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bus services. Also nearby is SBB/FFS Paradiso station, that is served by trains every 30 minutes from Lugano's main station. The funicular crosses the main line here on a spindly viaduct.

This funicular is also in two sections. However it is unusual as there is only one car on each of the single-track sections. The sections are both 815m long and the cars counterbalance each other, meeting at the middle island platform of Pazzallo to allow passengers to interchange between them. The lower section rises 248m, the upper 353m, with a combined journey time of some 10 minutes. Services run every 30 minutes from 09.00 to 17.00, again later in the summer. Of the two tourist funiculars this is the one we would recommend. All visitors to the city will probably use the one from the main station.



#### A fourth Funicular

Until 1986 Lugano had a fourth funicular. This was the Funicolare degli Angioli. This started near the lakeside by the church of Santa Maria degli Angioli and ran up past the side of the Hotel International au Lac to the Hotel Bristol at the top. The Hotel Bristol closed in 1981, and the funicular followed 5 years later. It was a single line throughout, operated with a single car, being just 142m long and rising 53m. The track is still in existence, with the rails in position and also the rollers for the cable. The top station, which is part of a tower, still exists but nothing remains of the lower station. Listed as a 'Cultural property of regional significance' it is unlikely to be demolished. It was fully described in a recent edition of *Swiss Express*. 🇨🇭

### Where's Heidi?

**Question.** If confronted with this watery scene, where would you be?

*Answer on page 46.* 🇨🇭



TOP: San Salvatore funi lower section - Paradiso station.  
ABOVE: Abandoned funi.

to the views from the 912m high Monte San Salvatore. The views and facilities here are better than those at Monte Bré, with a full 360° panorama possible. There is a restaurant with semi-open terrace providing good views southwards towards Melide and Italy. The funicular starts from Lugano's Paradiso district, some 1.5km south of the city centre. The SNL lake ships make far more frequent calls at the pier, which is about 5 minutes' walk away, and again there are frequent





## And finally...

Dave Stowell took this shot of a police notice displayed in the car park reserved for coaches and buses at the west end of Interlaken West Station.

The text reads: "If you are not a bus driver and yet you still park here then suddenly lunch will cost you Fr. 238.50, including coffee". Those who know the spot will realise that the Migros supermarket with its excellent restaurant can be found on the other side of the road." ☞



## Where's Heidi?

**Answer.** With this view you'd be outside Interlaken Ost station, looking in the infinity pool. And if you turn 180 degrees you'd be looking at the Coop which has a restaurant that is convenient for the station and recommended. And unusually is open on Sundays. ☞

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