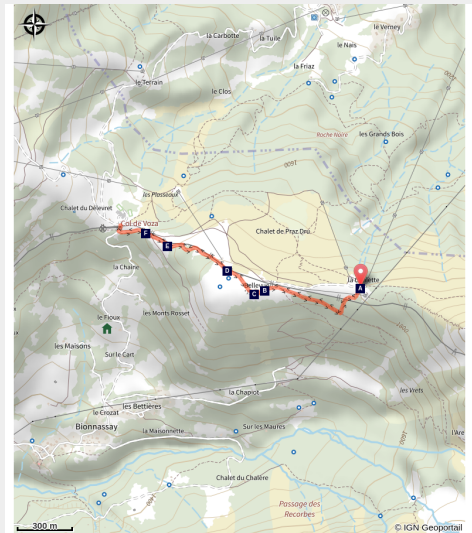


Walk from Bellevue to the col de Voza mountain pass

Saint-Gervais-les-Bains



Vue depuis le col de Voza. Tramway du Mont-Blanc. (Lucie Rousselot - Asters CEN74)



Dominated by the majesty of mont Blanc, an easy walk in a pastoral atmosphere conducive to strolling.

Through the pastures, on an easy track, you will cross flowering fields, and be able to admire the Hérens - a local breed of cows - with ornamented collars (be careful not to disturb them nor enter the parks!) accompanied by the sound of chirping crickets and the songs of meadow birds. A bucolic setting, so close to the imposing Dôme du Goûter of the Mont-Blanc massif!

Useful information

Practice : Summer hike

Duration : 50 min

Length : 3.4 km

Trek ascent : 192 m

Difficulty : Very easy

Type : Aller-retour

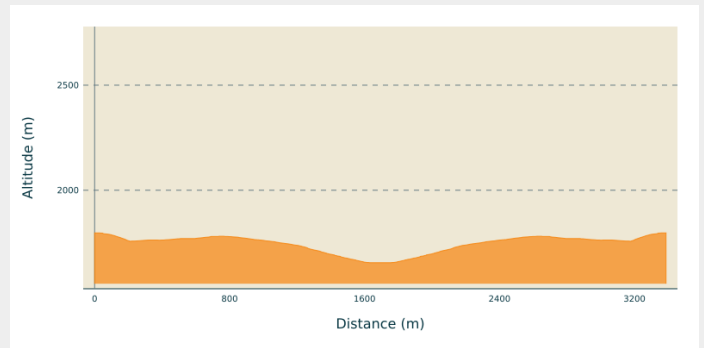
Trek

Departure : Tram station BELLEVUE, line TRAMWAY du Mont-Blanc

Arrival : Tramway du Mont-Blanc stop: BELLEVUE

Cities : 1. Saint-Gervais-les-Bains

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1655 m Max elevation 1797 m

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How to come ?

Transports

[Tramway du Mont-Blanc \(TMB\)](#)

Access

The easiest access is by the Tramway du Mont-Blanc, stop: BELLEVUE

Other possible access: Les Houches-Bellevue cable car

From the Crozat parking lot (+ **45 min walk**): To get to the parking from the center of Saint-Gervais, take road D902, then turn left on the road to Bionnassay, you will then have to walk 45 minutes to arrive at the start of the hike.

Advised parking

[+ 45 min de marche] Le Crozat - Bionnassay, Saint-Gervais

On your path...



△ Climbing Mont Blanc? With your fingertips! (A)

On a large touch screen, admire the 360 degrees images of the Mont Blanc ascent as if you were there! To experience this, go to the picnic room of the Bellevue cable car where you will also find an exhibition on the mountain environment. This space was developed by Asters-Conservatoire d'Espaces Naturels de Haute-Savoie, within the project management of the ENS (protected natural area) of Mont Lachat.

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🐦 The Whinchat (B)

A very small but important bird!
A characteristic species of grasslands and feeding mainly on insects and spiders, it is an excellent indicator of the biological quality of the grasslands it is living on. It lives here in this mountain pasture.

Perched on tall plants, the male, an indefatigable singer, watches over the female during breeding season. But that does not protect it from all dangers. The nest, which is built on the ground, makes the brood very vulnerable. So be careful! Remember to keep your dogs on a leash during the spring!

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🏠 The empty hotel of Bellevue (C)

A pioneer in high-altitude accommodation as early as the beginning of the 19th century, it closed in 1980. At the end of the 1990s, there was will to rebuild this hotel, located in the classified site of the Mont-Blanc massif. 10 years and 3 projects later, the building permit had been finally validated! The establishment aims to be the first “passive” hotel in France: very low energy consumption, mainly thanks to the heat of the sun. Opening is scheduled for 2010! But because of non-compliance with the building permit, this hotel ‘new generation’ did never open...

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🐮 Swiss cow fights (D)

With their dark, stocky bodies and black-tipped horns, you might make you think of a herd of bulls. But no! These are battle cows: the Hérens. This Swiss breed from Val d'Hérens valley in the canton of Valais is also appreciated for its meat and milk. These cows naturally fight to determine dominance in the herd. These cow fights, known as the "Combats des reines" are organized between the dominants (the queens) of each herd, in order to designate the queen of the canton or the valley.

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🌸 Mountain pastures, flowery meadows (E)

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🌸 The Willow Herb (F)

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