

Saturday, 23 May 2026

Lake Zurich from above



At a glance

Canton
ZH

Physical requirement
★★★/T1

Distance
14,5 km

Ascent
530 m

Descent
520 m

Map
Hiking map of the canton of Zurich from Zürcher Wanderwege

Alternative date
Sunday, 24.05.2026

MEILEN ➔ PFANNENSTIEL ➔ ERLENBACH





A SPECTACULAR VIEW

This hike is guided in English and German language. We would like to appeal to people who are not (yet) familiar with Swiss German. We meet at Zurich main station at platforms 43/44, or at Meilen railway station. We cross a short section of the town of Meilen and approach the wild and romantic Meilener ravine with its stream and waterfalls. We stop briefly at the Friedberg castle ruins and continue uphill to the end of the ravine in Toggwil. Here we can enjoy the view for the first time. After another 200 metres of elevation gain, we reach the observation tower

on the Pfannenstiel. Now we take a break for refreshments and those who wish, can climb the tower and enjoy the fantastic panorama in good weather conditions. We continue on an almost level path through the still bright green forest. In Wetzwil, we turn right to the Blüemlisalp farm and begin our descent through the Erlenbach ravine. A wildly bubbling stream and several natural gems such as waterfalls, caves and boulders await us. It's a shame that it is not much further to the centre of Erlenbach. Here you have the choice of returning to Zurich by train or by boat.

Shortcut: possible
Food: from your backpack
Hike leader: Erich Rindlisbacher and Robert Kälin

TIMETABLE

Outward journey		Return journey	
Zurich main station	dep. 09:30	Erlenbach	dep. every quarter of an hour
Meilen	arr. 09:53	Zurich main station	journey time 16 minutes

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