



KEY

Cot

High chair

Changing area

Kids' menu

Shower

Online booking

Holiday vouchers

Nature reserve

Books and games

No dogs allowed

Access with donkey

No debit cards

Debit cards

Means of payment accepted

* All the refuges take cash

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REFUGE DE PLATÉ



Alt. 2,032 m - From age 6 on

A small refuge nestling close to the Désert de Platé, a vast lime stone plateau where the rock has taken unusual shapes (lapiaz). A lovely path winds along the buttresses of the plateau to take you there and gives you exceptional views of the Mont Blanc.

THE REFUGE

Romain and his team welcome you to a small, friendly refuge that has kept the rusticity and a typical ambience of old-time refuges.

Capacity: 35 persons

Specialties: Great home-made light meals in the evening, different every day. During the day, pastries and sweetmeats, all prepared carefully and with pleasure, from local organic produce.

WALKS FROM THE REFUGE

• La Portette Pass: 1 h - EG. 322 m

• Tête du Colonney: 2½ h - EG. 660 m

• Les Grandes Platières: 2 h - EG. 448 m

• Tour of désert de Platé: 3 h - EG. 528 m

Suitable for Kids

The refuge de Platé provides a unique look at local geology. There are lots of walks in the Désert de Platé, and an encounter with ibexes is almost a certainty! You can also observe animals from the patio, thanks to a telescope that can be used by grown-ups and children alike.

More : there's no charge for children under the age of 8 staying overnight.

FAMILY WALKS

Easy walks in the Désert de Platé. From age 6 on.

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BEST PRACTICES IN
A NATURE RESERVE

In winter:

The wild animals (chamois, ibex, black grouse, ptarmigan, etc.) are in a state of survival. The cold and lack of food force them to conserve their energy. To protect themselves, they take shelter in the forest (chamois and deer) or in igloos (black grouse and ptarmigan). When ski touring or snowshoeing, we “penetrate” into their living space. If we get too close, their sole instinct is to flee. By fleeing, they use up an unnecessary amount of energy. Repeated disturbances leave wild animals in a weakened state.

In summer:

The more densely wooded the area in which I am walking (forest edge and forest), the greater the risk of encountering wild animals. So I reduce the amount of space I need, I refrain from making too many tracks and I stay on the signposted routes. If I run into an animal, I stop and wait for it to wander away. In this way, it will use up significantly less energy. Beyond the edge of the forest, there are fewer animals, so I can move around freely.

Dogs (even on a leash), fires, motor vehicles and drones are prohibited. Bivouacking is tolerated between sunset and sunrise.



REFUGE DES FONTS



Alt. 1,380 m - From age 3 on

Walk accessible for all in 1½ h - the Font Alpine pastures are a splendid jewel in a preserved natural setting. The shady path winds between forests and waterfalls, taking you up to discover the Alpine pastures, a bit of paradise in the heart of the wild Cirque des Fonts.

THE REFUGE

The refuge, which has been run by the same family since 1926, is made up of 3 small chalets. Overlooking the Fonts Alpine pastures and its 40 typical chalets, the patio provides a grand view of the Cirque des Fonts. The alpine pasture makes an ideal playground for children, who can play along the little mountain stream and build dams, or watch the shepherd milking his cows.

Capacity : 32 persons

Specialities: Big omelettes, colourful salads, plates of Sixt cheeses, and home-made tarts and desserts. Our plates are made up of local produce from the valley, Haute-Savoie, and the refuge garden!

WALKS FROM THE REFUGE

• Lake Anterne: 3 h - EG. 700 m

• Les Chaux Pass: 2½ h - EG. 900 m

Suitable for Kids

Have fun exploring the mountain pastures! Wander through the chalets des Fonts to answer as best you can the questions, riddles and puzzles about life in the refuge and the mountain pastures, and discover the surprise waiting for you in the refuge.

FAMILY WALKS

Easy walks across the pastures in the midst of the chalets. From age 3 on.

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REFUGE DU CHÂTELET D'AYÈRES



Alt. 1,425 m - All ages

The Châtelêt d'Ayères is a small refuge backing onto the Fiz mountain range and facing the magnificent Mont Blanc. Guests can relax on the patio or in the comfortable lounge.

THE REFUGE

Enjoy the comfortable, cosy beds in a beautiful timber chalet that provides all the ambience you might expect in the mountains. No bivouacking near the refuge.

Capacity : 26 persons

Specialties: Enjoy our specialities from Savoie: röstiflette, potato fritters, pork meat products and home-made blueberry tart.

WALKS FROM THE REFUGE

• Le Tour des Ayères : 2 h - EG. 219 m

• Lake Pormenaz : 2 h 30 - EG. 527 m

Suitable for Kids

Easily accessible, the Châtelet d' Ayères is an ideal refuge for a first night on the mountain! Close by, you'll see ibexes, lammergeiers and Mount Pormenaz' own pair of eagles. At the lake (Lac Vert), an instructor can teach you to fish!

FAMILY WALK

Lac Vert: a walk round it is always fun – 15 mins. From age 3 on.

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REFUGE DU GRENAIRON



Alt. 1,974 m - From age 6 on

The 360-degree panoramic view includes Mont Buet, the Cirque d'Anterne, the majestic Fiz range with Mont Blanc and part of its mountain range in the background and, down below, the villages of Sixt and Samoëns and the entire Giffre Valley.

THE REFUGE

The refuge was built on the site of the old Chalet Hôtel le Buet, the first mountain refuge in the Giffre Valley. It has retained the traditional use of timber and stone. Convivial ambience. Cosy dormitories. Out of the ordinary: Spend a night under the stars - bubble tent for 2 persons with half-board.

