

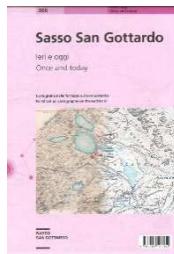


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Present of Switzerland

Historical map of the Gotthard and his fortresses



You receive a special issue of a map of the Gotthard area. The Gotthard in the middle of Switzerland at the crossroad the north south and the west east ways in the central Alps is in the understanding of Switzerland of basic importance. In the Middle Ages, then during the Napoleonic wars, during both world wars and also in the cold war, the Gotthard strategically, traffic- technically and cartographically plays a central role.



Cutting form the topical land map scale 1:100'000 of the Gotthard region
Produced by swisstopo

The connection with Russia – where this year's CLGE congress meets - is anchored **since the campaign by generalissimo count Alexander Wassiljewitsch Suworow** firmly in the consciousness of the Swiss population. With the **victory** Suworows on the **24th/25th of September, 1799** in the Schöllenen with the famous devil's bridge in the middle of the Gotthard region **exactly for the day 216 years ago** – the fame of Suworow in Switzerland became immortal.



Suworow led from the 15th of September to the 17th of October his troops in a campaign through the Alps about different mountain passes with unconceivable privations for man and horse.



In 1899 the monument was built to honour by Suworow and the dead soldiers of Russia in the Schöllenen.

In 2009 president Dimitri Medvedev visited the monument in his state visit in Switzerland and laid down a wreath.

Over and over again Russian cadets of a military academy visit the monument and spend some days with the study of the military history of her generalissimo.

Inscription translated



TO THE HEROIC-COURAGEOUS FELLOW
COMBATANTS OF THE GENERALISSIMO FIELD
MARSHAL COUNT SUWOROW-RIMNIKSKI
PRINCE OF ITALY BY THE CROSSING OF THE ALPS
FALLEN IN 1799



Cutting form the land map scale
1: 25'000 sheet number 1231
Urseren
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The red circle marks the situation of the monument and the monument signature

<https://map.geo.admin.ch>



Cutting from the official cadastral surveying data of the community of Andermatt.

Property Number 725 with the Monument

The data can be downloaded everywhere on the Internet

<http://www.lisag.ch>

For us Geodesist is interesting that the property number 725 with the monument owns the Russian federation as a civil law property. However, it is not extraterritorial, i. e. it is not on Russian territory. So the property is no Russian enclave and also no Russian sovereign territory.

Grundbuch Andermatt

 **Liegenschaft Nr. 725**

Plan Nr. 17, Platten

563 m² Fels (449 m²), Strasse, Weg (114 m²)
01.01.1997 Beleg 00

Eigentümer

Russische Föderation, Brunnadernrain 37, 3006 Bern

At the same time can be questioned:

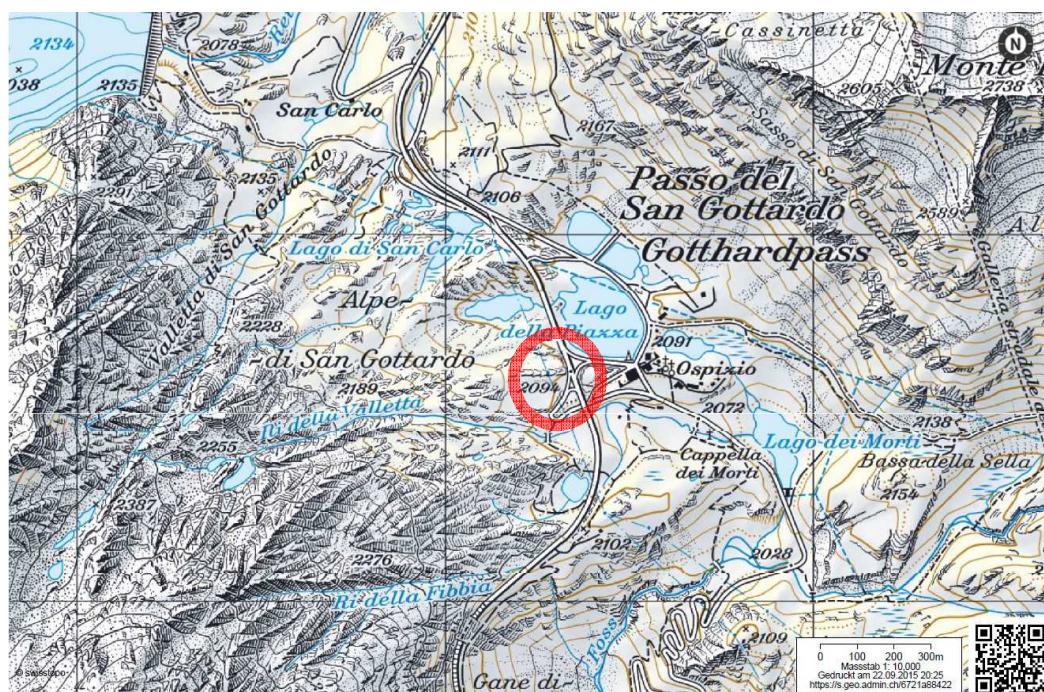
Owner: Russian Federation

Surface: 563 m²,

cultural kinds: rock, roads

and so on

On the Gotthard hospice established in 2009 an equestrian statue of Suworow. Here the cultural footpath "Via Suworow" leads on the traces of the campaign through the Alps. There are many buildings with the name of Suworow and commemorative tables along his campaign route.



Cutting from the land map scale 1:25'000 sheet number 1251
Val Bedretto
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The **red circle** marks the situation of the equestrian statue of Suworow



Suvorov was in the time of the campaign seventy years old.
He led the troop if always possibly mounted.
Therefore a monument on horseback.



The Gotthard hospice with view to the south. There are hotels, restaurants and a museum. Suworow reached the Pass fighting from the south at 24th September and attacked further to the north.



Suworow had imperfect maps and charts at this time. This is why he already let during the campaign take topographically pictures and he printed the wonderful **Atlas Suworow** with documents of Swiss cartographers.



A cutting from the Atlas Suworow with Cyrillic marks with the lake of Zurich. The atlas was finished in 1799 and contains the maps and subtitles to the campaign from Suworow trough Switzerland.

With it the meaning of topographical maps becomes clearly evident. At that time they showed a projection of information, as well as nowadays the data possession.

Conclusion

This historical map “Sasso San Gottardo” is an example like data - in this case from fortresses - her importance lose. Also it is a sign of the opening an the result of the modern open data management in many areas.

Rudolf Küntzel, president geosuisse

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