

INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB OF GENEVA

LE BRÉVENT – REFUGE BELLACHAT*

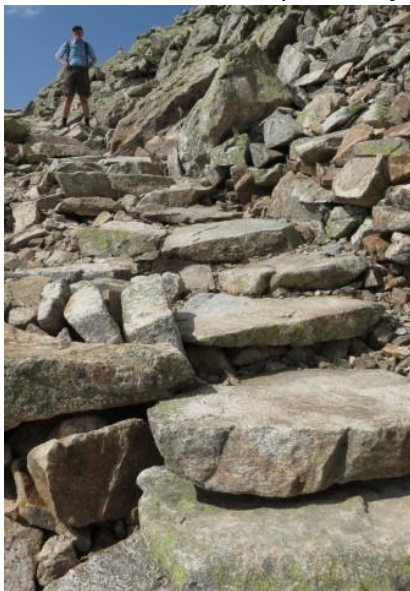
SUNDAY 2019 AUGUST 11 - FACILE - HAUTE SAVOIE

We hike above the Chamonix valley with superb 360° views, including probably the best view of Mont-Blanc, the Fiz massif, the huge Bossons glacier and much more. The hike is easy, but the trail is somewhat rocky in places. It is for somewhat experienced hikers.

Inscription: On or before August 8 by email to bill_larson@bluewin.ch

I need to know:

- Your first and last name
- Are you a SCIG member?
- What hiking or other sports have you done this year?
- Can you walk 3 hours on a rocky trail?
- Do you have a car? If so, how many can it hold, **including yourself?**
- An email address you can read on the weekend
- Your mobile number
- Do you plan to eat at the refuge (small menu offering omelette, crozets, salad, charcuterie, limited number of plats du jour) or bring your picnic lunch?



Walk 100 m away from Geneva; turn right onto Route du Vallon. The parking area is on the left in about 100 m.

To Bring: Boots, hat, water, sweater, rain gear, sunscreen, sunglasses, collapsible poles (optional) Euros, passport and visa if necessary. (The hike is in France.)

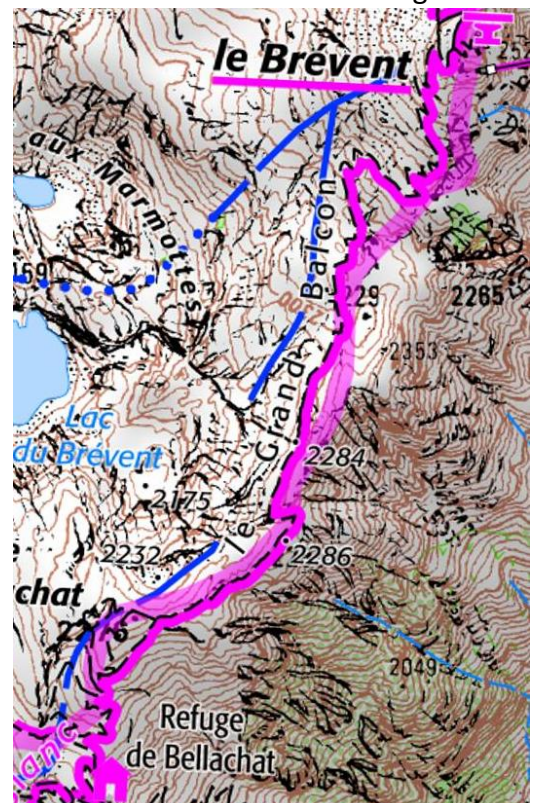
Rendezvous:

Time: 8:15 for an 8:30 departure

Place: Parking lot of the Salle Communale de Chêne-Bougeries.

By car: take the Route de Chêne towards Chamonix. Following the signs for Chamonix, turn right onto Route du Vallon. The parking area is on the left in 100 m.

By tram: take tram 12 (The tram will be replaced by a bus). Get off at Grange-Falquet.





