

Useful to know

Graydon: a glacier is at the origin of this horse-shoe formation.

The Col Ratti gets its name from the word "rot", meaning roasted, because the very exposed nature of this site means there is little shade. The shepherd of olden days who led his flock up the hill in the middle of the day came back "roasted" by the sun.

The Roc d'Enfer: The legend goes that a shepherd looking for his flock was lost amongst the rocks. Caught in a storm, he fell off a cliff, and after much pain finally died from his injuries. Since then the mountain has been called the "Rock from Hell!"

Did you enjoy this walk? Yes? No?

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Further Informations

Signposted foot path according to the norms of the Department's Chaire

More trekking and walking leaflets, as well as a walker's map, are available in the Vallée d'Aulps tourist offices.

MAPIGN TOP 25, 3528 ET, Morzine

Do not hesitate to ask them!

Don't forget this route goes through several alpine pastures. Don't forget to close the fences and keep your dog on a leash!



MEUUH!
Pensez à nous!

!! CAUTION !!

DANGEROUS IN CASE OF SNOW AND BAD WEATHER

You are walking at your own responsibility. In the mountains, storms are frequent, so listen to the weather forecast before setting off. Wear walking shoes, warm clothes and waterproofs, and take a walker's map. Never go walking alone, and always tell someone of your planned route. Respect nature, don't leave the marked paths and bring back all your litter.

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**At the foot of
the Roc d'Enfer**



TREKKING in
VALLÉE
d'AULPS



difficult



very nice weather



Graydon
(Essert-Romand)



920 m



6h30



Alpine chalets, view
over the Mont-Blanc

Walk down to the Col de la Basse through an enormous alpine meadow. From here you can go back down to the Col de l'Encranaz and your car, which you will probably have left in the car park earlier on in the day. For those feeling braver, you can join up the loop by heading towards the Chalets des Praz and rejoin Graydon by the forest path. The advantage of the latter is the beautiful viewpoints from this path that follows the Côte d'Abroz high ground.

At the Fontnettes hamlet, you can choose between going down to the village of Essert Romand, or following the signs for Graydon, passing through Plan de Criou, and les Places pasturesland.

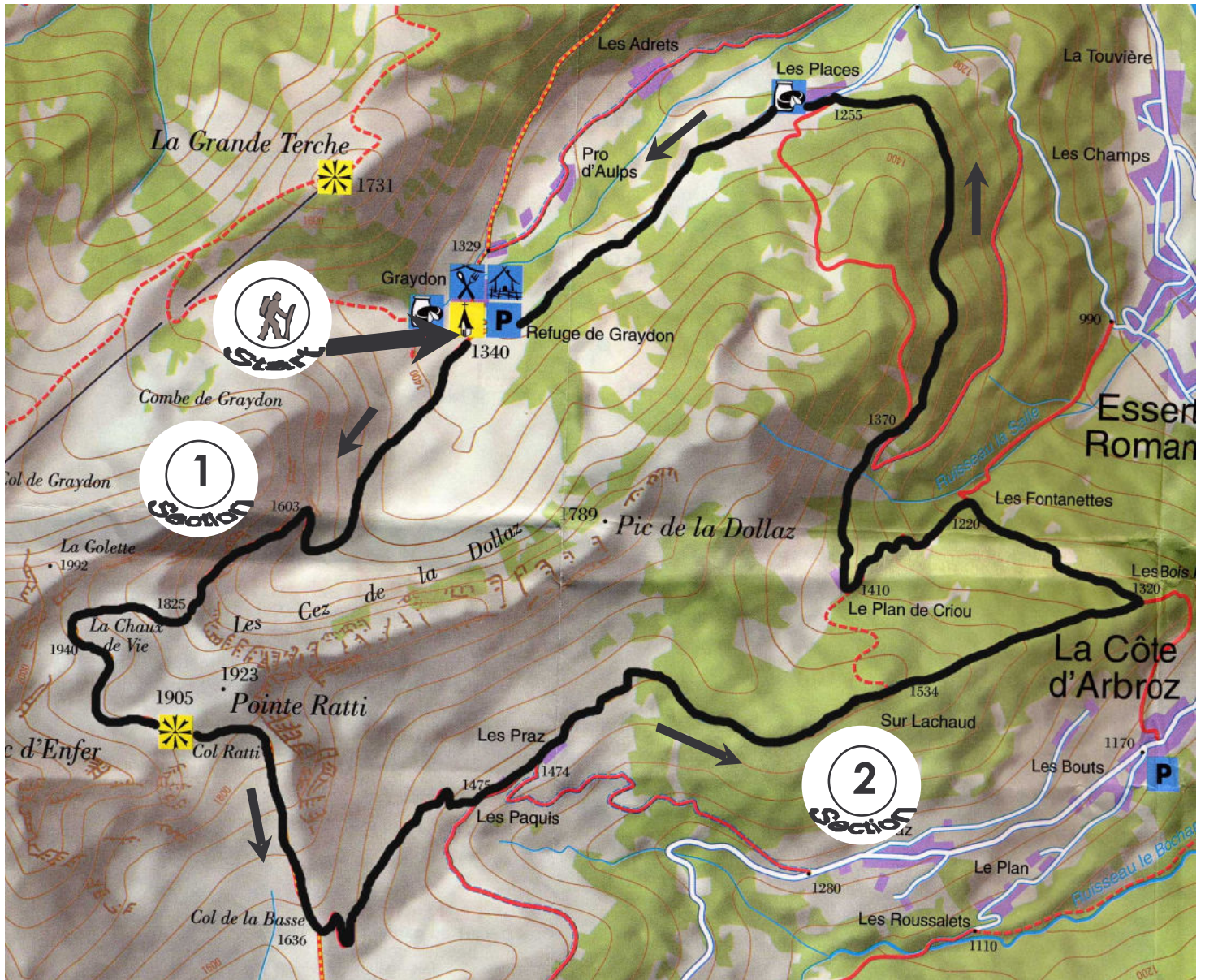
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From the Graydon hamlet, the path climbs steadily through the fields. After a steeper bit, it reaches the vast comb called the Chaux de Vie, under the shadow of the Roc d'Enfer. It's rare to find a mountain so low (2243m) with such impressive ramps. The easiest way up is reserved for experienced and appropriately equipped walkers, due to the high narrow ridges. There's also a footpath to cross the Roc d'Enfer by the ridge, but it's very vertiginous, and should only be followed if accompanied by a professional.

After crossing the Chaux de Vie you eventually reach the Col Ratti (1900 m), the highest point in the circuit. A vast panoramic view awaits you, with the entire Mont Blanc mountain range as its backdrop. Just in front, there's the Giff range, with the Aravis Mountains on your right and the Dent's Blancs (with teeth) on your left.

At the foot of the Roc d'Enfer

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Col Ratti
1900m

