

Overview of the Glacier Garden Lucerne

At the lowest point of the Lucerne Glacier Garden, the entrance is through a mini chalet that serves as the Ticket House. The entrance is in the south, in the lower left corner of the garden. The left border of the Glacier Garden in the west is about 85 m long and is formed by a roughly 2-metre-high natural stone wall. Outside the Glacier Garden, Denkmalstrasse runs past the Ticket House and along the wall. The garden's terrain slightly slopes upward in a northerly direction. The northern border of the Glacier Garden is about 105 m long. To the extreme north, in the upper right corner of the Glacier Garden, lies its highest point, the Sommerau. An almost vertical sandstone cliff makes up almost the entire right half of the Glacier Garden. Slightly rugged, it runs almost parallel to the Glacier Garden's left border from north to south. Outside the Glacier Garden, the cliff descends into a ravine in the south. On the right side of the ravine, the sandstone cliff continues to the park with the Lion Monument. At the end of the ravine's left side, the Glacier Garden's Ticket House sits on the top.

Inside the Glacier Garden, right after the entrance, there are 16 glacial potholes in the slightly hilly sandstone rock, which has been ground smooth by the glacier. Behind the glacial potholes stands the Swiss Chalet with the museum and a bistro. Right next to the Swiss Chalet on its left is the storage hut with lockers. To the right of the Swiss Chalet is the central square.

From this square, the entrance to the Swiss Chalet is on the left, towards the west. To the front, towards the north, lies the Sandstone Pavilion, with the entrance to the exhibition space and the cinema on the left and the entrance to the toilets on the right. Opposite the Swiss Chalet, east of the square, there is the entrance to the Felsenwelt. To the right of the Felsenwelt entrance, in the south-east, lies the entrance to the Mirror Maze.

Starting at the Glacier Garden's entrance, a circular trail runs clockwise around the area with the glacial potholes. It passes the south side of the Swiss Chalet and ends at the exit through the Ticket House. After passing the south side of the Swiss Chalet, the path branches off to the left to the central square. Immediately to the right of the Sandstone Pavilion, there are three artificial ponds on ascending terraces. From the central square, a path runs between the Sandstone Pavilion and the Felsenwelt entrance, past the ponds and up to a junction. Almost straight on, the path runs above the Felsenwelt entrance and the Mirror Maze, past the Alpine Hut on the left and back to the exit through the Ticket House. At the path junction, in a U-turn to the left, begins the narrow Mule Track, zigzagging up to the garden's highest point, the Sommerau. The tunnel through the Felsenwelt zigzags, initially at ground level, deep into the sandstone rock, past the underground Rock Lake. You can then either take the elevator up to the Sommerau or climb 13 stairs to exit the Felsenwelt onto the Mule Track below the Sommerau.