

Field trip 2 - Boltigen

Governance in the landscape of Simmental: community forests and alpine pastures

Moderator: Beat Stucki, forestry consultant and executive committee member of the community (Bäuert) of Adlemsried (in charge of forest management)

Local hosts:

Evelyn Coleman, Forest Conservator

Hans Bettler, former member of the village council, farmer, president/executive committee member of various farmers organisations

Silvan Allemann, president of the local forest owners organisation

Bernhard Knutti, owner and manager of a wood processing unit

Hans-Rudolf Karlen, administrator of local army infrastructures, hunter

Programme

- 11.00 Departure by bus from Interlaken
- 12.00 Arrival in Boltigen, Simmental (meeting point at the railway station)
 - ▶ Lunch in the army building (lunch bags to be brought, coffee/tea available)
 - ▶ Presentation of participants
 - ▶ Wellcome adress, overview on the local situation
- 13.30 Departure by bus to "Taubental"
Presentation and discussion:
 - ▶ The traditional community (Bäuert) of Adlemsried: history, rights and duties, organisation
 - ▶ Governance: roles and cooperation of different actors; Forest Conservator, Forest Ranger, local representatives
 - ▶ Planning and monitoring instruments of forest management
 - ▶ Financial situationWalk: 1 km on a flat gravel road (according to the weather conditions)
 - ▶ Silvicultural, ecological and technical aspects of the management of protection forests
- 15.00 Return by bus to Boltigen
 - ▶ Visit of a small wood processing unit.
 - ▶ Coffee/tea
- 16:00 Departure by bus to "Jaunpass", short stopover on the way
 - ▶ Overview on the Simmental Valley and mountain panorama.
 - ▶ Pasture management
 - ▶ Various local organizations
 - ▶ Role of tourism
 - ▶ Short walk on the snow (optional)
- 18.00 Return by bus to Boltigen
 - ▶ Dinner in the hotel Simmental
- 20.00 Departure by bus to Interlaken
- 21.00 Arrival in Interlaken