

The Refuge of Vallonbrun



6.7 km

+550 m

2 h 30

2,290 m
1,756 m



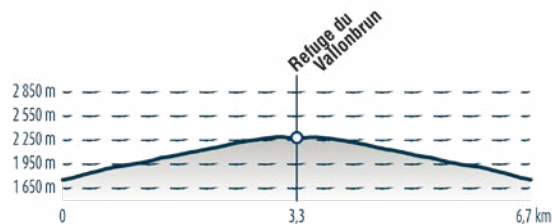
Access to start point

Val-Cenis - Lanslevillard, Le Collet.

At the exit of the village, follow the D902 until the Pré Clot, then the small parallel road until the hamlet of Collet.



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A refuge you can't afford to miss



Start out with an approach hike on a sunny slope dotted with rocks and sparse vegetation. Step into Vanoise National Park with this unforgettable ascent to a mountain refuge. The wide, open spaces seem to spread welcoming arms out to you.



Along the way

You may be wondering why the lower part of your itinerary appeals to via ferrata enthusiasts. As soon as you step onto the path, the ridges start to unfold before your watchful eyes. This is a dream spot for climbing activities.

The highlight of your ascent takes you through rhododendrons, wild blueberry bushes, and steppe moorland. You're in a marmots' paradise and they're keeping a close eye on you. Skipping between burrows incessantly, they incite you to often stop and watch them, so that the ascent feels like no effort at all.

When the snow melts, the mountain echoes with the sound of torrents. Keep your eyes peeled and you might spot a few chamois coming down to find food, when the high-altitude cirques are still adorned with snow.

As you pass the charming St-Antoine chapel, it seems to celebrate your arrival.

A few steps more and you can treat yourself to a delicious food stop at Vallonbrun refuge. Allow yourself to dream of a multi-day adventure. Maybe next time?



Food stop at Vallonbrun refuge