

Le Lernier

Lacs et montagnes du Haut Doubs - Chaux-Neuve



Depuis le belvédère de Roche Blanche (PNRHJ / Nina Verjus)

South of the Mouthe valley, a succession of forests and pastures, punctuated by two belvederes: a recent one at the Côte Feuillée to learn about ski jumping and its history, and the Roche Blanche in Chatelblanc.

This circuit starts out strong. From the Côte Feuillée belvedere and its breath-taking view onto the ski jump stadium, take a moment to imagine yourself flying through the air and to feel the adrenaline provided by this spectacular discipline in which athletes slide down the ramp at speeds approaching 100 km/h before taking flight. This place will give you wings...

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 2 h 50

Length : 9.3 km

Trek ascent : 257 m

Difficulty : Moderate

Type : Circular

Themes : History & heritage,
Landscapes

Trek

Departure : Chaux-Neuve Cheese Dairy

Arrival : Chaux-Neuve Cheese Dairy

Markings :  GR® (Long distance)  PR® (Walking & hiking trail)

Starting at **Cébriot** (*stream*) facing the town hall, the trail heads up the village (*white and red waymarking*) to **LERNIER**, before (*yellow and blue waymarking*) following the D 46 and reaching **l'Estanguillon**.

The path heads up to the right through a valley with a small stream before exiting onto **Sur la Chenoz** where the first house's dam is proof of the existence of a former mill. The path then turns abruptly to the right, to access the **COTE FEUILLEE**.

The trail continues on a path that descends into a forest to the left (pay attention to the waymarking) until it reaches the **Place à bois des Serments**.

The path to the right, which is suitable for vehicles (*white and red waymarking*) passes through a combe to **les Serments**, and then (*yellow and blue waymarking*) comes to **Bois des Ravières**.

The Bridaux forebay waterfall and the vestiges of its mill can be accessed within 5 mins via **LA SCIE**. Be careful!

The route heads upwards towards Chatelblanc and quickly reaches (*100 m*) **La Combette de la Roche**. A grassy trail crosses through a pasture (MTB path) before exiting onto the **Grand Réservoir**.

The panoramic view from **Roche Blanche** is then accessible within 5 mins (*there and back*). Be careful!

When you have returned from the viewpoint, the good farm road that pleasantly overlooks the combe to the east joins up with "**Chemin de la Roche**" after a sharp bend to the left.

A barely-signposted trail to the right in the combe (*MTB path*) cuts through the meadows, joins up with a path and opens out into the heart of Chaux-Neuve, behind the old cheese dairy.

On your path...



The old cheese dairy of Chaux-Neuve (A)

Fir tree or spruce? (C)

Travel to the world of ski jumping from the belvedere of the Côte Feuillée (B)

Belvedere of the Roche Blanche (D)

All useful information

AdVICES

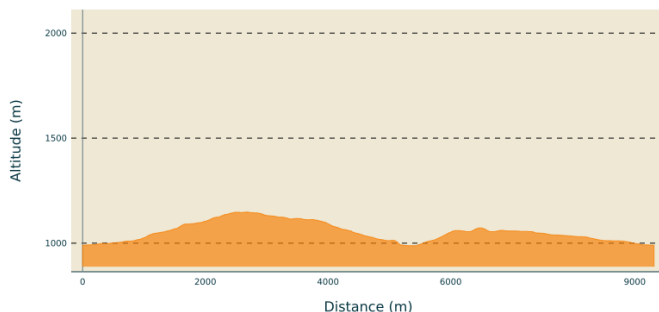
Be careful alongside the départementale road between Le LERNIER and l'Estanguillon, around the Roche Bloche viewpoint and near the Bridaux forebay waterfall.

This trail passes through private property pastures with livestock and forest paths. To respect the owners and farmers granting you passage, and for the security of livestock and wild fauna, we ask that you remain on the waymarked paths. Use the adapted passageways to get across fencing and be sure to close gateways behind you. Lastly, please keep your dog on a lead if you have one.

Wild flowers are beautiful, they may be rare and protected and often wilt quickly. Do not pick them! They will delight the next hikers.

In case of forest works (felling, skidding, etc.), for your safety, know when to stop and turn around.

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 988 m
Max elevation 1148 m

Transports

To visit and get about in the High-Jura, visit www.reshaut-jura.fr, the eco-mobility portal listing all means of transport within the Park.

Access

6 km south of Mouthe via the D 437. At the heart of the village of Chaux Neuve, follow the D 46 to the left to reach the parking lot.

Advised parking

Former Chaux-Neuve cheese dairy

Information desks

Tourist information centre - Val de
Mouthe
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<https://www.destination-haut-doubs.com/>



On your path...



The old cheese dairy of Chaux-Neuve (A)

The architectural shape of cheese dairies is often very different to that of houses. The location of the cheese dairy in Chaux-Neuve, in the centre of the village, tells us that it was considered a public building almost as important as the church, the town hall or the school.

Attribution : PNRHJ / Véronique K. Simon



Travel to the world of ski jumping from the belvedere of the Côte Feuillée (B)

Three ski jumps, resembling the edges of knives, attack a rocky hillside; the Côte Feuillée is a natural site favourable to ski jumping. In the Chaux-Neuve stadium, an interpretive circuit allows visitors to appreciate this sporting landscape, with its summit offering a unique sense of a ski jumper's feelings. An exhibition and a film presenting the Nordic combined, a sporting skill, and a true local way of life. Every year, "chauniers" (inhabitants of Chaux Neuve) welcome thousands of spectators during international ski jumping and Nordic combined competitions organised on this site.

Attribution : PNRHJ / Florian Marguet



Fir tree or spruce? (C)

The High-Jura is well-known for its softwood forests, comprised of fir trees and spruces, two species with shared characteristics (conical shape; and with persistent needles). How to differentiate between them?

On the fir tree, cones are directed upwards, its flat needles have two white lines on the underneath and their position on either side of the sprig is reminiscent of a comb; whilst on the spruce, cones fall downwards, the needles are sharp and positioned like a brush, all around the sprig.

Attribution : PNRHJ / Gilles Prost



Belvedere of the Roche Blanche (D)

Looking over the village of Châtelblanc at an altitude of 1,013 m, the belvedere of the Roche Blanche offers an in-depth view over the Val de Mouthe to the north, and over the high valley of the Saine and the isolated farms lining the forest of the High-Joux to the south.

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