

Superb hike towards the Pointe de la Croix. On the programme: superb views of the Roc d'Enfer, Mont Blanc, the Dents du Midi, the Cornettes de Bise, the Mont de Grange, the Dent d'Oche, the Pic de la Corne... It's a summit that has to be earned.

<b>Durée</b>	4h 55	<b>Difficulté</b>	Moyenne
<b>Distance</b>	9,04 km	<b>Retour point de départ</b>	Oui
<b>Dénivelé positif</b>	826 m	<b>Activité</b>	Pédestre
<b>Dénivelé négatif</b>	826 m	<b>Commune</b>	Saint-Jean-d'Aulps (74430)
<b>Point haut</b>	1 815 m	<b>Régions</b>	Alpes, Chablais
<b>Point bas</b>	1 015 m		



Trace n° 78755117

## Description

**(D)** Start from the 'Onchets' car park, at the junction of the route de la Villaz and the route de Bellecombe.

**(1)** Follow the road up to a sign on the left for 'les Mellies'. Then take the forest track that climbs up.

**(2)** At the intersection, go straight on towards 'Damoz des Prés'.

**(3)** You will arrive at La Chaux and the panorama will be waiting for you. A picnic table is available.

**(4)** Continue up a steep forest track. This is a fairly strenuous but safe climb, so don't get discouraged.

**(5)** Finally, you reach a flat area (with a passable path) at a place called 'Bois de l'Arête'. If you're tired and don't feel like going all the way up, you can take the carriage road towards the Col de l'Ecuelle, which will make the loop easier. In this case, follow the topo from point 9.

**(6)** From the Bois de l'Arête, take the small stony path that climbs behind the signpost towards the Pointe de Cercle. The climb up through the forest is tough but the path gradually widens.

**(7)** Once you reach the Pointe de Cercle, continue along the ridge towards the Col de l'Ecuelle.

**(8)** You will then reach the Pointe de la Croix (with a Jesus cross to indicate the summit), where you will enjoy the best view of the route. Continue from the Col de l'Ecuelle.

**(9)** Once you reach the Col de l'Ecuelle, take the carriage road down towards La Villaz. Do not take the carriage road halfway up that takes you back to the Bois de l'Arête. The 'Col de l'Ecuelle' sign a little way off the path points in the right direction.

**(10)** Once you reach La Villaz, continue downhill towards [Saint-Jean-d'Aulps](#). The car park is only 10 minutes further down.

