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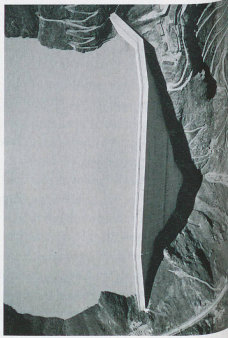
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### A bird's eye view

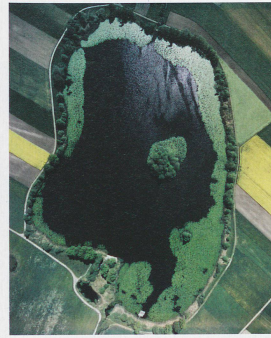
Since the emergence of civil aviation, Switzerland has been documented comprehensively using aerial photographs. The images from a bird's eye perspective have not simply been consigned to the archives; they hang in many public buildings and private homes, and shape the visual memory of the country. In the early years after its foundation in 1931, the aerial photographs business was more lucrative than passenger flights for Swissair.

The "Switzerland" exhibition at the Museum Bellpark in Kriens runs until 22 November.

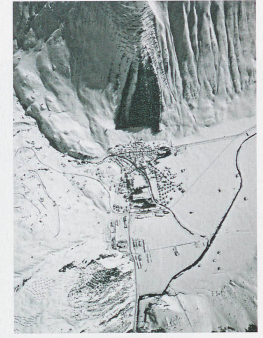
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The Grande Dixence dam in the Val d'Hérémence, 1964



Inkwilensee between Inkwil and Bolken, 1976



Bannwald near Andermatt, 1968



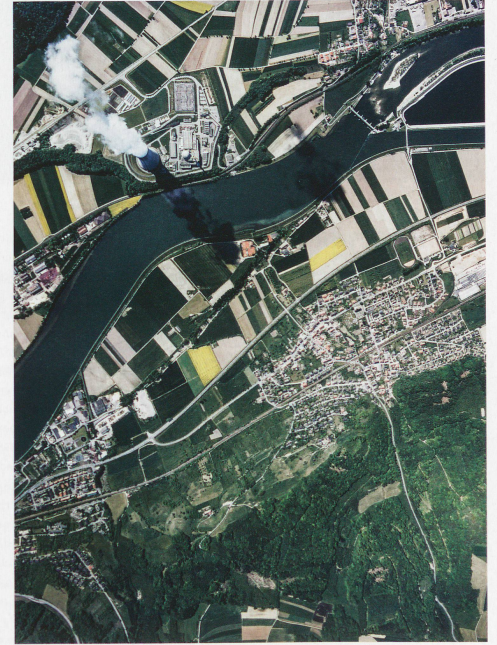
The ice tongue of the Rhone glacier and the Furka Pass road, September 1973



Cup final on Easter Monday at the Wankdorfstadion in Bern, 1973

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The Aare and the Leibstadt nuclear power station, 1991