Capacity : 70 persons

Specialties: Grilled ham and cheese, farcement (potato, apple and bacon dish), garden salads, tartiflette..., all these dishes are made with regional and local produce, plus our wonderful chestnut fondant and our other home-made desserts.

WALKS FROM THE REFUGE

• Le Mont Buet (altitude 2,531 m) : 4½ h - EG. 1,150 m (difficult sections)

• La Cathédrale (2531 m d'alt.) : 1½ h - EG. 550 m

• Le Tour du Ruan : EG. 4,365 m

• Le Tour du Haut Giffre

Suitable for Kids

For families or groups of friends, the refuge du Grenairon is accessible for all, for a day or an evening. Observing ibexes, catching a glimpse of marmots, getting the surprise of a swooping lammergeier, watching the sun set, stroking goats on the Alpine pastures, watching milking and making goat's cheese, or just having a good time... that could well be the idea behind your next visit...!

FAMILY WALKS

Frêtes du Grenier - 1 h - EG 400 m. From age 7 on.

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REFUGE DE MOËDE-ANTERNE



Alt. 2,000 m - From age 3 on

Located in the heart of Passy's nature reserve close to the Pormenaz and Anterne lakes, the refuge offers a panoramic view of the Fiz and Mont Blanc ranges, and a chance to see marmots and lammergeiers.

THE REFUGE

The Moède-Anterne refuge gives you a choice between the comfort of a modern chalet and the authentic charms of the original building. It's a spacious, well-appointed refuge that caters for the whole family. With renewable energy and organic produce, it makes a clear commitment to eco-responsibility.

Capacity : 95 persons

Specialities: Roast pork with prunes and a traditional gratin savoyard, farcement (potato, apple and bacon dish), fondue and a home-made diplomate (bread pudding), organic fruit juice etc.

WALKS FROM THE REFUGE

• Lake Anterne: 1¼ h - EG. 255 m

• Le Buet via Salenton Pass: 4½ h - Déniv. 1,150 m

• Hike across the Aiguilles Rouges range

• From Plaine-Joux: 3 h

Adapté aux Petits Loups

The refuge is surrounded by tarns (small mountain lakes, or "laouchets") - ideal frog-spotting country! Isolated in a veritable garden of Eden, observation of the fauna is a delight for budding naturalists!

FAMILY WALK

Lake Pormenaz - 30 min. From age 4 on.

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REFUGE DE SALES



Alt. 1,877 m - From age 3 on

Just right for family walks, the refuge is located in a preserved valley in the heart of the Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval nature reserve. The Sales valley is well-known for its access route marked out by waterfalls, the Dérochoir, its view of the Mont Blanc and the Désert de Platé, a geological curiosity. You may see ibexes and marmots and the lucky ones may even see chamois, a lammergeier (bearded vulture) or a golden eagle.

THE REFUGE

The refuge was created by our parents in 1981. Consisting of 4 wooden chalets, the refuge provides accommodation in two dormitories. We can offer you a simple, authentic welcome with home-made mountain dishes that give preference to local produce.

Capacity: 54 persons

Specialties: fondues savoyardes, soups, hiker's dishes, omelettes with fillings, desserts...

WALKS FROM THE REFUGE

• Pointe de Sales: 2 h - EG. 630 m

• Les Laouchets Lakes: 1¼ h - Frome age 6 - EG. 300m

• Désert de Platé: 3h

Suitable for Kids

Library for children, board games and outdoor games. Download some quizzes from the refuge website and fill in the answers as you climb to avoid the "Are we there yet?" syndrome, then wait for the surprise gift on arrival.

FAMILY WALK

Brèche du Dérochoir - 1¼ h. From age 6 on.

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REFUGE ALFRED WILLS



Alt. 1,810 m - From age 6 on

Anterne is a trip and a pause. I am pleased in advance for everyone who can make the most of the mountain pastures, the falaise des Fiz, and the sunrise. I'm sure we'll meet soon.

- Bruno

THE REFUGE

An authentic, eco-responsible refuge located at the chalet d'Anterne: a traditional chalet in mountain pastures. The refuge can now welcome you with a new dining room that is even more comfortable.

Capacity : 47 persons

Specialities: Home-made soup, blueberry tart and an organic wine list that's well worth the walk!

WALKS FROM THE REFUGE

• Willy Crest (details from the warden)

• Circuit des Fonts: a loop route back to the car park

Suitable for Kids

A special "afternoon nap" dormitory has been set up near the patio so that the whole family can get the most out of the day, at their own rhythm! For the more imaginative, the stream that runs beside the refuge is ideal for dam-building and the sailing of small boats.

FAMILY WALKS

Easy walks in the surrounding mountain pastures. From age 3 on.
Lake Anterne - 1 h. From age 6 on. EG 300 m

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REFUGE DU LAC DE GERS



Alt. 1,533 m - From age 3 on

Nestling in a small valley on edge of the forest, this area offers a very diverse mountain landscape. It is an official hunting ground in the Sixt nature reserve and the mountain pastures around the lake are filled with a wide range of flora and fauna. Valley ideal for walking, with delightful panoramic views.

LE REFUGE

The Gîte du Lac de Gers provides all the comforts of a hotel in a low mountain range. It has rooms sleeping 4 to 7 people and the ambience is warm and friendly. Why not try fishing in a mountain tarn?

Specialties: Local produce, traditional mountain dishes, salads just out of the vegetable garden and home-made desserts.

WALKS FROM THE REFUGE

• Pelouse Pass: 2¼ h - EG. 900 m

• Désert de Platé: 3 h - EG. 1000 m

Suitable for Kids

The gîte lies on the shores of a lake and is the ideal place to sit and watch the fish or learn about angling. Cows and sheep graze in the pasture beside the building in the summer months!

FAMILY WALK

Walk round the lake – 30 mins. From age 3 on.

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