



Walks & hikes

Summer 2026



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Les
Sybelles

Walkings from the village

1 - The Pres Plans Valley

Approx. 2½ hours (There and back) – 6 km

Elevation gain: 100 m

Starting from the Plan du Moulin car park, take the path to the left of the chairlifts and head into the forest towards the hamlet of Les Vachers. Once in the hamlet, continue along the path towards the Croix de la Troche. Once on the wide track, continue towards Les Deux Ponts. Return via the same route.

Alternative start: you can set off from the Virage des Gentianes (passing under a bridge, 800m on a tarmac road), walk past the Hôtel Les Cèdres and join the wide dirt track.

New since 2025: once you reach the hamlet of Les Deux Ponts, you can continue towards the Boucle Chez l'Ermitte (2.25km / 45 mins) or the Boucle des Charmettes (1.19km / 20 mins).

2 – The Vachers Hamlet Walk

Approx. 30 mins (loop) – 1.1 km

Elevation gain: 73 m

From the Plan du Moulin car park, take the path to the left of the chairlifts and head into the forest towards the hamlet of Les Vachers. For a short loop: retrace your steps for 150 metres, then turn left onto the flat path that takes you back to Saint Sorlin d'Arves, in the hamlet of Le Pré.

3 - Les balcons de l'Arcossais

Approx. 1h00 - 2.7km

Elevation gain: 136m

From the Plan du Moulin car park, follow the signs for 'Aire de jeux', and head into the area of the tennis courts and the stadium on the mountain side. Follow the path that zigzags up the side of the Crêt d'Ornon. On the flat section, enjoy a magnificent view of the village and the hamlet of Les Vachers. Then follow the path that climbs gently eastwards. You can leave the balcony path at Malcrozet, or further on at Cluny, or even further at La Curiaz. Return via the balcony path or, at each option, descend to the valley floor (Malcrozet, 1-hour loop; Cluny, 1½-hour loop; or Les Chambons, 2-hour loop) and return by following the D926 road.

