

Swiss Cable Car Summits

In Switzerland we instead have a number of "cable car" summits (this also includes ski lifts plus cog railways / funiculars) where you can ride up to within a short walk of the summit. For the benefit of visitors to Switzerland, we have assembled a list of such summits for summer activation. We do not claim this is an exhaustive list and encourage feedback if you have other suggestions. Further, be aware of several notes:

- There are a large number of cable cars running in Switzerland, but in this list we have included only those that involve only a short hike (15 minutes or less) to the activation zone. There are many more cable cars / trains that involve an extended hike to the actual summit.
- In this list we have made two exceptions:
 - HB/NW-011 Pilatus - Tomlishorn: Pilatus is such a well-known and popular summit that its omission would be obvious. One route up is with the world's steepest cog railway. Tomlishorn is a roughly half-hour hike over a well-maintained trail that is very popular with tourists.
 - HB/NW-019 Bürgenstock: When restoration of the funicular from Kehrsiten (ship station) to Bürgenstock is completed (2016?), there will be a relatively easy half-hour hike to the base of the Hammetschwand Lift (Europe's highest free-standing outdoor elevator and which is a nice attraction). The activation area is adjacent to the elevator's top station. Until the funicular is put back into operation, buses run from Stansstad to the Bürgenstock hotels area.
- These cable cars and ski lifts are often not open all year round. They run during the summer hiking season (mid to late June through October) and then for ski season (late December through late March). In the inactive periods they undergo maintenance and inspections. Please check the website for the cable car or the local tourist office for exact operating dates.
- Many of these summits are the location of large radio/TV/telephone microwave towers. In such cases, do not bother bringing a magnetic loop antenna -- you will not be able to tune it at all if you are anywhere close to the tower.
- These summits are generally very popular tourist destinations with lots of people around, and it can be difficult to set up an antenna without disturbing them. Stringing up a full-sized dipole or inverted Vee can sometimes be troublesome; better options are a vertical or an end-fed dipole. In addition, we have heard on BE-048 Schilthorn that operators have been told emphatically to take down their antennas because they were visible on the summit station webcam.
- In addition to the actual summit, these cable car rides are often great starting points for the activation of additional nearby summits. Be sure to check the SOTA mapping project (and look at the number of activations for summits in question -- if there are only a few activations, there is likely a very good reason!).

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HB9 "Cable Car" Summits

Reference	Name	Altitude (meters)	SOTA points	Notes
HB/AI-001	Säntis	2502	10	
HB/AI-005	Hoher Kasten	1794	6	
HB/AI-007	Kronberg	1663	4	
HB/BE-048	Schilthorn	2970	10	Be very discrete -- management there not radio friendly!
HB/BE-087	Niesen	2362	8	
HB/BE-103	Stockhorn	2190	8	
HB/BE-105	Wispile/Stand	1939	6	
HB/BE-106	Rinderberg	2079	8	
HB/BE-111	Gurten	858	1	
HB/FR-019	Le Moléson	2002	8	
HB/GR-129	Piz Nair	3056	10	
HB/GR-155	Aroser Weisshorn	2653	10	
HB/GR-250	Weissfluh	2844	10	
HB/NW-011	Pilatus/Tomlishorn	2128	8	Two options: cable car or cog railway (world's steepest).
HB/NW-015	Stanserhorn	1898	6	World's first "convertible" cable car (open deck on top)
HB/NW-017	Musenalper Grat	1785	6	
HB/NW-019	Bürgenstock	1128	2	Hammetschwand Lift: Europe's highest free-standing outdoor elevator
HB/OW-010	Brienzer Rothorn	2350	8	Two options: cog railway (from Brienz) or cable car (from Schönenboden)
HB/SG-017	Churfirsten/ Hinterrugg	2306	8	
HB/SZ-017	Chlingenstock	1935	6	Highly recommended ridge hike across to SZ-018
HB/SZ-018	Fronalpstock	1921	6	Highly recommended ridge hike across to SZ-017
HB/SZ-021	Rigi Kulm	1798	6	
HB/TI-101	Monte Generoso	1701	4	OUT OF OPERATION FOR RENOVATIONS UNTIL 2016!
HB/TI-102	San Salvatore	912	1	
HB/VD-020	Le Chamossaire	2112	8	
HB/VD-022	Berneuse	2045	8	
HB/VD-023	Rochers de Naye	2042	8	
HB/VS-110	Eggishorn	2927	10	Overlooks Aletsch Glacier -- UNESCO World Heritage Site
HB/VS-114	Mont Fort	3328	10	Cables secure the last 20m, also possible in winter