



Guidelines

Campsites and bivouac areas on the Tour du Mont-Blanc



By bivouac we mean sleeping outdoors under the stars or setting up a tent, from sunset to sunrise, for one night in a specific area, without leaving footprints or making a fire. Bivouac is not wild camping, which is the practice of sleeping for several days in the same place outside of established areas.

French rules

Chamonix



Camping and bivouac have been banned since 1992. The only possible exemption is to bivouac at high altitude between sunset and sunrise.

- There is a large choice of campsites in Chamonix and the surrounding villages (Argentière, Les Bois, Les Bossons...)

Les Houches



Bivouac is tolerated from sunset to sunrise, for only one night.

- Camping Bellevue : +33(0)6 33 50 34 12 - www.campingbellevueleshouches.com

Les Contamines

Bivouac is permitted in specific areas and in some zones of the Contamines-Montjoie Nature Reserve.



Bivouacs (from 1 July to 30 August) and swimming (all year round) are prohibited within the scope of Lac Jovet and Lac Plan Jovet.

- Camping du Pontet : +33(0)4 50 47 04 04 - www.campinglepontet.fr
- Refuge du Truc (variante GR) - bivouac to be organized with the refuge : +33(0)4 50 93 12 48
- Refuge de Miage (variante GR)- bivouac to be organized with the refuge : +33(0)4 50 93 22 91 www.refugedemiage.com
- Bivouac du pont de la Rollaz 10 minutes up from the Nant Borrant refuge
- Bivouac de la Balme to be recorded on [Bivouac \(nature-haute-savoie.fr\)](http://Bivouac.nature-haute-savoie.fr).

Bourg Saint Maurice



There is an official bivouac area at Les Chapieux (with sanitary facilities and recycling facilities).

The Vallée des Glaciers is made up of mountain pastures and private property, so bivouac is not permitted.

Italian rules :

Overview :

All forms of bivouac or camping are prohibited in the Aosta valley, even for periods of under 24 hours.



Bivouac is prohibited below 2500 m, covering all of the Valley d'Aosta through which the Tour du Mont-Blanc runs.

Non-compliance with the regulations carries a penalty of a €566 fine.

VAL VENY

- Camping Aiguille Noire (hors GR) : +39 351 80 48 846 - www.aiguillenoire.com
- Camping Monte Bianco (hors GR) : +39 389 90 20 772 - www.campinglasorgente.net
- Camping Hobo (hors GR) : +39 0165 86 90 73 - www.campinghobo.com

VAL FERRET Italien

- Camping Grandes Jorasses (hors GR) : +39 0165 86 97 08 - www.grandesjorasses.com
- Camping Tronchey (hors GR) : +39 0165 86 97 07 - www.tronchey.com

Swiss rules :

Overview :



Bivouacs or wild camping, are prohibited in all of Switzerland.

Exceptions: one night's sleep, not in a group and above the tree line in case of emergency situation.

For the Valais villages involved in the Tour du Mont-Blanc, here are the regulations to be respected:



Bovernier

Unauthorised camping and bivouac activities are prohibited and there are no official camping areas in the commune.



Martigny-Combe

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Orsière

Camping is only permitted in specific areas.

- Camping les Rocailles -Champex lac : +41(0)27 783 19 79 - www.champex-camping.ch
- Camping Gîte Bon Abri -Champex d'en Haut : +41(0)27 783 14 23 - www.gite-bon-abri.com
- Camping du Relais d'Arpette (variante GR) : +41(0)27 783 12 21 - www.arpette.ch
- Camping des Glaciers : +41 (0)27 783 18 26 - www.camping-glaciers.ch



Trient

Bivouac and wild camping are prohibited

- Camping communal de Trient : +41 (0) 27 722 21 05
- Camping/bivouac du Peuty : +41(0)27 722 21 05
- Camping de l'Arpille bivouac to be organized with hôtel du col de la Forclaz : +41(0) 27 722 26 88

French rules :

Vallorcine



Wild camping, bivouac and campfires are strictly prohibited day and night throughout the village.

Bivouacs outside the natural reserves are authorised with the owner's permission for one night from 7pm to 9am at the latest. Above 1700 m altitude, permission to bivouac is de facto granted.

- Camping des Montets (variante GR) : +33(0)6 79 02 18 81 - www.camping-montets.com
- Auberge de La Boerne (30 places – ½ pension obligatoire) : +33 4 50 54 05 14 www.la-boerne.fr

Aiguilles Rouges mountain ranges

Bivouac is permitted in some areas.



You need to book your spot via the link below before going to bivouac in one of the natural reserves in the Aiguilles Rouges massif (Carlaveyron - Aiguilles Rouges - vallon de Bérard).

Reminder: swimming in mountain lakes is prohibited.

To book your bivouac spot : <https://bivouac.nature-haute-savoie.fr>