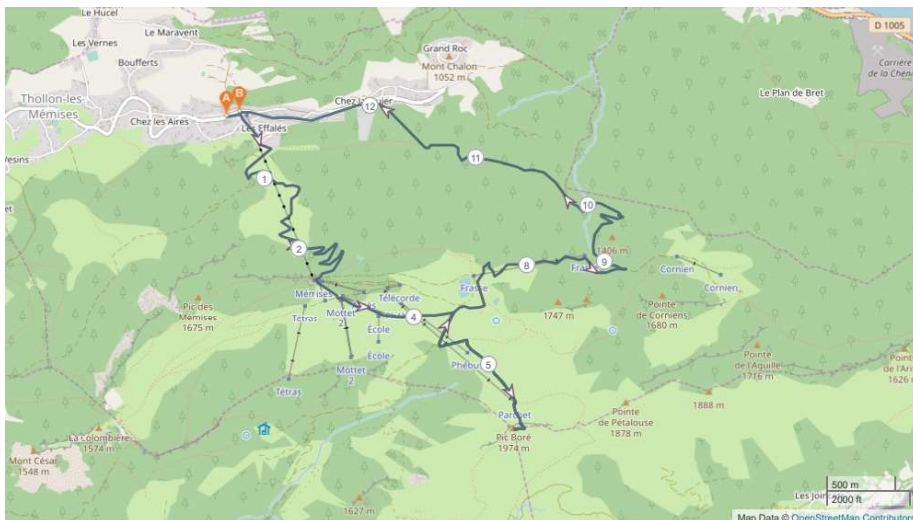


THOLLON – PIC BORÉ WALK

An invigorating walk to the highest point in Thollon-les-Memises!



The Pic Boré, the highest point in the territory of Thollon at 1974 metres, also marks the meeting point of 3 Communes – Thollon, Bernex, and Novel.

Its conical shape makes it easy to distinguish from the surrounding mountain ridges.

A popular jumping off point for athletic ‘parapenteurs’, the Pic Boré has panoramic views of Lake Geneva, the Chablais and the Swiss Alps.

Directions

Begin your hike from the car park in the upper village of Thollon.

If you wish, it is possible to take the télécabine (check opening times) to the Balcon des Memises and start your walk from there. Count around 3 hours to walk to the top of Pic Boré and back to the Balcon des Memises, or 5-6 hours if starting from the village as described below.

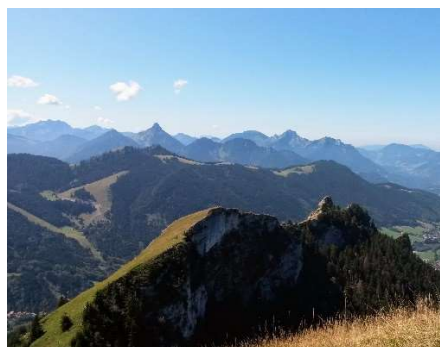
Cross the road from the car park and head up the right-hand fork by the cinema sign towards the base station of the télécabine.

Take the first right and continue up the steep road under the télécabine cables for around 200 metres. Follow the road as it turns to the left, becoming a wide gravel path, winding its way steadily up the face of the Memises. The zigzag path will bring you to the télécabine top station with a cafeteria and restaurant.

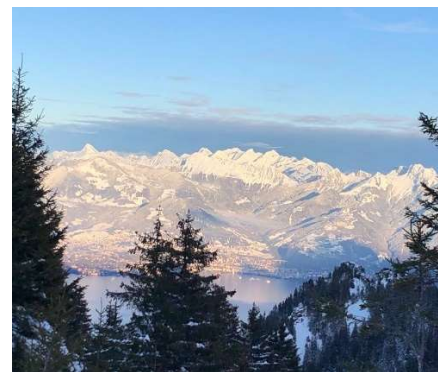


From here you can easily see the Pic Boré. Turn left and head either along the ridge of the Memises or take the flatter path through the woods. Alternatively, the path that descends beneath the small chairlift will also take you in the right direction.

Following these paths will lead you towards the reservoir and the top station of La Frasse chairlift. Before reaching them, turn right heading up the path following the 4-person (Parchet) chairlift towards the summit of the Pic Boré.



The really fun part of this walk comes beyond the top station of the Parchet chairlift where you use a knotted rope to help pull yourself up the last 10 (generally muddy) metres to the Pic itself.



The easiest way back is simply to return by the same route to the starting point at the carpark.

However, an alternative route back down to the village of Thollon involves taking the steep descent under La Frasse chairlift from above the reservoir.

At the bottom of the chairlift, take the wide track downhill to the left. After around 100 metres you will cross a stream with an attractive waterfall which can be dramatic, especially after heavy rainfall.

Continue to follow the path which will bring you out on the road from Lajoux towards Thollon. At the side of the road back to Thollon you can take a small detour via a higher path lined with crosses before descending a kilometre or so to the car park.