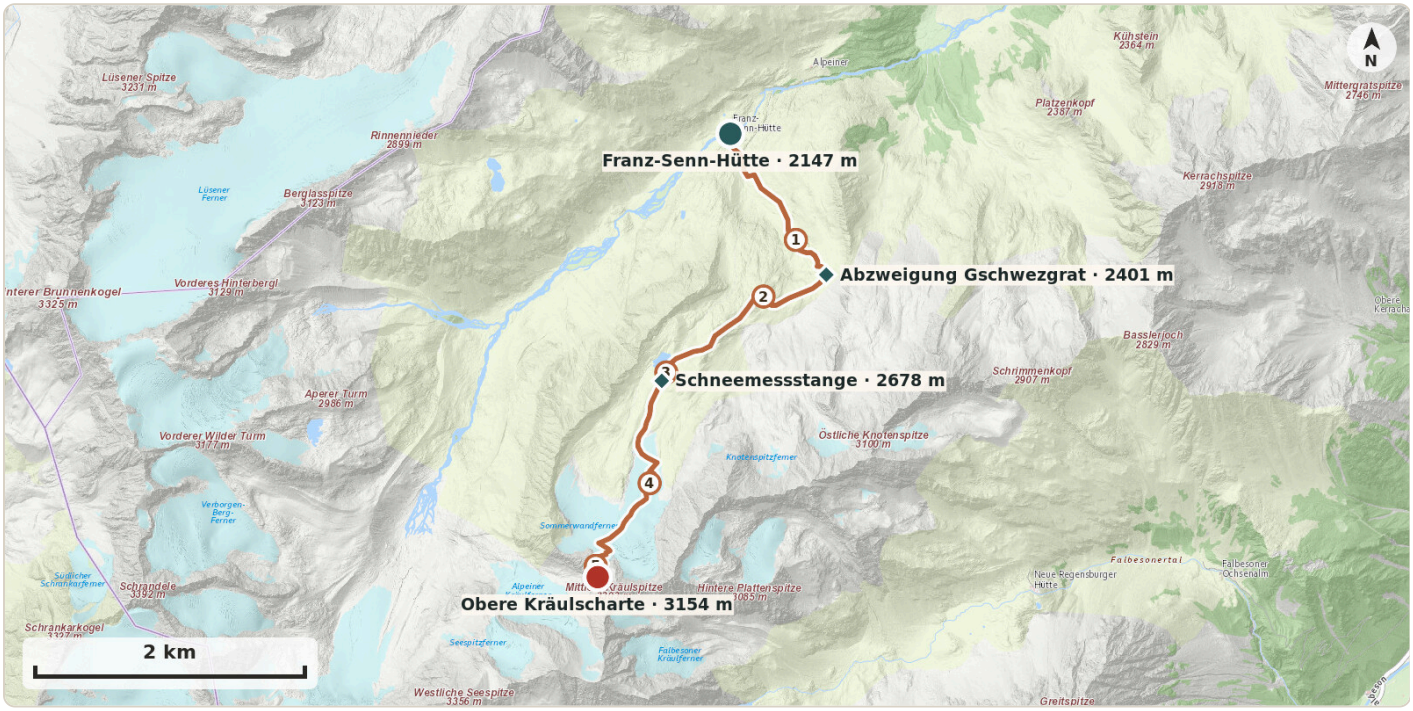
Obere Kräulscharte via the Sommerwandferner 3150 m

Franz-Senn-Hütte
2147 M, STUBAIER ALPEN

TOUR SHEET

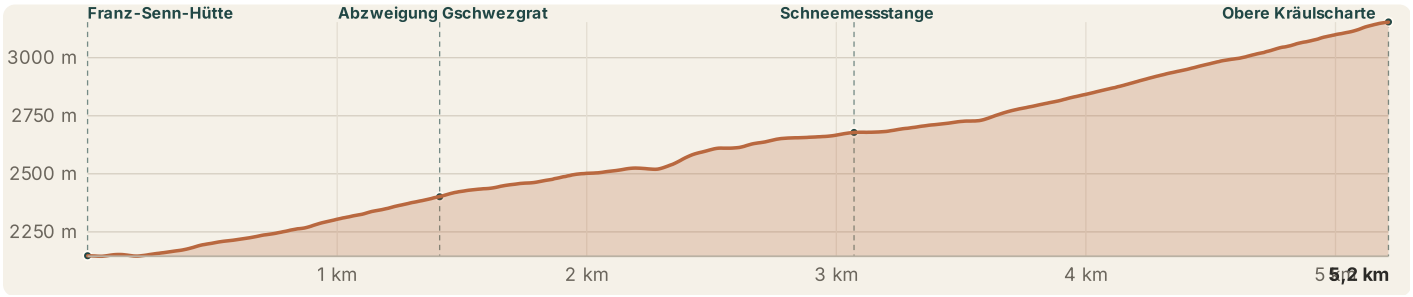
DURATION	DISTANCE	ASCENT	HIGHEST POINT	DIFFICULTY	START / FINISH
4 h	**5 km**	**1020 m** Descent 20 m	**3150 m** from 2150 m	**Ski ZS** SAC ski touring scale (Schneemessstange – Obere Kräulscharte)	**Franz-Senn-Hütte** Finish: Obere Kräulscharte

Route points: Franz-Senn-Hütte 0,0 km, 2150 m – **Abzweigung Gschwezgrat** 1,4 km, 2400 m – **Schneemessstange** 3,1 km, 2680 m – **Obere Kräulscharte** 5,2 km, 3150 m



Map · Track length 5.2 km

Base map: basemap.at



Elevation profile

2143 m – 3154 m

The Obere Kräulscharte is the quieter and slightly higher sister of the much-frequented Kräulscharte. It offers a glacier-dominated alpine day without climbing, with views from the eastern Seespitze across Schrankogel, Wildgratspitzen and Hinterbergl over to the Lüsener side, and back across the glacier basin towards the Oberbergtal.

Route description

Franz-Senn-Hütte → Abzweigung Gschwezgrat

0,0–1,4 km · 1,4 km · ↑ 260 m ↓ 10 m · Winter · WS (SAC ski touring scale)

From the hut, first follow the valley floor on level ground, then climb a short steep step and continue over easier ground southwards below the Gschwezgrat at about 2400 m.

Abzweigung Gschwezgrat → Schneemessstange

1,4–3,1 km · 1,7 km · ↑ 290 m ↓ 10 m · Winter · WS (SAC ski touring scale)

The path continues southwest, fairly level, into Stiergschwez. It then climbs briefly to the right to the upper Sommerwandsee (2500 m) and heads southwest again over a gentle ridge below the long Sommerwände. Cross knolls and hollows to reach the silted-up glacial lake. A conspicuous snow stake stands in this area.

Schneemessstange → Obere Kräulscharte

3,1–5,2 km · 2,1 km · ↑ 480 m ↓ 0 m · Winter · ZS (SAC ski touring scale)

From the snow stake, head south over level ground towards the glacier lobe on the left (facing uphill). A well-laid track climbs at a uniformly steep angle to 3000 m, directly below the Obere Kräulscharte. From here the terrain becomes increasingly steep and the track climbs in switchbacks to the col.

All details without guarantee. Check weather, conditions and avalanche situation yourself and plan the tour on your own responsibility.