**(A)** Back at the Onchets car park

## Points de passages

**D/A Route de la Villaz, Saint-Jean-d'Aulps**  
N 46.249372° / E 6.666413° - alt. 1 015 m - km 0

**1 Les Mellies**  
N 46.250751° / E 6.668355° - alt. 1 045 m - km 0.23

**2 Intersection, suivre Damoz les Prés**  
N 46.252844° / E 6.665546° - alt. 1 185 m - km 1.17

**3 La Chaux**  
N 46.252264° / E 6.651273° - alt. 1 339 m - km 2.46

**4 Chemin forestier**  
N 46.252398° / E 6.651576° - alt. 1 342 m - km 2.49

**5 Bois de l'Arête**  
N 46.255539° / E 6.659063° - alt. 1 511 m - km 3.27

**6 Chemin caillouteux**  
N 46.255586° / E 6.658907° - alt. 1 512 m - km 3.29

**7 Pointe de Cercle**  
N 46.263724° / E 6.663951° - alt. 1 804 m - km 4.3

**8 Pointe de la Croix**  
N 46.2672° / E 6.670937° - alt. 1 815 m - km 4.98

**9 Col de l'Ecuelle**  
N 46.266362° / E 6.683214° - alt. 1 537 m - km 6

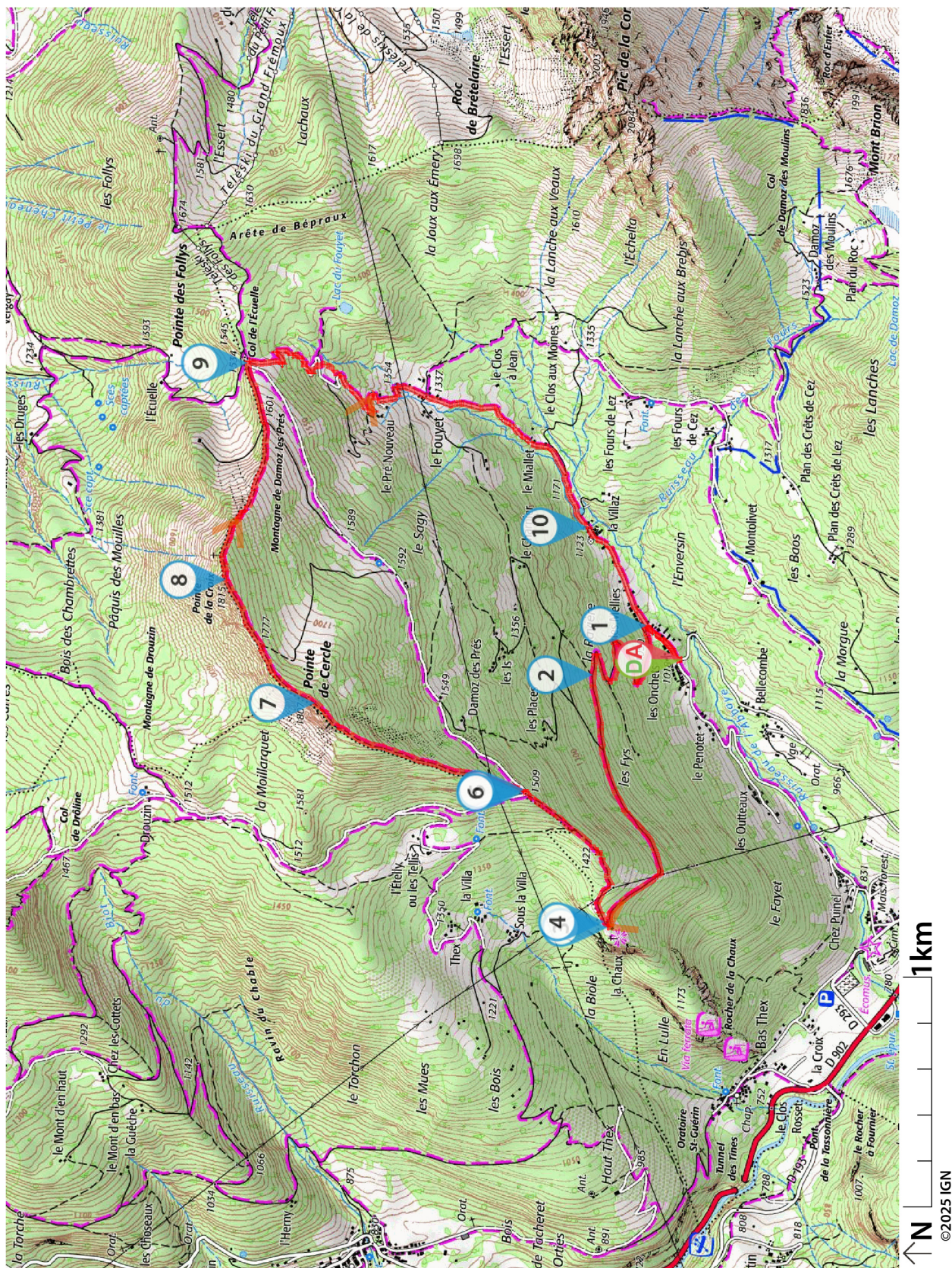
**10 La Villaz**  
N 46.253058° / E 6.673924° - alt. 1 121 m - km 8.3

**D/A Route de la Villaz, Saint-Jean-d'Aulps**  
N 46.249372° / E 6.666414° - alt. 1 015 m - km 9.04

## Informations pratiques

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