

Calmut HB/GR-292

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This is a shockingly easy 8-pointer, especially given that almost all the other peaks in the area have not been activated. A dirt road leads up the entire way (267 meters), difficulty level T2-. (Perfect for guests who do not have much physical stamina but want the Alpine experience -- nice train ride, nice views from the summit.) Also easy access with public transportation: train to Göschenen, 15-minute train to Andermatt, 20-minute train to Oberalppass. Took just over 2 hours to get there from Thalwil, very good connections. I didn't have to leave home at the crack of dawn, and I still got home before the close of business so I could respond to e-mails. There is a parking lot next to the restaurant at the train station.

This is potentially a good winter candidate -- depending on if the road is OK for hiking and not used for skiing. Also note that a friend (Franz, HB9DWQ) did this hike in late June and there was still snow a meter or more deep on the dirt road. It was all gone today.

Aside: First time I tried out my new toy: a Garmin etrex 20 GPS with the Swisstopo 50k maps. On sale at Interdiscount for CHF 270, including the map chip. I'm still learning how to use it.

30 QSOs on 40m (2x s2s), 7 QSOs on 30m. My only QRM was a school group for half an hour, other than that I was totally alone up there. There was a very brisk wind -- at one point I had on my fleece plus jacket plus gloves. Down at the train station it was T-shirt weather.



Oberalppass train station.



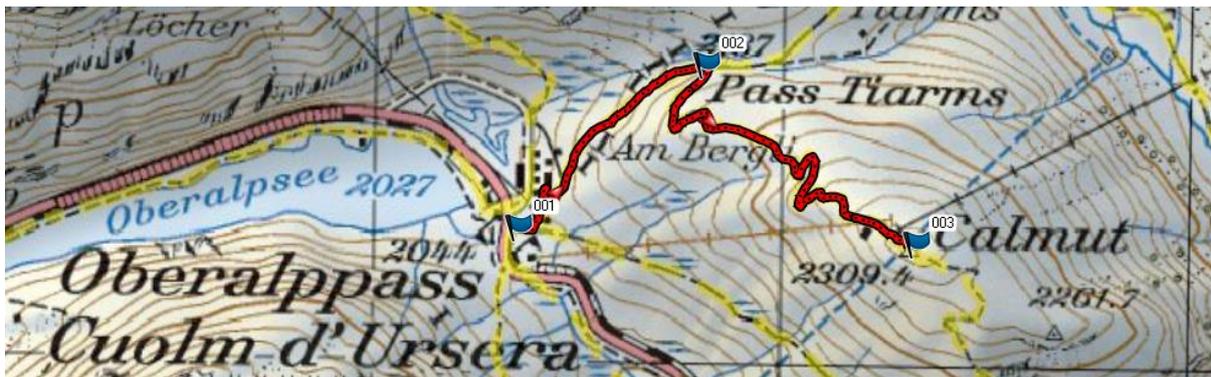
A dirt road goes the whole way up.



Attached my mast to the bench, still got great SWRs on 40 and 30.



View looking west -- none of these summits have been activated.



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Summary	Time	Speed	Elevation
Points: 223 Distance: 1.9 km Area: 0.2 sq km	Elapsed Time: 0:43:49 Moving Time: 0:34:12 Stopped Time: 0:09:37	Avg: 2.6 km/h Avg Moving: 3.4 km/h Min: 0.0 km/h Max: 5 km/h	Min: 2044 m Max: 2311 m Grade: 13.6 % Ascent: 267 m Descent: 4 m