

Grand tour of the Crêtes de Seytroux



A walk suggested by Vallée d'Aulps Tourisme

Whether you are an experienced hiker or simply looking for a nature getaway, the grand tour of the Crêtes de Seytroux promises an unforgettable adventure in the heart of the mountain pastures and forests of the Vallée d'Aulps. Be sure to take in the abundant flora along the route, and you may even spot deer or chamois around a bend in the path. A 360° panorama awaits you from the summit of Pointe de la Gay, with breathtaking views of Mont Blanc, Roc d'Enfer and all the surrounding peaks.

Duration	5h 15	Difficulty	Difficult
Distance	11,13 km	Return to departure point	Yes
Vertical gain	737 m	Activity	Walking
Vertical drop	736 m	District	Seytroux (74430)
Highest point	1 800 m	Areas	Alps, Chablais
Lowest point	1 175 m		



Route n° 72890807



Description

Please note that the road becomes passable for approximately 700 m before arriving at Les Culées

(S/E) From the "Les Culées" car park, take the forest track towards the Col de la Balme until you reach a crossroads.

(1) Turn right towards Col de la Balme until you reach a place called "Richefond".

(2) Continue to follow the signs for Col de Balme on the right.

(3) At Col de la Balme, take the path on the left towards Col de la Lanche and arrive at a fork below Pointe de la Balme.

(4) Turn left towards Pointe de la Balme and Col de la Lanche. You will arrive at Pointe de la Balme.

(5) Continue straight ahead on the trail to the Col de la Lanche.

(6) Continue straight ahead towards Pointe de la Gay to reach an intersection below it.

(7) Below Pointe de la Gay, follow the direction of Pointe de la Gay, to the left.

(8) At the highest point of the route (1,801 metres above sea level), follow the ridge to Col des Chavannes

(9) Descend the path on the left towards "Les Chavannes"

(10) At Les Chavannes, turn left towards "Dessus la Lanche" and continue straight ahead until you reach the hairpin bend in the track above La Lanche.

(11) At Dessus La Lanche, continue to the right towards "Vers les Crottes".

(12) At Vers les Crottes, head towards "Les Culées" and continue straight ahead until you reach Les Frasses.

(13) Go down the road on the right towards "Les Culées" and the crossroads you passed on the way there.

(1) Continue right towards the "Les Culées" car park **(S/E)**.

Waypoints

- S/E Les Culées car park**
N 46.247186° / E 6.591429° - alt. 1 175 m - km 0
- 1 Crossroads of the loop**
N 46.246292° / E 6.586168° - alt. 1 228 m - km 0.55
- 2 Richefond**
N 46.24554° / E 6.580253° - alt. 1 316 m - km 1.08
- 3 - Col de la Balme**
N 46.246627° / E 6.574722° - alt. 1 444 m - km 1.73
- 4 Below Pointe de la Balme**
N 46.242457° / E 6.573485° - alt. 1 510 m - km 2.23
- 5 - Pointe de la Balme**
N 46.240112° / E 6.57571° - alt. 1 591 m - km 2.57
- 6 Col de la Lanche**
N 46.237599° / E 6.57485° - alt. 1 538 m - km 2.88
- 7 Below Pointe de la Gay**
N 46.233637° / E 6.570405° - alt. 1 600 m - km 3.49
- 8 - Pointe de la Gay**
N 46.229909° / E 6.573246° - alt. 1 800 m - km 4.46
- 9 - Col des Chavannes (1598m)**
N 46.221388° / E 6.575522° - alt. 1 600 m - km 5.55
- 10 Les Chavannes**
N 46.225495° / E 6.580415° - alt. 1 423 m - km 6.36

● **11 Above La Lanche**

N 46.238704° / E 6.580729° - alt. 1 455 m -
km 8.31

● **12 Towards Les Crottes**

N 46.238564° / E 6.583903° - alt. 1 431 m -
km 8.57

● **13 Les Frasses**

N 46.24354° / E 6.58813° - alt. 1 268 m - km 10.17

📍 **S/E Les Culées car park**

N 46.247186° / E 6.591429° - alt. 1 175 m -
km 11.13

Practical information

(4) Overhead passage before arriving at Pointe de la Balme.

(5) Chain on the descent from Pointe de la Balme.

(13) Narrow forest path on a steep slope. Stay alert.

In the nearby area

- Panoramic view from Pointe de la Gay.

Let us know your opinion on : <https://www.visorando.com/en/walk-grand-tour-des-cretes-de-seytroux-6/>

Find out more : - 1748 Rte des Grandes Alpes



Always stay careful and alert while following a route. Visorando and the author of this walk cannot be held responsible in the event of an accident during this route.



THE WALKER CODE

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Before the walk



CHOOSE YOUR WALK CAREFULLY

by matching its difficulty and duration to your skill and physical ability.



CHECK THE WEATHER FORECAST

and look for other important information, such as snow, temperature, tide times, wind speed, fire risks, etc.



BE PROPERLY PREPARED

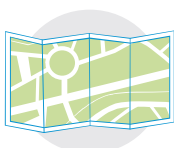
by taking suitable equipment with you, such as whistle, first-aid kit, appropriate clothing and something to eat and drink.



LET SOMEONE KNOW

where you will be walking.

During the walk



STAY ON THE PATH

Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.



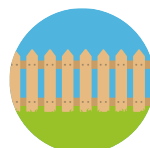
RESPECT THE COUNTRYSIDE

by not damaging fences, fields and crops and not picking fruit or vegetables..



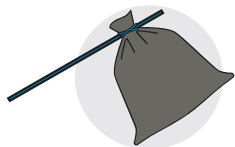
RESPECT LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

such as bans on fires, barbecues, camping, fishing, swimming, etc.



LEAVE GATES AS YOU FIND THEM

be cautious of farm animals : try to go around, not through herds or flocks.



TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME

and do not leave any trace of your journey except your footprint.



DON'T MAKE LOTS OF NOISE

and do be respectful and courteous to people along the route.



KEEP YOUR DOG ON LEAD

and have it close to you at every crossroads of other users. Bag and bin its dog poo. Walking with a dog is not recommended on routes where there are farm animals.



THE COUNTRYSIDE IS A LIVING ENVIRONMENT

that evolves with time. Waling is an adventure and there are risks associated with it. Be responsible, and know when it is better to give up and turn around than get into danger.

Countryside Code for England and Wales : <http://www.gov.uk/countryside-code>
Countryside Code for Scotland : <https://www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot/>
Countryside Code for Northern Ireland : <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/countryside-code>

Emergency contact : 999 (UK) or 112 (Worldwide)

In case of accident, please do not sue the owners of the places where it happened because hikers could be prohibited there then. However, feel free to report to us any risk encountered.