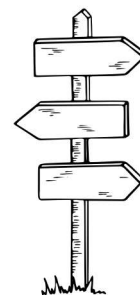


Ideas for autumn hikes



WALKING THE BALCONY TRAILS

- The **small south balcony** runs along the valley from Les Bossons to Argentière
- The **small north balcony** links the village of Les Bois to the village of Le Tour
- **The big north balcony** is between the Plan de l'Aiguille cable car and the Montenvers train.
 - Via Signal Forbes (+1h). Get down by foot through Les Mottets or by train.



BEST VIEWS ON THE MASSIF



- **Aiguillette des Posettes** from Tré-le-Champ or Le Tour (2h30)
- **Col de Balme** from Vallorcine (2h30)
- **Chalets de Chailloux** from Merlet or La Flatière (2h)
 - Possibility to go up to **Aiguillette des Houches** (+1h)
- **Le Prarion** from Les Houches through Charousse (3h30)
- **Bellachat** from Merlet (3h30)

DISCOVERING MOUNTAIN LAKES

- **In the Aiguilles Rouges natural reserve** : Brévent → lac Cornu & lacs Noirs from Chamonix (4h30) or from Planpraz (2h)
 - Flégère → lac Blanc & lacs des Chéserys (4h30)
- **In Carlaveyron natural reserve** : lac du Brévent from Merlet (3h30) or from Planpraz (2h)
- **North side** : lac Bleu from Plan de l'Aiguille (30 min) or from Chamonix (3h30)
- **In the Fiz Massif** from Servoz → lac Vert (1h30) - lac de Pormenaz (3h00) - lac d'Anterne (4h30). From Plaine Joux (-1h)

✓ CHECK-LIST

- proper hiking shoes
- extra warm (and dry) layers & windproof layer
- a paper map / online mapping app
- snacks and water
- small pharmacy (and an emergency blanket)
- a headlight & a phone

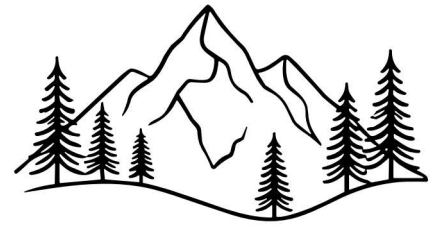


A brief description of these hikes can be found on Chamonix's tourist office website :

www.chamonix.com

RECHARGE IN ALPINE PASTURES

- L'alpage de **Pormenaz** from Servoz-Le Mont (3h)
- L'alpage de **Charousse** from Les Chavants in Les Houches (1h)
- L'alpage de **Chailloux** from la Flatière or Merlet (2h)
- L'alpage de **Blaitière** from Chamonix (2h45)
- L'alpage de **Balme** from Le Tour (2h)
- L'alpage de **Loriaz** from Le Buet (2h15)
- L'alpage de la **Pendant** from Le Lavancher (2h)
- **Péclerey** mountain from Le Tour (2h)



SPEND A NIGHT OUTSIDE - BIVY OR IN A HUT



Most mountain huts are **closed** during fall.

If you're planning to camp, be aware that nighttime temperatures can drop significantly below freezing, weather conditions can change quickly, and night falls much earlier. It is essential to have suitable equipment and check the conditions in advance.

HIKING TO THE SUMMIT OF MONT BUET (3099m)

For the most experienced and fit hikers (+1,700 m elevation gain), you can take on the ascent of a summit over 3,000 m in altitude : the Mont Buet. Starting from the village of Le Buet, it will take you 6–7 hours to reach the summit.

Please note that, due to the altitude, the upper section may be snow-covered early in the season.

Psst: some hikes are only accessible as long as the trails are **snow-free**. Make sure to check conditions beforehand!

*The hiking times given are for the **outward journey only**. They are calculated based on an average pace of 300 m of elevation gain per hour.*

For the record, AI can't make reliable maps just yet 😊 You can find 2 hiking maps covering the Chamonix Valley, priced at €5 and €7, in any Tourism Office throughout the valley.