24. Le Balcon Est du Vercors, de Gresse-en-Vercors à Saint-Andréol

> Duration : 7 h loop / Distance : 19 km / Ascent : +750 m

The path of Balcon Est of Vercors goes along Vercors cliffs, you cross meadows and screes. Admire at the very end of the mountain range, La Grande Moucherolle and Les Deux Soeurs (Agathe and Sophie) peaks. Bring your picnic and have a break at l’Abri de la Peyrouse. The path is tricky and narrow at some places : be careful!


→ Take the direction of “Les Petits Deux” then “Côte Joubert”. Follow the path on your right towards “Sous les Rochers de Rocheherbe” then the path of the balcony to “Abri de la Peyrouse”. Go back down towards “Les Grands Clots” and “Les Petits Clos”, then turn right to reach “Serre de la Terre”. Reach “Clos de Ménil” crossing the road and go up to “Playnet”. Finally, walk down the path to “Col des Deux”.

25. Le Tour du Mont-Aiguille

> Duration : 7 h loop / Distance : 22,2 km / Ascent : +1018 m

This limestone tower, standing out result of erosion, is one of the 7 marvels of the Dauphiné region, peaking at 2087m. This round tour allows you to discover it from all sides, surprising every time.

Departure : From La Bâtie, in the south of Gresse en Vercors, accessible by car. After crossing the hamlet, park near the large turn on your left (on your right, there are posts of Parcours Aventure Trièves).

→ Take the direction of “Les Granges”, walk up to “Col de l’Aupet” by way of “Sous la Cascade de la Pisse”. Beyond the col, go down towards “La Richardière” and “Pont de Donnière”. Then walk towards “Aux Fontaines”, then reach “Trézanne” hamlet by way of “Les Ruines”. At Trézanne, have a break to discover the chapel. Then reach “Col de Papavet”, then “Col des Pellas” by way of “Seiterat”, “Les Brutinels”, “Les Sagnes”. From “Col des Pellas”, go down to your departure point following “Les Grands Clots”, “Caraby”, “Les Pellas”, “Chez Cotte”.

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26. Les Hauts plateaux par le Pas des Bachassons et le Pas de la Selle

> Duration : 5 h loop / Distance : 11,5 km / Ascent : +850 m

Pas de Bachassons is an easy entrance to the hauts plateaux of Vercors, where you can see the Queyrie’s plains. The way back by Le Pas de la Selle offers an original view of the Mont Aiguille. Do not venture if it is foggy.

Departure : From La Bâtie, in the south of Gresse en Vercors, accessible by car. After crossing the hamlet, park near the large turn on your left (on your right, there are posts of Parcours Aventure Trièves).

→ Take the direction of “Pas de Bachassons”, then turn left to “Pas de la Selle”. Be careful, there are no markings beyond Pas de Bachassons, so you need the IGN map and orienteering skills. If you want, it is possible to walk to the Roman quarries (return trip of 1h). Then reach your departure point via “Col de l’Aupet”.

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27. Les Hauts Plateaux par le Pas de Berrièves et le Pas de la Ville

> Duration : 7 h loop / Distance : 17,5 km / Ascent : +1050 m

Walk a couple of kilometres in the heart of the Nature Reserve of Vercors hauts plateaux.

Departure : “Gresse en Vercors” post, next to the tourist office, in front of the church.

→ Take the direction of the ski resort for 100 m. In the bend, turn right at the fountain towards “Croix de Serre Monet”. Then towards “Les Petits Deux”. Go up to “Col des Deux” on the road and turn left towards “Pas de Berrièves”. Go down towards La Jasse de la Chau and follow GR93 SOUTH to La Jasse de la Chau. Walk up to “Pas de la Ville” and reach your departure point at Gresse en Vercors.

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Within the Vercors Natural Park area

Continuity
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Wrong direction
16. Col des Pellas / Col de Papavet

> Duration : 3h loop / Distance : 6,4 km / Ascent : +236 m

At these passes, you are almost perpendicular to the most impressive side of the Mont-Aiguille. A mostly forest hike, but with very nice viewpoints, particularly at the large clearing.

departure by car, from Gresse en Vercors, take the direction of Col de l’Allimas, La Bâtie. After crossing La Bâtie, you will see a sharp bend on your left (on your right, there are signs to the Parcours Aventure Trièves). Go straight ahead at this turn, crossing the bridge in front of you and park your car.

→ On foot, take the path and reach “Caraby”. Then take the track (or the shortest path) to reach “Col des Pellas” by way of “Les Grands Clots”. If you want, you can walk on to “Col de Papavet”. Return by the same way.

17. Pas du Serpaton

> Duration : 3h return trip / Distance : 6 km / Ascent : +370 m

The Serpaton’s ridges offer you a beautiful 360-degree view of the Balcon Est of Vercors and Trièves, and even Grenoble. You will be able to catch sight of Dévoluy, Ecrins, Belledonne and Chartreuse mountains.

departure “Gresse en Vercors” post, next to the tourist office, in front of the church.

→ Take the direction of “La Casse” at the north entrance of the village, in front of the cemetery. Take the direction of “Pas du Serpaton”. The final part of the ascent is on the road leading to the pasture, to the television antenna. When the weather is clear (do not attempt if foggy, easy to get lost), it is possible to extend the route walking on the ridges (be careful not to disturb herds). Descent by the same way.

