



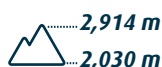
14.9 km



+900m



5 h 45



2,914 m

2,030 m



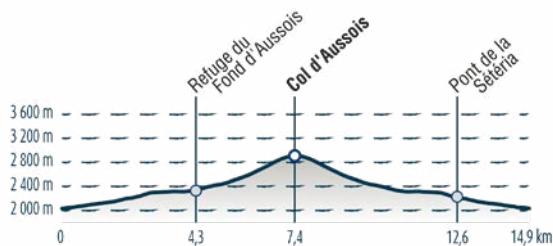
Access to start point

Aussois, Plan d'Aval, Parking Carrière 4.

From Aussois, RD108 to the car park above the Plan d'Aval lake.



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A mountain pass you can't afford to miss



A gradual immersion into the rocky mountain landscape. Easily reach one of the Vanoise region's most famous mountain passes. If the sky is clear, a surprise awaits you up there, at 2,900 metres of altitude.



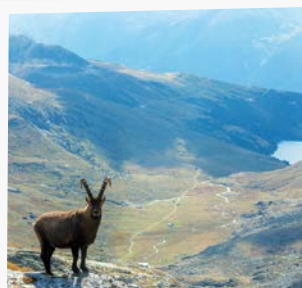
Along the way

Fearlessly enter Vanoise National Park for a gentle warm-up to kick off the hike. An early start is a good idea, that way you can calmly take your time getting to Fond d'Aussois refuge. Before starting your ascent, pause to observe the rather tame marmots going through their morning routine.

A well-maintained trail amidst slabs and rocks takes you up alongside the Saint-Benoît torrent, which is often abundant in the early summer. Sheltered from the breeze, you'll gradually climb through the various alpine zones leading to the pass.

All of a sudden, the immensity of the landscape starts to work their magic. Forget about the short grass and other wild flowers. This is a land where rocks reign supreme. On a clear day, look out for the peaks in the distance. Due north, the Roof of Europe reveals itself majestically. Now you're really spoiled: check out that unbeatable view of the Mont-Blanc!

The little extra



A glance to your left...

If the late snow has disappeared beneath Pointe de l'Observatoire, you can continue your ascent all the way to its summit. But to reach the 3000-metre mark, the last steep slope is often covered in snow until the end of July.

Don't hesitate to turn back. Mark it down for your next trip...