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BELLE-ÉTOILE EDUCATIONAL TRAIL

THE TRAIL

Welcome to the Belle-Étoile educational trail ! Built in 2016, the Belle-Étoile suspension bridge provides safe passage over the Sauflaz River on the trail connecting the Bonaveau and Rossetan alpine pastures.

This educational trail consists of five informational panels with in-depth information on the local mountains, glacial retreat, hydroelectric energy production, the vast network of caves under the Susanfe Valley, and the Sauflaz River with its spectacular periodic flooding.

The complete trail is 8 km long and has a 500-metre altitude gain. It should take about 3 hours to complete, not counting the time it takes to read the panels !

We wish you a pleasant walk and hope you enjoy learning a little more about our unique alpine environment.

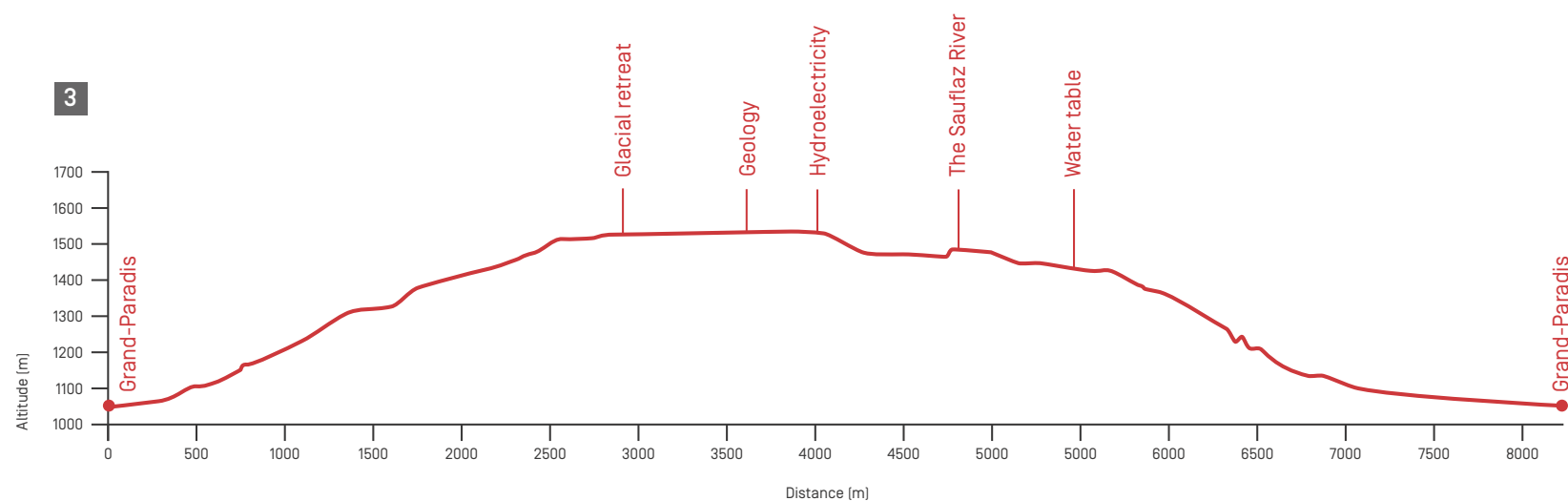
FLOODWATER DANGER

Alpine rivers downstream of dams, water intakes and power plants can be dangerous. Water purges and releases occur regularly, especially in summer, causing sudden and unpredictable fluctuations in water levels and/or flooding. Islets, gravel shoals and riverbanks can become submerged with no warning !

These purges and releases are necessary for the removal of silt and sediment in ponds and sand pits, and for the drainage of surplus waters caused by melting glaciers or heavy rains.

Walkers, anglers, campers and canyoneers should exercise extreme caution in and around the riverbeds, even when they are dry, as there is a real risk of being carried away by a sudden flood. This danger increases significantly in the river gorges. Warning signs clearly indicate hazardous locations.

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- 1 The Bonaveau Refuge with Mount Ruan and its glacier in the background.
- 2 Trail map.
- 3 Trail information.
- 4 Trail photos.

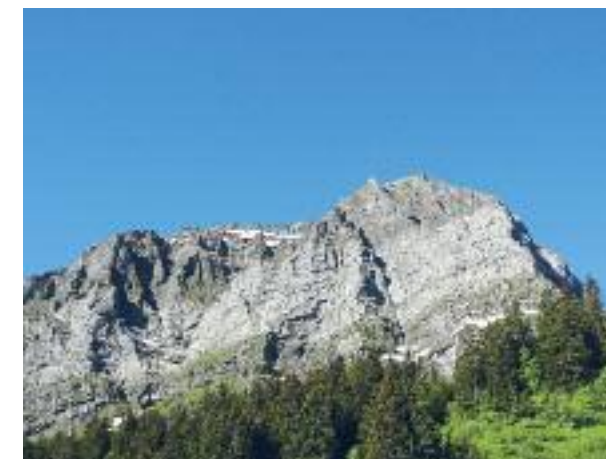
The only way to discover how far you can go is to get up and start walking.

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... aussi par beau temps
... auch bei schönem Wetter

DANGER — Il est dangereux de stationner dans le lit de la rivière, l'eau pouvant monter brusquement et à tout moment par suite du fonctionnement des installations hydroélectriques.

GEFAHR — Es ist gefährlich, sich im Flussbett aufzuhalten. Der Betrieb der Wasserkraftanlagen kann das Wasser jederzeit und plötzlich anschwellen lassen.

PERICOLO — È pericoloso sostare in riva al fiume. In seguito all'esercizio degli impianti idroelettrici l'acqua può aumentare repentinamente e in qualsiasi momento della giornata.

DANGER — You are warned not to go on the river bed. The water level can suddenly rise at any time due to operation of hydroelectric installations.

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