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SAFETY

- Never go alone.
- Wear lined boots, good hiking shoes or crampons, and trekking poles as needed.
- Bring warm clothing.
- Do not overestimate your strengths or ability: bring food and water.
- Always give a third party your itinerary and the approximate time of your return.
- In an emergency, dial 112.
- Before starting a long walk, check the weather at +33 (0)8 99 71 02 74 or www.meteo.fr

SAINT-GERVAIS MONT-BLANC

SNOWSHOE ITINERARIES



TRANSPORTS

For departures from Le Bettex and Mont d'Arbois: Using the gondola lift (pedestrian rate) between Saint-Gervais and Le Bettex as well as between Le Bettex and Mont d'Arbois.

For departures from Saint-Nicolas de Véroce and Les Chattrix: Go by car or by Facilibus (stop: Saint-Nicolas centre or Les Chattrix).

For departures from the Crozat car park in Biannassay: Drive to Biannassay, cross the village and go to the Crozat car park (mountain road, beware of snow), no Facilibus. You may also take the Mont Blanc Tramway.

KEY

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| | Tramway du Mont-Blanc | | Church |
| | Aerial Tramway | | Baroque Decoration |
| | Gondola Lift | | Viewpoint |
| | Viewpoint Indicator | | Toilets |
| | Refuge | | Car Park |
| | Restaurant | | Tourist Office |
| | Picnic Room | | |

BEWARE OF ANIMALS!

In winter, wild animals—chamois, ibex, black grouse, rock ptarmigan, etc.—are very vulnerable due to the cold and lack of food. They seek protection in forests or igloos. If they are disturbed, their only reflex is to flee. They therefore waste energy unnecessarily. They are weakened by repeated disturbances.

TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR PRESERVATION:

- Stay on the marked routes and do not multiply tracks.
- Hold dogs on a leash as they are perceived as predators by wildlife.
- If an animal is encountered, stop and give it time to move away peacefully. This helps the animal conserve its energy.

INSTRUCTIONS

Pedestrians and cross-country skiers use the same routes and may therefore cross paths. This is why it is necessary to observe some rules of mutual respect to ensure peaceful cohabitation on the slopes. Cross-country ski tracks are fragile, please do not damage them.

MARKERS

FOLLOW THE MARKERS PROVIDED FOR ALL ITINERARIES
PURPLE SNOWSHOE



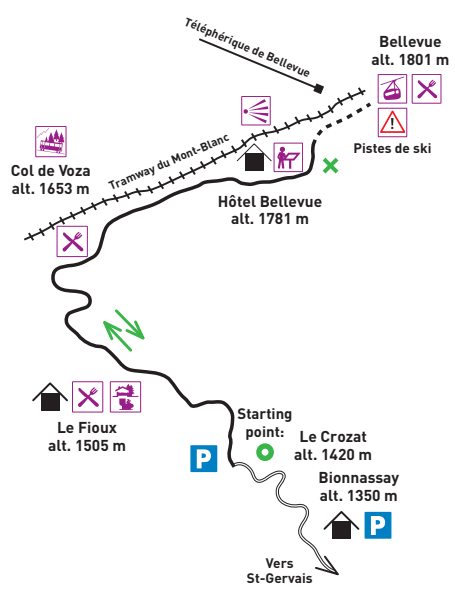
BIONNASSAY TRAIL BELLEVUE

ROUND TRIP TRAIL 2 HOURS 45

ELEVATION GAIN 361 M

ROUND TRIP DISTANCE 9.2 KM

Take the smooth and sunny trail up to the Voza Pass where the landscape opens up to a wide panoramic view of the Mont-Blanc range, the Bionnassay Glacier Cirque, and the vertiginous Chamonix peaks. The itinerary then continues to the right, running parallel to the Tramway du Mont-Blanc railway line up to the Bellevue viewpoint. Operating in both winter and summer, the little train, originally designed to reach the summit of Mont Blanc, enchants both the young and old as they take the timeless journey up the mountain.



VOZA PASS

Formerly where peddlers used to travel between the Montjoie Valley and the Chamonix Valley, the Voza Pass was also used by the first tourists coming to visit our mountains. This trail contoured the dreaded Arve River gorge.



BIONNASSAY LOOP

TRAIL 1 HOUR

ELEVATION GAIN -120 M

DISTANCE 2.7 KM

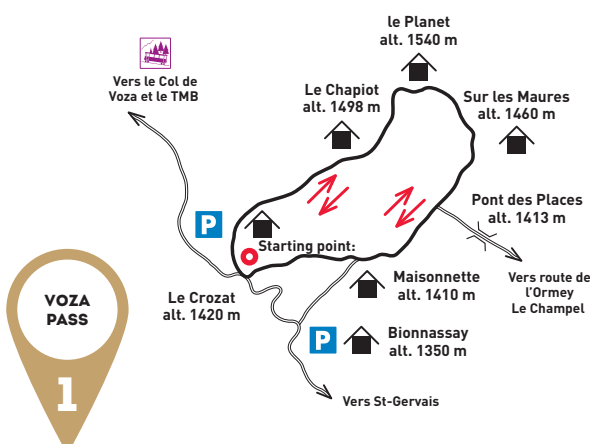


THE BIONNASSAY HAMLET

Because Bionnassay used to be isolated during winter, it had its own chapel and school. These quaint buildings illustrate the village's autarkic life in the high mountains.



