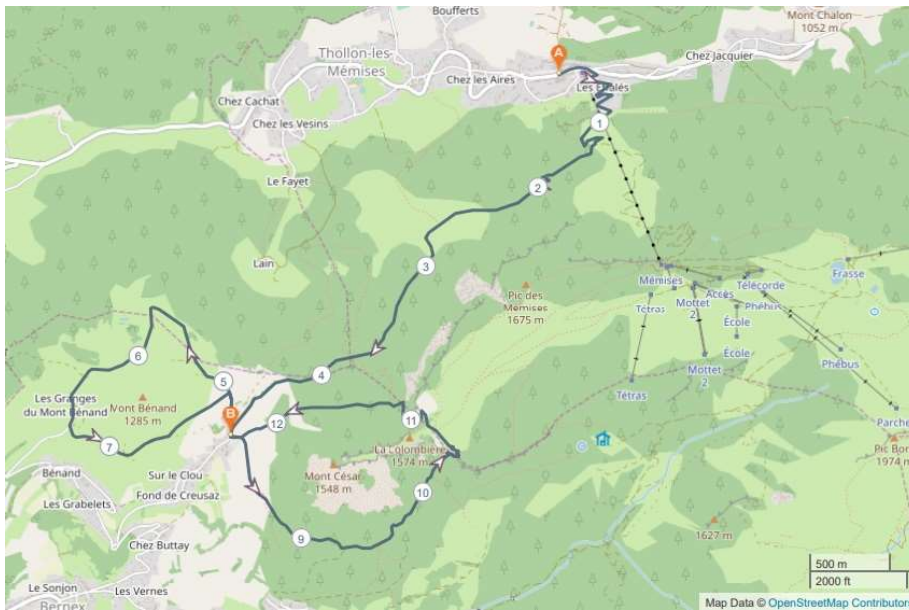


THOLLON – COL DE CREUSAZ WALK

A family-friendly walk from Thollon-les-Memises to l'Alpage restaurant



A gentle 4.5 km walk. Although not suitable for pushchairs, children and adults alike will enjoy the sights of the wild horses, the towering Memises, and the glistening Lake Geneva on the way to the Alpage restaurant at the Col de Creusaz.

For those who want to go further, an easy circuit of Mont Bénand or a more challenging circuit of Mont César can be added.

Directions

Follow the road through the carpark in Thollon and take the first turn on the right after the sign for the télécabine, opposite the Outa restaurant. Follow the winding road up through the rows of chalets until it turns into a wide gravel path. Continue on this path as it climbs up toward the Balcon des Memises.

After around 500 metres, the path divides. Take the right-hand fork, continuing straight on. A further 500 metres or so will bring you through a metal gate and out onto the flat rolling alpage.

There are several small benches here where you can sit and take in the panoramic views of Lake Geneva and the Swiss countryside. During the summer months wild horses graze on the alpage. Be sure to keep dogs on a lead at all times.

In the 1950's a special 'cable car' was built here to transport the milk from the 300 cows then grazing on the alpage down to the village.

Follow the path across the alpage as it meanders gently down to the foot of Mont César and the car park at Creusaz. Here you'll find 'L'Alpage' restaurant where you can eat indoors or in the garden while admiring the views of the valley of Bernex.

Mont Bénand circuit

A beautiful circular walk in the Geopark of the Chablais, through meadows filled with wildflowers, with panoramic views of the Memises, the Dent d'Oche and Mont Baron, Lake Geneva, and the valley of Bernex.

Heading up from the carpark, take the wide path to the left before the last house which leads up toward the 'Plan Prau'. Continue towards the little chalet of La Mottaz not far from a pretty cross on a small mound.

The path continues to descend to the Granges (barns) of Mont Bénand. A little further on, take the path on the left which leads you gently back to your starting point.

The tour of Mont Bénand is also perfect for snowshoeing in winter!



Mont César circuit



Leave the car park and turn right on to the wide path leading steadily upwards in front of Mont César.

Continue on this path, passing through the woods of La Rasse. After some turns, the path climbs and shortly before a small stream you'll find the signs for the ladder, a highlight of the walk.

Heading up the ladder, the path then takes you over the Col de Pertuis from where the descent takes you through some tight turns before coming to a fork.

Take the path on the left which leads through some woods and back to the starting point at the carpark.