

Hiking Ideas

WALKING THE BALCONY TRAILS

The small south balcony runs along the valley from Les Houches to Argentière

The small north balcony links the village of Les Bois to the village of Le Tour

The big south balcony is between the Flégère and Planpraz gondola: 2h30

The big north balcony is between the Plan de l'Aiguille cable car and the Montenvers train: 3h00



ADMIRING THE MASSIF

Aiguillette des Posettes: 2h30 from Tré-le-Champ or Le Tour

Col de Balme: 1h10 from Charamillon, 2h30 from Vallorcine, 30 min from Les Autannes

Aiguillette des Houches: 2h30 from la Flatière, 3h from Merlet

Le Prarion: 3h30 from Les Houches via Charousse, 45 min from the Prarion gondola



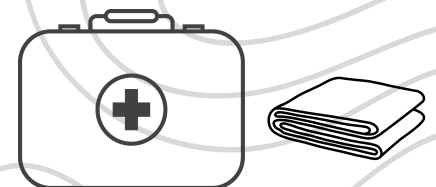
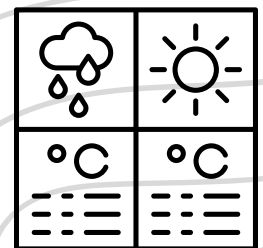
DISCOVER THE MOUNTAIN LAKES

In the Aiguilles Rouges natural reserve: lac Cornu - lacs Noirs - lac Blanc - lacs des Chéserys (2h ou 4h30 without lift)

In the Carlaveyron natural reserve: lac du Brévent (1h from Brévent cable car)

North side: lac Bleu (30 min from the Aiguille du Midi cable car, 3h30 from Chamonix)

In the Fiz massif: lac Vert (1h15 / 1h30) - lac de Pormenaz (3h00) - lac d'Anterne (4h30) from Servoz



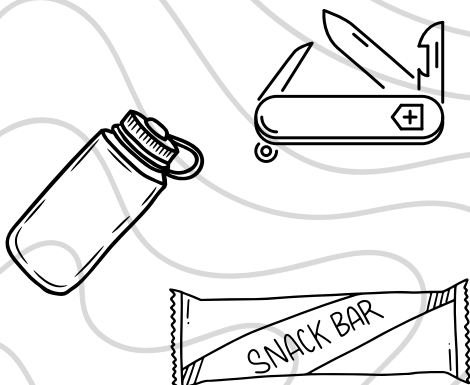
GETTING CLOSE TO THE GLACIERS

La Mer de Glace: 2h30 from Chamonix (+1h to Signal Forbes)

Le glacier d'Argentière: 3h30 from Argentière. **Summer 2026: totale closure of Lognan-les Grands Montets site for works**

Le Tour glacier: 3h from Vallorcine gondola, 4h30 from Le Tour, 2h from Les Autannes, 3h from Charamillon

Le Bossons glacier: 1h from Les Bossons (+4h to La Jonction)



RECHARGE IN ALPINE PASTURES

Pormenaz mountain pasturage: 3h from Servoz-Le Mont

Charousse mountain pasturage: 1h from Les Chavants aux Houches

Chailloux mountain pasturage: 2h from La Flatière or Merlet

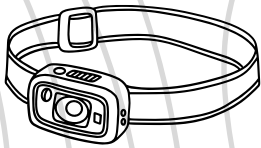
Blaitière mountain pasturage: 2h45 from Chamonix

Balme mountain pasturage: 2 h from Vallorcine gondola

Loriaz mountain pasturage: 2h15 from Le Buet

Pendant mountain pasturage: 2h from Le Lavancher

Péclerey mountain pasturage: 1h30 from Le Tour



SPEND A NIGHT IN A HUT

On the Aiguilles Rouges side: the Bellachat, Flégère or lac Blanc huts

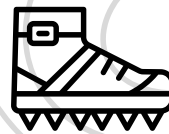
On the north side: the Plan de l'Aiguille hut or Montenvers hotel

On the upper valley: the Lognan, Pierre à Bérard, Loriaz, or Col de Balme huts

On the Fiz side: the Plate, Sales, Alfred Wills or Moede Anterne huts

ASCENSION OF MONT BUET (3099m)

The most experienced hikers can reach the highest point of the Aiguilles Rouges massif from the village of Le Buet in 6 hours. From the Pierre à Bérard hut, you can make the ascent over 2 days. (Be careful: as the altitude means that the upper part remains snow-covered for a long time)



The walking times indicated correspond to one way. They are calculated on a basis of 300m/hour.

Many hiking related on Chamonix tourist office website(www.chamonix.com) also provide a brief description of these hikes detailed information on these hikes are available from the hiking guide book "Sentiers du Mont Blanc".

Some hikes may not be accessible at the beginning of the season because of the snow.
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