Price: 5 CHF club tax (15 CHF for non-members.)
 Plus cable cars: 33.50€ AR (**28.50€ with USCA card**). Plus 30 CHF to be paid per person directly to the drivers. The driver will pay the freeway tolls - 12€ RT and parking - about 8€.

Maximum participation: 25 people

Maximum altitude: 2525 m

Elevation gain / loss: ±400 m

Walking time: About 2-3 hours walking slowly

Distance: 4 km

Transport: private cars & cable cars

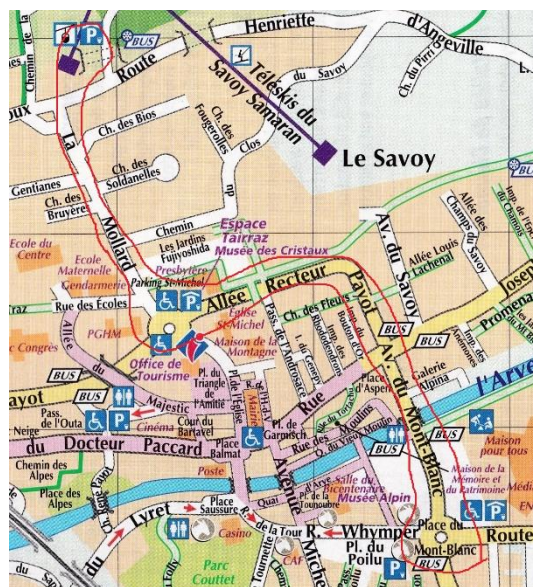
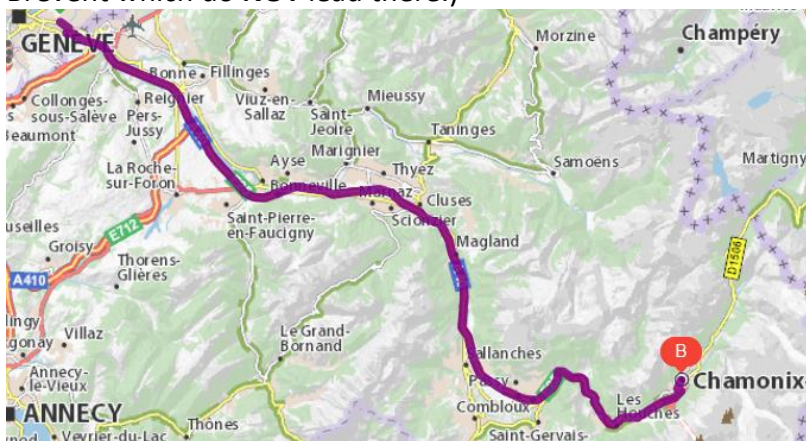
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In case of rain: If the forecast is bad, we will cancel. Bill will send an email with a decision the day before the hike.

Description: We take a cable car to Plan Praz and then another cable car to Brévent, where we have a coffee. We descend the sometimes-rocky trail to Refuge Bellachat where we have a picnic or eat at the refuge. We reverse our route back up to Brévent. Last descent 17:45.



Advice to drivers: Turn left out of the Salle Communale parking lot. Turn left on Route de Malagnou. Take the autoroute towards Chamonix. From the Place Mont Blanc in Chamonix continue straight ahead, then follow the road as it turns left. At the roundabout turn right steeply uphill to the Parking Brévent. Park there. (Unfortunately, there are signs for Parking Brévent which do **NOT** lead there.)



- **By registering, you agree that you are fit for this level of hike and/or that you have previously participated in a hike with SCIG.**
- **By registering, you confirm that you carry insurance against accidents and mountain rescue, in particular helicopter rescue operations. (See REGA: <https://www.rega.ch/en/home.aspx>) Check with your employer to see if you are properly insured.**
- ***The Hike Leader and the SCIG disclaim any and all liability for accidents related to this hike.***

*This hike was previously named “Le Brévent-Aiguillette des Houches”. But after the recon, I decided that the trail from the Refuge Bellachat to the Aiguillette des Houches has no views; so we will skip it.