4 - « Sur les traces de Sorlinette » - educational walk IN FRENCH

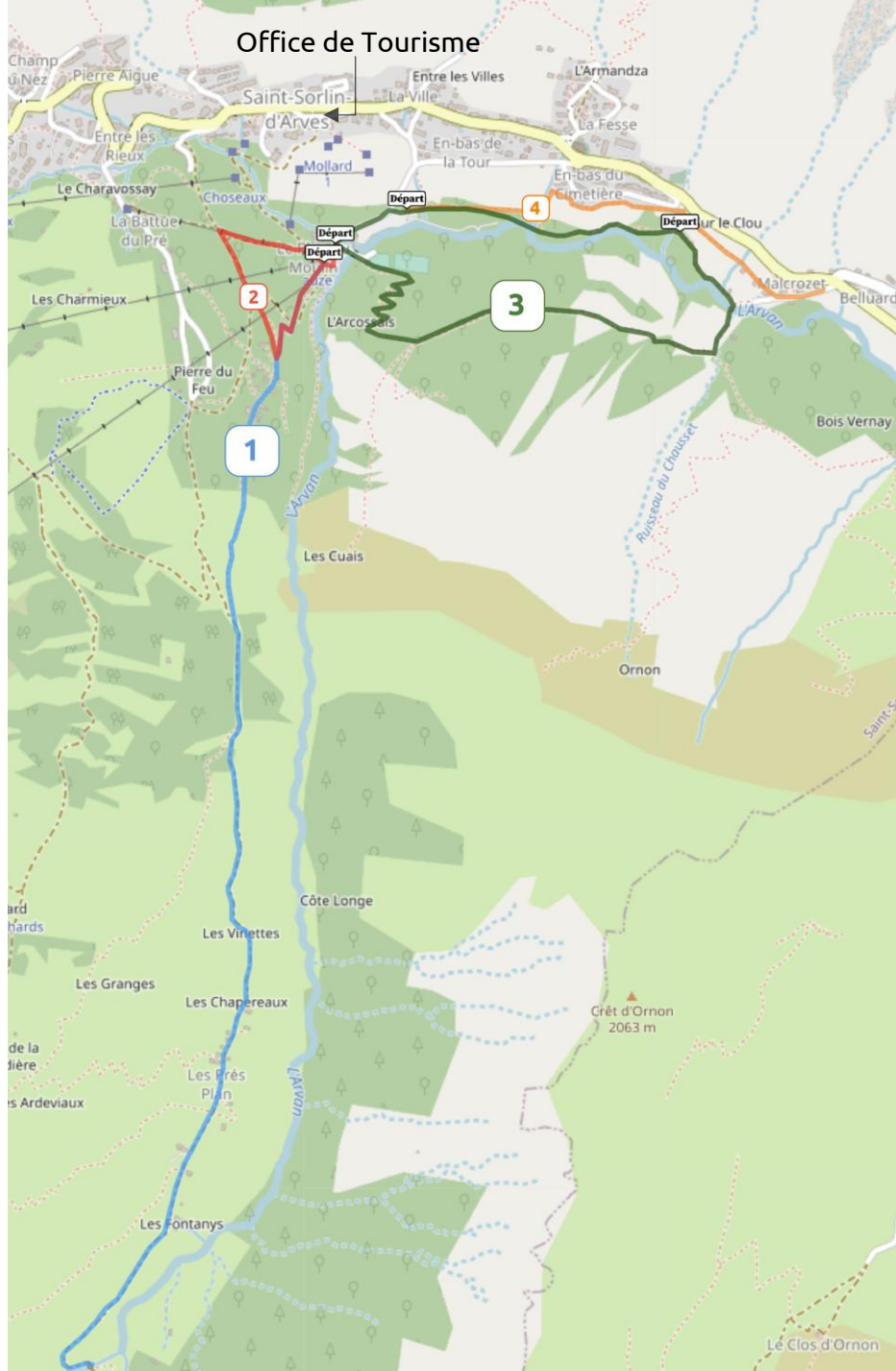
Approx. 1h30min (there and back) - 1 km

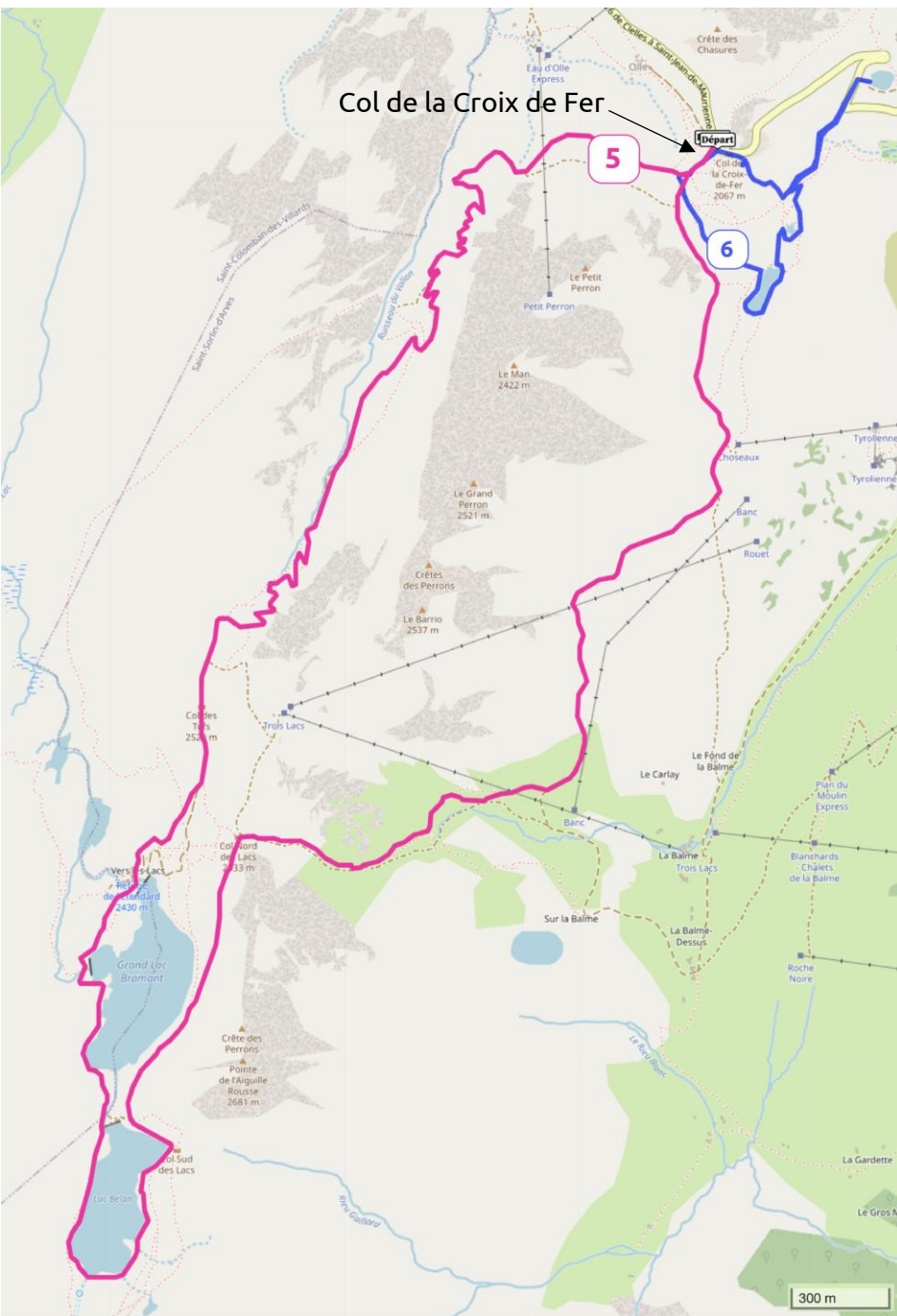
Elevation gain: 30 m

Further details can be found on page 4 of this document.

Heritage walk:

Discover the heritage of the hamlets of Saint Sorlin d'Arves with





Walkings from the Col de la Croix de Fer

5 – Three Lakes Tour

Approx. 5h15 - 13,8 km
Elevation gain: 711m

Starting from the Col de la Croix de Fer, head towards Lac Bramant / Refuge de l'Étendard. Once near the refuge, you can either descend to Lac Bramant (the first lake) and the Refuge de l'Étendard (food, drinks, etc.) or head straight to Lac Blanc (the second lake), then on to Lac Tournant (the third lake) and finally to the foot of the Saint Sorlin Glacier. For the return journey, as a loop via the Col Nord des Lacs, follow signs for the Bancs ski lift, the Choseaux chairlift and the Col de la Croix de Fer.

Do not walk on the glacier (abrasive ice, snow bridges over crevasses, etc).

Please note from the Col Nord des Lacs or the refuge, it takes a further 2 hours to reach the foot of the glacier (plus the return journey to the Col de la Croix de Fer, making a total of 4 hours) – Alternative route: to enjoy a 5-hour hike whilst still taking in the view of the lakes, you can stop at the refuge or the Col Nord des Lacs without walking around all three lakes.

6 - Walk around the small lakes: POTRON, GUICHARD et LAITELET

Approx. 1h - 3 km
Elevation gain: 60m

Starting from the southern Croix de Fer Pass (towards the Refuge de l'Étendard) or the eastern Croix de Fer Pass (towards Saint Sorlin). Wetlands surrounding the lakes are particularly sensitive. Protected plant species. It is essential to follow the marked paths.

