

Gève (Le Refuge) / La Molière (stage 22)

4 Montagnes - Autrans





Vue sur la vallée grenobloise depuis La Sure (s_fayollat)

Just two of the important details you should know about this section:

Le Pas de la Clé (Clé pass) : in days gone by, the timber from the communes of Autrans and Méaudre was transported to Pas de la Clé. Here the wood was sent down a purpose-built chute, sliding all the way down to Montaud and Veurey. The trunks were tied together to form log rafts on the river Isère before being guided downstream towards Beaucaire and the coast.

Molière plateau : (meaning either "wet" or "millstone") is a traditional grazing

Useful information

Practice : Itinerant hike

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 11.5 km

Trek ascent : 797 m

Difficulty : Moyen

Type : Traversée

Themes : Faune, Flore, Géologie, Histoire et patrimoine, Point de vue area for heifers. It is home to a great diversity of plant (such as orchids) and animal species (including marmot, chamois, roe deer and black grouse). The Isère Departmental Council has designated Molière mountain pasture a nature conservation area (ENS). From this plateau, the view opens onto the valley of Autrans, Grenoble, a good part of the Alps and the foothills of the Massif Central.

This section is made up of a sequence of small switchbacks and occasionally challenging stretches between rocks and small limestone outcrops. The route is also dotted with a number of outstanding viewpoints all along the edge of the ridges.

Trek

Departure : Gève refuge (hut) Arrival : La Molière Markings : W GTV à pied

The route climbs the ridges of the far north of the Vercors, passing through **Vira Gros Jean (1)** and **Pas de la Clé (2)**. As far as **La Buffe (3)** and **La Sure (4)**, the succession of small switchbacks and sometimes challenging stretches between rocks and small limestone outcrops can be difficult in places. There are a number of outstanding viewpoints waiting to be discovered along the entire ridge line as far as **Molière**: the valley of the Isère and the massifs of Chartreuse, Belledonne and Oisans. On your path...



Gève Refuge - Camp 3 (A)

Viewpoint of the Molière (B)

All useful information

Advices

Use the passageways to cross the fences, close the gates and barriers.

Stay on the marked paths is also respect private property.

You are crossing a conservation nature area with specific regulations to be respected (information panel at the entrance to the site).

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1289 m Max elevation 1640 m

Transports

By train : Grenoble SNCF station Route planner (train and bus): <u>https://</u> www.oura.com/

By bus : With regional coaches T65 or T64 for Lans-en-Vercors and then on line T66 to Autrans. Please note that line T66 does not go further than Autrans. There is the option of finishing the walk at the car park by hitchhiking or carpooling.

By hitch hiking : You can get there / get back by hitching a lift with the Rezo Pouce network from Autrans-Méaudre, Lans-en-Vercors, Grenoble and Royans-Vercors (you can find all the stops in the Vercors on <u>www.rezopouce.fr</u>).

Carpooling :

Offer your services or book your

Access

From Grenoble, take the D531 departmental road to Lans-en-Vercors, then head for Autrans on the D106. In Autrans, head for the Gève Nordic ski area.

Advised parking

Car park at the entrance to Gève plateau

carpooling on the regional <u>Mov'lci</u> platform.

1 Information desks

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On your path...



Gève Refuge - Camp 3 (A)

Now known as the Refuge de Gève, this forest cabin once served as the winter quarters for the Camp 3 Resistance fighters. It was set up by the Franc-Tireur Resistance movement in the spring of 1943. It housed around 30 people who were refusing to undertake the Service du Travail Obligatoire – the forced enlistment of French citizens. Their days were devoted to collecting firewood and keeping watch. They later took part in the fighting in the Vercors and the Liberation of Lyon in 1944. Since Camp 3 was too easy for the enemy to reach in the summer, it moved to the Cabane des Carteaux. Attribution : Inspiration Vercors



Viewpoint of the Molière (B)

The viewpoint of the Molière offers one of the most beautiful panoramas of the Vercors. A large part of the Alps is offered to you as far as Mont Blanc, passing by the Chartreuse, Belledonne or Oisans. Attribution : S.M Booth