

GORGES DE L'ORBE (16KM) - EASY

Canton de Vaud (Switzerland)

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⚠ Hike full - Waiting List entries only

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Flowing from the direction of Vallorbe, the River Orbe has sought its own path through the countryside and has created a narrow gorge with thundering waterfalls. A beautiful footpath winds through this gorge, sometimes at the edge of the water, sometimes cut into the rock and sometimes at an almost dizzying height. The most spectacular point is the “Saut du Day” (Day waterfalls-pictured), where the Orbe rushes down over several steps to the valley. We will take the train from Geneva to Orbe town, take the trail that rises and descends along the rivers banks, making stops to enjoy (and, if you’re brave enough, swim under) the waterfalls. Our hike ends in Vallorbe, where we will board the train to return to Geneva.

Full itinerary here:

<https://www.loisirs.ch/balades/12566/gorges-de-l-orbe>

Technical data

Easy but long hike (5 hours) • Max altitude: 800m • Elevation Gain: 400 meters • Map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1P3xJjAf0C90KpDQxEZ3Mswg0HulNKxr&ll=46.71839412495097%2C6.439444770214777&z=13>

How do we get there and back?

- We take the train departing from Gare Cornavin platform 4 at 8:19am direction Lausanne. **We meet inside the train at the last car. Please make sure you have purchased a one-way Geneva-to-Orbe ticket**
- Arrival in Orbe poste at 9:47 am. Hike the trail to Vallorbe for approx. 6 hours (including stops)
- Return to Geneva by train departing from Vallorbe at 16:10 (1h45m journey)

What is the cost?

- Club tax: members CHF 5, non-members CHF 15, to be paid to the hike leader. You can get membership online at www.scig.ch (CHF 50 / year) – **Important:** Hike organizer cannot accept Club membership fees
- Public transport tickets: CHF 64 per person or CHF 32, if you have a half-fare travelcard (“Demi-tarif”)

I want to join!

- Send me via email (to vt3622@gmail.com): 1. Your full name, 2. Mobile phone number, 3. Are you a member of the [SCIG](http://www.scig.ch)? • **Please note: The hike is now full. Please send me an email if you wish to add your name on the waiting list.**
- Cancellation: in case of forecasted bad weather or insufficient number of participants, the organizer will cancel the event. Participants will be informed by email no later than 18:00 on Saturday before the outing.
- Withdrawal: in case of withdrawal, please inform the organizer no later than 17:00 on Saturday before the outing.

What to bring?

- Clothing: rain jacket, fleece, mountain boots (good grip) • Solar protection: sunglasses, sun cream, hat • Food: picnic, energy bars, water • Swimwear and towel if you plan to swim under the Day waterfalls.

Important

- By registering, you agree that you are fit for this level of hike.
- By registering, you confirm that you carry insurance against accidents and mountain rescue, in particular helicopter rescue operations. (e.g. REGA: <https://www.rega.ch>) Check with your employer to see if you are properly insured.
- The hike organizer and the *Ski Club International de Genève* disclaim any liability for accidents related to this hike.