An easy trail that is accessible to all, with passages in the forest alongside sumptuous scenery: the Aiguille de Bionnassay.

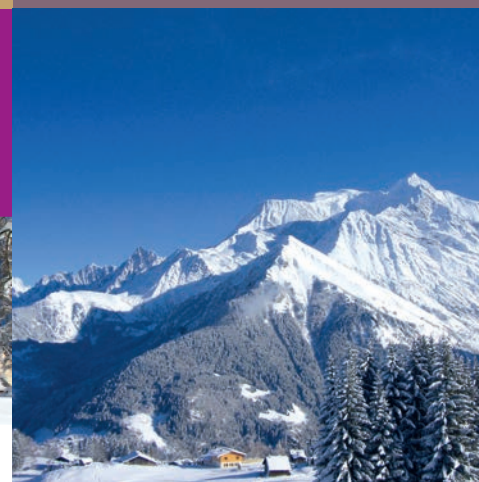


LOOP AT THE PLATEAU DE LA CROIX

TRAIL 2 HOURS 05

ELEVATION GAIN 408 M

DISTANCE 5.5 KM



Once you've hiked the beautiful Saint-Nicolas small loop, as an informed amateur, you will appreciate the Plateau de la Croix long loop. This itinerary offers a magnificent panoramic view of the Plateau de la Croix, passes by superb old farms, and ends along the Baroque trail. It's a great hike!



SMALL LOOP IN SAINT-NICOLAS

TRAIL 1 HOUR

ELEVATION GAIN -115 M

DISTANCE 2.3 KM



THE CHURCH IN SAINT-NICOLAS DE VÉROCE

After a walk in the nature, don't miss a cultural walk through the church in St-Nicolas. It is a jewel of sacred Baroque art in the Savoie region, built in 1726, and decorated by the artists and craftsmen from Valsesia. In Les Contamines, Cordon or Combloux, the Baroque trail is a sight to see both in winter and summer.

TRAIL IN MONT D'ARBOIS - BETTEX

TRAIL 2 HOURS 15

ELEVATION GAIN -433 M

DISTANCE 4.6 KM



The itinerary can be taken down from the top of the ski lift where it is also possible to eat. More ambitious hikers can take it from the valley and will enjoy the high elevation gain.



LOOP IN BETTEX - LES COMMUNAILLES

→ FROM THE BETTEX (at the foot of the slopes)

TRAIL 1 HOUR 50

ELEVATION GAIN 201 M

DISTANCE 4.9 KM

The loop starts very gradually on a wide flat path before climbing to Entre-Deux-Nants. This slope is very sunny in the morning and provides exceptional views of Mont Joly and the Mont Blanc mountain range. You will find restaurants in the Le Bettex and Les Communailles hamlets.



ANIMAL TRACKS

While it is difficult to surprise forest animals in broad daylight, it is easier to see their tracks in the snow. Please resist the temptation to follow them. Please respect their wildlife habitat.



→ FROM LES COMMUNAILLES

TRAIL 1 HOUR 50

ELEVATION GAIN 176 M

DISTANCE 4.9 KM

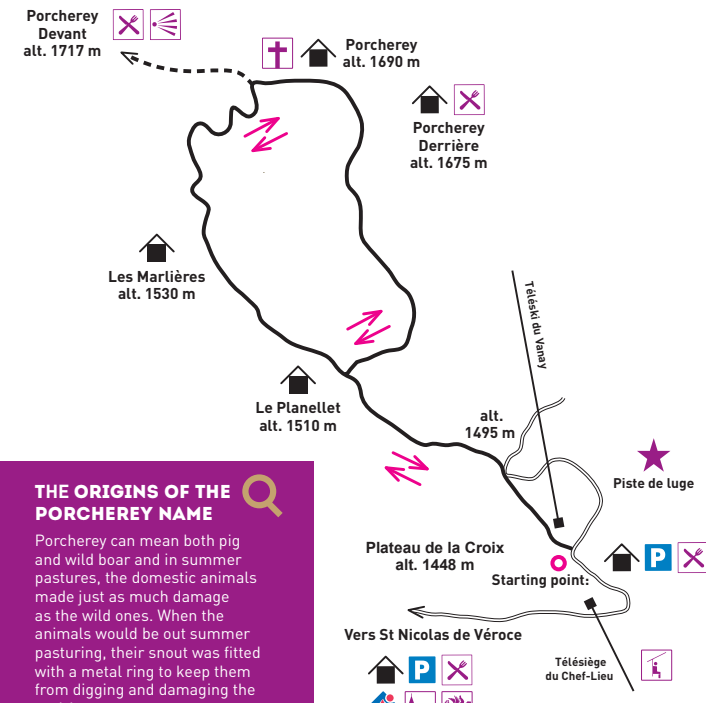
LOOP IN PORCHEREY

TRAIL 2 HOURS 30

ELEVATION GAIN 242 M

DISTANCE 2.8 KM

At the crossroads of the slopes in Saint-Gervais, Mont Joly and Saint Nicolas de Véroce, the Porcherey mountain pasture ensures a breathtaking panoramic view. Once a unique alpine pasture, these are now two separate locations designed to welcome hikers.



THE ORIGINS OF THE PORCHEREY NAME

Porcherey can mean both pig and wild boar and in summer pastures, the domestic animals made just as much damage as the wild ones. When the animals would be out summer pasturing, their snout was fitted with a metal ring to keep them from digging and damaging the prairie.