18. Le Ménil

> Duration : 4h loop / Distance : 11 km / Ascent : +380 m

A loop turning around the rocky spurs of Château Vert and Palais. Nice view of the Balcon Est of Vercors.

departure “Gresse en Vercors” post, next to the tourist office, in front of the church.

→ Take the direction of the ski resort on 100 m. In the bend, turn right at the fountain towards “Croix de Serre Monet”. You turn right towards “Les Petits Deux”, taking the path passing by the Chemin des Saisons farm. From “Petits Deux”, take the direction of “Col des Deux” by the road, then turn right towards “Le Playnet”. Then follow “Le Ménil” and walk down to “Les Fraisses”. Reach “La Fruitière” by way of the Chaumelle hamlet. Then reach “Croix de Serre Monet” and go back to your departure point.

19. Les Souches de la Gresse

> Duration : 3h loop / Distance : 6,4 km / Ascent : +450 m

This route leads you to the Gresse river spring and under the Pas de la Ville. Perfect to come nearer to the Grand Veymont and get an overview. Prick up your ears to hear marmots.

departure “Champ de l’Herse”, at the end of the ski resort car park, on the right bank (facing down the stream, the right bank is on your right).

→ Take the direction of “Baraque du Veymont”. Then follow the direction “Sous le Pas de la Ville” crossing the stream, then turn right. From “Sous le Pas de la Ville”, it is possible to reach “Pas de la Ville” if you feel up to it (entrance into the Natural Reserve of Hauts-Plateaux of Vercors where specific regulations apply). To go down, you need to take the path towards “Champ de l’Herse”.

20. Sommet de la crête du Brisou

> Duration : 4 h loop / Distance : 8,2 km / Ascent : +483 m

From the Gresse ridge, admire the view of the nearby Mont Aiguille, Grand Veymont, Gresse en Vercors village and the Serpaton mountain. Have a break at the picnic tables located on the top.

departure “Gresse en Vercors” post, next to the tourist office, in front of the church.

→ Take the road in front of the tourist office entrance, towards Col de l’Allimas (pass by the town hall). Leaving the village, where the departmental road makes a left turn, go straight ahead! At the next crossroads, the path goes straight towards “Pas du Bru”. Then follow “Combe Rouge”, then the direction of “Col de l’Allimas”. Then turn right towards “Serre Girardet” then “Crête du Brisou”. Then walk down towards “Champ de l’Herse” (ski resort) and reach your departure point, direction “Gresse en Vercors”, taking the road.

21. Tour du Brisou, par la baraque du Veymont

> Duration : 5 h loop / Distance : 11,1 km / Ascent : +500 m

A route going through the Col de l’Allimas and its view of the Mont Aiguille, and through the place called “Quinquemambey” and its very narrow path to reach the ridge.

departure “Champ de l’Herse”, at the end of the ski resort car park, on the right bank (facing down the stream, the right bank is on your right).

→ Take the direction of “Girard”, “Côtes Embly”, “Aux Fayolles” (passage under Odysée Verte), “Combe Rouge” to reach the climb towards “Col de l’Allimas”. At “Col de l’Allimas”, follow the path towards “Serre Girardet”, then “Tiolache”. At “Tiolache”, walk up towards the “Baraque du Veymont” (be careful, when you cross the col, the path is dizzying!) From the “Baraque du Veymont”, follow “Champ de l’Herse” to come back to your departure point.

22. Les Balcons de Gresse en Vercors

> Duration : 5 h loop / Distance : 10,5 km / Ascent : +510 m

This route goes along the Balcon Est cliffs and offers a view of Gresse en Vercors and the Mont Aiguille. In some places, the path can be narrow and crossing screes, especially after the place called “Sous Séguret” which is an elevated and airy passage, recommended to very good walkers. If you are lucky, you will get to gaze at ibexes! Be careful of residue snow in the beginning of the season.

departure “Gresse en Vercors” post, next to the tourist office, in front of the church.

→ Take the direction of the ski resort for 100 m. In the bend, turn right at the fountain towards “Croix de Serre Monet”. You turn right towards “Les Petits Deux”, taking the path passing by the Chemin des Saisons farm. From “Petits Deux”, take the direction of “Col des Deux” by the road, then turn left towards “Côtes Joubert” then “Sous Séguret”. Then turn left and reach the route of Balcon Est of Vercors towards “Sous le Pas de la Ville”. Then go down to “Champ de l’Herse” and reach “Gresse en Vercors”. From “Sous le Pas de la Ville”, it is possible to extend the route by way of “Baraque du Veymont” (less steep).

23. Le Grand-Veymont

> Duration : 6 h return trip / Distance : 13 km / Ascent : +1 100 m

The Grand Veymont is the highest peak of the Vercors massif at 2341 m. The access from Gresse en Vercors is the shortest but not the easiest! After the Pas de la Ville, discover the view of the hauts-plateaux of Vercors. At the top: a 360 degree view! If you go early, maybe you’ll be lucky to gaze at ibexes! Be careful to respect the regulations of the nature reserve (no dogs...)

departure “Champ de l’Herse”, at the end of the ski resort car park, on the right bank (facing down the stream, the right bank is on your right).

→ Take the direction of “Sous le Pas de la Ville”. Climb to “Pas de la Ville”. Then turn left towards the Grand Veymont’s peak (markings with yellow points). Return by the same way to “Sous le Pas de la Ville” then take the direction of “Baraque du Veymont” (on the right) to end the slope by a nice path with a soft slope. From “Baraque du Veymont”, take the direction of “Champ de l’Herse” to reach your departure.