Safety instructions:

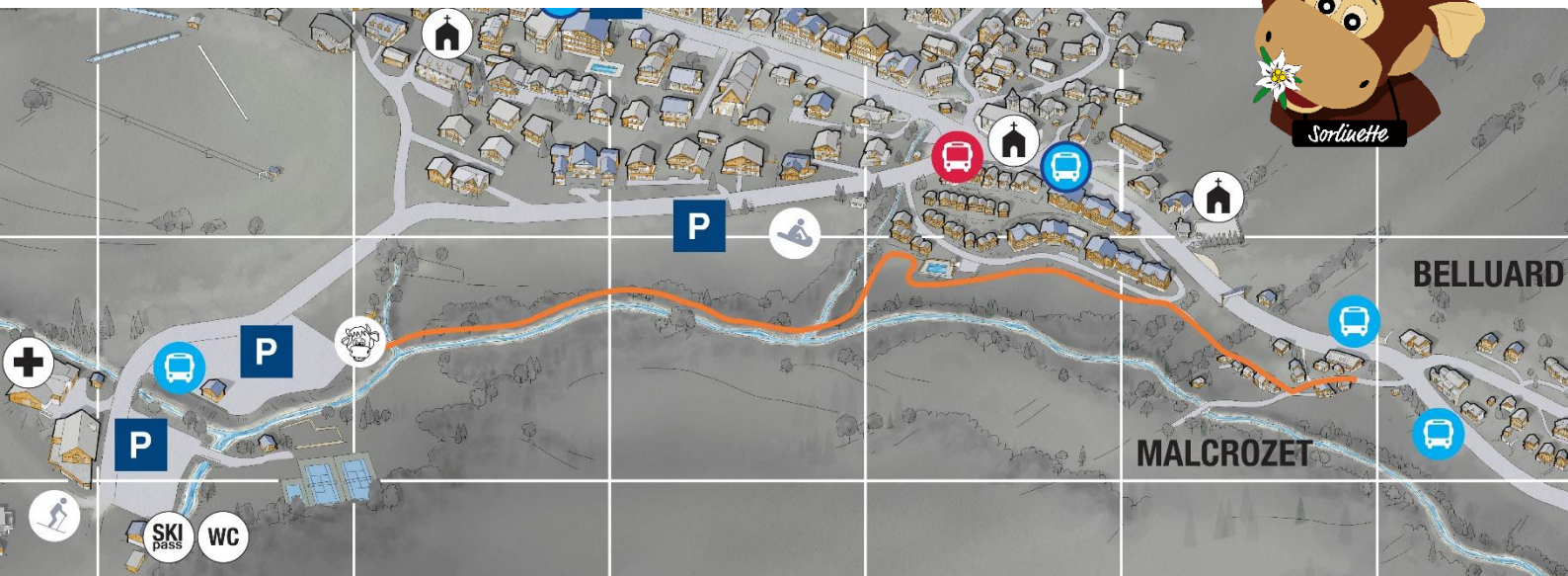
- Choose a route suited to your ability
- Check the weather forecast: displayed daily at the Tourist Office.
- If there is a risk of a storm, turn back
- Pack your essentials: water, food, a hat, sunglasses, sun cream, a mobile phone, suitable footwear, etc.
- Respect nature: stay on the paths, do not pick flowers, do not light fires, and take your rubbish with you
- Close gates and barriers behind you
- Keep your dog on a lead
- Guard dogs : find all the information and guidelines on how to behave on the website <https://www.pasto-kezako.fr/>

Mountain rescue : 112 📞



4 - « Sur les traces de Sorlinette »- educational walk IN FRENCH :

Discover the mountain pastures and the Beaufort cheese industry.



Approx 1h30 (go and back) - level: Green - easy

The mascot Sorlinette guides you along the way with information boards and games.

From the Plan du Moulin car park (the first car park along the road), head to the Fromagerie Coopérative Laitière de la vallée des Arves.

A competition is held every week during the season; ask for your game form at the Tourist Office.

The Tourist Office has two publications in French available for purchase:

- Hiking guide (27 walkings) for €5
- Map (42 walkings) for €7
- Both are on offer for €10

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