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# Col de la Vanoise and its Refuge



23.2 km

+950m

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2,055 m

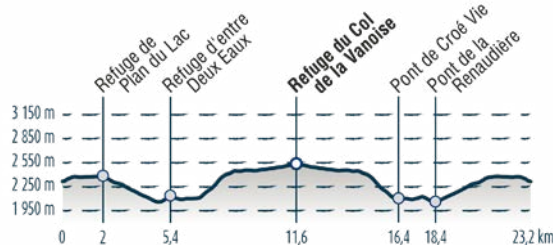
## Access to start point

Val-Cenis - Termignon, Bellecombe.

From Termignon, RD126 to the Bellecombe car park (paying in July and August).



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## In the footsteps of mountaineers



Get up close and personal to the glaciers of the Vanoise, at altitudes of up to 2,500 metres. Embark on a journey along one of the National Park's most iconic routes. For the ultimate high-mountain experience, what better than passing through three refuges?



## Along the way

To really make the most of this hike, you might choose to spend a night in one of the refuges along the trail. Set off on an adventure in the land of high-altitude meadows and vast, open landscapes.

After your approach to the Plan du Lac refuge, you enter the world of marmots, chamois, and bearded vultures.

In the distance, there still seems long way to go and the glaciers seem to come closer as you advance. Under the watchful eyes of La Grande Casse and Pointe de la Réchasse, follow in the footsteps of seasoned mountaineers. The ascents can be steep and challenging, in contrast with the friendly long valley awaiting you.

A string of lakes - and the passing of many hikers in the summer - signal the proximity of the mountain pass. Another world opens out at your feet on the shores of Rond lake. For those familiar with the area, the retreat of the glaciers is strikingly evident.

## The little extra



The Col de la Vanoise refuge is one of the high-altitude chalets managed by the French Federation of Alpine and Mountain Clubs (FFCAM). It caters to the needs of beginners and young children, among others, by making the mountains accessible to everyone. To discover mountain refuges or introduce your family to them, remember to book ahead: [refugecoldelavanoise@ffcam.fr](mailto:refugecoldelavanoise@ffcam.fr)