

Starting from the magnificent Mont Cenis plateau, with its turquoise lake and flower-filled alpine meadows where herds graze, this hike takes you on a journey to discover another lake, wilder and more secret...



As soon as you set out, the vast, open landscape fills you with energy. These alpine meadows are a summer playground for the local cows: Tarines, that seem to wear an elegant line of kohl around their eyes, and Abondances, easily recognised by their "glasses". Their delicately flavoured milk is perfect for producing the famous Beaufort. You can make a stop to buy some at one of the farms, they make a great addition to your picnic!

Further on, you enter into the wild Savine valley. Soak up the peace and

The trail continues, in the serenity of the mountains, leading you to the lake. The metallic blue of the sky, the anthracite gray of the peaks, and the pure white of the snow and clouds paint a magical canvas on its placid waters.

Don't hesitate to continue towards Col du Clapier, at the Italian border.

And try out the adventure of a night at the bivouac site set up for hikers. Who knows, you might see the ghost of Hannibal under the starlight.

> The Hannibal bivouac site is an unquarded refuge that can accommodate eight hikers.

Lying on your bunk for a whole night or just a nap, you can admire the celestial show through the skylight above.