

Go and meet the 5 Great Masters.

Only the allied forces of the 5 Masters can ward off the Slide:

- **The Great Master of Ancient Times** maintains the memory of deserted Mount. He knows the history of landslides by heart; he knows every task undertaken by man to counter any new landslide.
- **The Master of Water** is the Great Spring and Stream Director; he guides them on the slopes through the network of drainage canals that form the veins of the Mount. He fights against Sludge, the most dreaded enemy.
- **The Master of the Subsoil** observes, probes, stalking the slightest fault. He alone knows how to recognize the moment when the Earth is going to slide.
- **The Master of the Planted Forest** holds the knowledge of trees. With his green army, he protects the Earth from the dangerous infiltration of water.
- **Master of the Slope** watches over the Inclined Kingdom, it is where a daily battle against the forces of gravity takes place. He protects the Grand Stair.

Follow the Signs

Based on a legend, discover the history of the Nant des Granges site.

The route goes on **2 separate loops**:

- **Les Garins loop (top):**
Introduction: Carved totems tell you about the legend of « The Masters of the Deserted Mount ». 5 questions will be asked to the apprentices.
Starting point: Les Garins car park
Time: 2 hrs 15 mins - difference in altitude: 200 m. 5 km.
- **Les Granges loop (bottom):**
Epilogue: « Mountain under construction! » Discover the modern techniques to counter landslides and the history of the 1931 disaster on the construction panels.
Starting point: The tennis car park behind La Maison du Parc (the Nature park's headquarters)
Time: 45 mins - difference in altitude: 60 m. 1.7 km.

The trail link: 3 km return (1 hr 45 mins more and 270 m of height difference)



The legend of the Masters of deserted Mount

« On a winter day, a resounding thud bursts over the whole valley.

The Great Landslide occurs.

A landslide stronger than the others condemns the whole Mount. Waterlogged soil breaks away in a glistening viscous mud strip that devours everything on its way. The inhabitants leave the Mount and move further away, right at the foot of the stream called Ruisseau des Granges (stream).

They built a huge dyke intended to protect them and behind it, they withstand the Natural forces:

5 Masters with knowledge accumulated over the centuries by the ancients, 5 masters capable of organising defence against the slippery Mount.

Today is the big day, the day where disciples wishing to receive education of the masters are presented. If you want to be insiders, go in the woods of the Garins, to take the initiation trail.

Be attentive.

Let's go!



5 questions for Apprentices:

1 • « The Great Slide occurred in March....why in the spring, the weather is usually kind to man at this time of the year? »

Note your encoded response here: ____

2 • « What do you know about the water that streams on all the Sliding Mount? Can you tell exactly where it comes from? »

Note your encoded response here: ____

3 • « Can you tell what is the nature of the subsoil of the Bauges' Massif? »

Note your encoded response here: ____

4 • « Could you identify the trees that surround the ruins? »

Note your encoded response here: ____

5 • Go down and see the Grand Stair and then tell me how many steps you counted...

Note your encoded response here: ____

Final Code (made up of your 5 numbers)

Please enter the code on the website:
montdeserte.parcdesbauges.com
And discover what kind of Apprentice you are!

To discover the other geosites : www.geoparc.parcdesbauges.com

Recommandations

Before venturing on the trail, remember to:

- equip yourself with good shoes, take food, water, sunscreen, adapted clothes,
- check the weather forecast.

For more information, contact the tourism office in "le Châtelard"



Enter the legend.
Learn how to master a mountain



The Masters of deserted Mount

Les Garins loop

Les Granges loop



Discovery trail
of the Chatelard - Savoie

