

TO SEE ON THE WAY...



✓ scenery:

Vallée d'Aulps,
Mont-Blanc,
Lake Geneva,
Mont Ouzon,
Jotty dam.



✓ flora:



The "Tire" stream crosses quite a rare forest of birch and beech trees.

✓ fauna:

The Pas de l'Ours site:

Legend has it that a bear was seen in this area last century. In fact, the word "pas" denotes "mountain pass" and "l'ours" ("bear") comes from the Indo-European "or", meaning "rock". Indeed, there is a pathway high in the rockface up the cliff... but no sign of any bears!



WORTHKNOWING

Your best bet is to climb Mont Ouzon before dawn so that you can watch the sun rise over Mont-Blanc; alternatively, you could stay until the evening to see the sun set over Lake Geneva.

USEFUL INFORMATION

This route follows a suggested itinerary which participants undertake at their own risk.

Before you go:

- Check the weather forecast because storms happen frequently in the mountains.
Tel. Chamonix weather station: +33 (0)8 92 68 02 74
- Let someone know where you are going.
Avoid walking alone. **EMERGENCY NUMBER: 112**
- Take water and food, warm and waterproof clothing, suitable shoes and a map showing footpaths.

During the walk:

- To ensure you enjoy your walk or ride to the full, in complete safety and with total peace of mind, please observe the following guidelines:*
- Please be mindful of the Alpine meadows and private property. Please remember to close gates behind you and try not to disturb cattle or wild animals!
Dogs should be kept on a lead.
- Out of respect for the beautiful surroundings, please stay on marked routes and take your litter home with you.



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Mont Ouzon tour



Difficulty level: hard



Duration: 5hrs30 (plus 1hr30 to do the detour)



Altitude 750 m (plus 260 m to reach change: Mont Ouzon summit)



Weather guide: in fine weather



Starting point: Corbier pass, above Le Biot village



Signposts: PDIPR approved



Map: IGN TOP 25, 3528 ET, Morzine

Walks in Vallée d'Aulps



Mont Ouzon tour



Directions ...



Starting point: Corbier pass

- 1** Take the Tarmac road to l'Arblay then take the forest track which winds down to Pas de l'Ours.
- 2** Underneath the cliffs at Pas de l'Ours, take care on the secure stepped section leading to the small glen at La Tire.
- 3** The track climbs up a small hill which has a view of the whole of the Vallée d'Aulps, Lake Geneva and Mont-Blanc. Take the forest path which crosses numerous gullies then carry on to col de Nicodex (1436 m). Once at the col (mountain pass), you can visit the chalets just below, where there's also drinking water.
- 4** When you leave the col de Nicodex, take the path to the right towards the col de Plan Champ. This path rejoins a forest track which leads to the Chalets d'Ouzon.
- 5** From this mountain pass, head downhill across the Ouzon meadows and back to the Col du Corbier via the wide forest track.

Detour

From the col de Plan Champ, up to the top of Mont Ouzon.

- D** Take the path starting just behind the chalet which rises through the meadows. Over the last part, there's a secure chained section which you should use to cross the exposed rocks.

