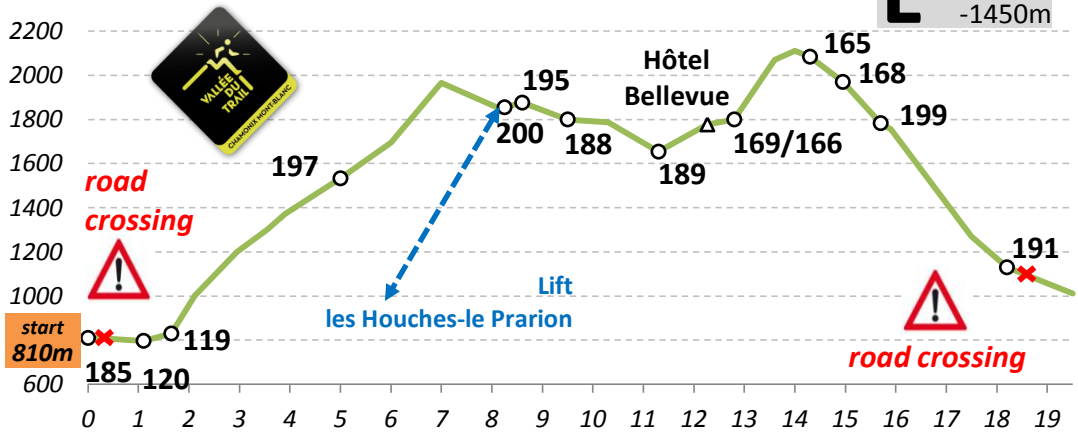


# Traverse Servoz-le Prarion-Mont Lachat-les Houches

Duration estimated depending on speed : 3 hr ½ to 6 hrs ¾

Trail of 19.5Km  
+1650m  
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# Traverse Servoz-le Prarion-Mont Lachat-les Houches, 19.5Km, +1650m/-1450m

**Start :** Servoz train station, cross the rail track and go in the direction of Servoz to signpost 185 where the bridge crosses the Arve. Cross over the bridge and descend immediately to the left to join the river bank which is followed by a path through the forest. After 750m, rejoin a road and go over the bridge to the left to find signpost 120. **Finish :** Mairie des Houches (bus station line 1).

Signpost n° ► direction or instruction from this signpost

- 120 ► Col de la Forclaz
  - 119 ► Col de la Forclaz
  - 197 ► Le Prarion
- At the summit of Prarion continue on the path along the ridge as far as the Prarion lift. At 100m you will see the Hotel du Prarion, contour round it on the right to find signpost 200 ► La Charme
- 195 ► La Charme, follow a single track in the meadows and then through the forest
  - 188 ► Col de Vosaz

Col de Vosaz, 189 ► Bellevue

- Hotel de Bellevue, just after the hotel follow the 4x4 track to the left to cross the railway.
- 169 ► Mont Lachat, go behind the café hut to find signpost 166.
- 166 ► Mont Lachat, to the right.
- 166 ► Cabane forestière des Arandellys
- 168 ► Cabane forestière des Arandellys
- 199 ► les Houches Chef-lieu
- 191 ► les Houches Chef-lieu

« Long » circuit with a number of rolling sections, but also some steep and sometimes elevated parts. Without a doubt, this route along a ridge in the « middle mountains » is not to be missed, as much for the sporting challenge as for the scenery.

From Servoz station, it is worth making the most of the gentle start to have a leg-stretch, because from the beginning of the ascent, the going will be steep. As the route progresses, the footpath narrows and the panorama is revealed, followed by arrival at the panoramic plan at the Prarion. From here a descending traverse begins through an idyllic setting to the Col de Vosaz. Crossing the track of the famous Mont Blanc train, the second ascent begins, to reach the staging post of the Bellevue plateau. The final ascent to Mont Lachat requires care and a particular quality of tenacity to deal with the steep and sometimes slippery slope. On the summit shoulder, there is once again an exceptional 360° panorama, before the route plunges down into the valley. Once again care and precision is necessary right to the end of this final descent, in order to overcome several technical and elevated sections.

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