

La Chaux or the Elephant's Head



A walk suggested by Vallée d'Aulps Tourisme

This superb hike offers beautiful views of Saint-Jean-d'Aulps and the Roc d'Enfer. When the sky is clear, you can admire the majestic Mont Blanc in the distance! The climb to La Chaux is on a road suitable for vehicles and through woodland. It is continuous, with no flat areas to stop for a break before reaching your destination. It is best to do it in one go! The view opens up as you walk. Finally, you will enjoy a peaceful grassy area in the sun, with even a picnic table! From there, you can enjoy the view of the surrounding peaks: Roc d'Enfer, Mont Blanc, Pic de la Corne and Roc de Tavaneuse.



Route n° 72875171

Duration	2h 20	Difficulty	Moderate
Distance	5,01 km	Return to departure point	Yes
Vertical gain	327 m	Activity	Walking
Vertical drop	327 m	District	Saint-Jean-d'Aulps (74430)
Highest point	1 342 m	Areas	Alps, Chablais
Lowest point	1 015 m		



Description

Start from the "Onchets" car park, at the junction between Route de la Villaz and Route de Bellecombe.

(S/E) Go up Route de la Villaz on the right until you see a sign on the left for "Les Mellies".

(1) Then take the forest path that climbs to the left until you reach a crossroads.

(2) At the intersection, continue straight ahead towards "Damois des Prés" and you will arrive at La Chaux, where the panorama awaits you. A picnic table is available for your use.

(3) Return by following the same route you took on the way there (S/E).

Waypoints

- S/E "Onchets" car park**
N 46.249374° / E 6.666413° - alt. 1 015 m - km 0
- 1 Signpost "Les Mellies"**
N 46.250751° / E 6.668355° - alt. 1 045 m - km 0.23
- 2 Crossroads towards "Damois des Prés"**
N 46.252844° / E 6.665546° - alt. 1 185 m - km 1.17
- 3 La Chaux, Saint-Jean-d'Aulps**
N 46.251955° / E 6.650743° - alt. 1 342 m - km 2.51
- S/E "Onchets" car park**
N 46.249374° / E 6.666413° - alt. 1 015 m - km 5.01

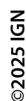
Practical information

In the nearby area

- Viewpoint at La Chaux (3).

Let us know your opinion on : <https://www.visorando.com/en/walk-la-chaux-ou-la-tete-de-l-elephant/>

Find out more : - 1748 Rte des Grandes Alpes



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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

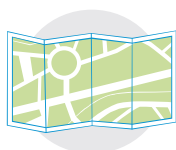
by taking suitable equipment with you, such as whistle, first-aid kit, appropriate clothing and something to eat and drink.



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.



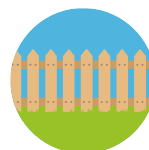
RESPECT THE COUNTRYSIDE

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.