

INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB OF GENEVA

LES DIABLERETS TO COL-DE-BRETAYE

VIA COL DE LA CROIX

SATURDAY 18 JUNE 2022

13KM - ELEVATION GAIN 1,000M – MEDIUM

A varied hike from Les Diablerets to Col de Bretaye. On the way, the famous gypsum pyramids near Col de la Croix, three mountain lakes, idyllic alpine pastures and forests, and superb panoramic views of the Mont Blanc massif.

The trail starts from the train station in Les Diablerets and after a steady climb out of the resort village through cool forests arrives at Col de la Croix. A particular highlight awaits you here: the pointed gypsum pyramids. Water and wind have eroded these sedimentary geological structures over the years and shaped them into magnificent rock formations. The route then continues through Alpine meadows with views of the Mont Blanc massif to Lake Chavonnes. We continue along the mountain lake, which lies nestled between rock cliffs and unspoilt forests. Legend has it that the lake holds a hidden treasure guarded by the monster of Lake Chavonnes. The white diamonds on the lake's bottom can still be seen twinkling in the moon- or sunlight. In reality, it's a rock encrusted with pyrite, a shiny mineral. At the end of the lake there is an option for a swim, drink in the restaurant or for anyone who feels the need for more hiking an extra loop of 1hr 30 mins hiking, 3km and 300m elevation.



Inscription: by email to ctruesdell@hotmail.com before 18:00hrs 17 June. Hike is limited to 16 people

I need to know:

- 1) Your first and last name
- 2) An email address you can be reached on the weekend
- 3) Your mobile number
- 4) Comparable hikes you have done this season; are you able to walk up and down hills for 5hrs. at normal speed?
- 5) Are you a SCIG member?

To Bring: good boots, hat, picnic lunch, drink, warm coat, rain gear, sunscreen, sunglasses, collapsible poles (optional), swim costume and towel (optional).

Price: Train from Cornavin to les Diablerets: ½ price abonnement 23.00 CHF; Return from Col de Bretaye: ½ price abonnement 23.00 or 24:20 CHF depending on route choice (**to be bought individually**); plus ski club tax: Members 5 CHF. Non-Members 15 CHF

Rendezvous: Meet at Cornavin to take 8:11 train direction Brig, leaving from PI 6. Towards the front of the train is better for the connection in Aigle. Caroline will meet the group in Aigle to catch the 09:29 train to Les Diablerets leaving platform 13.

Return: Trains from Col de Bretaye depart at 45 mins past the hour, The last train is 17:45 2hrs 46 mins to Geneva.

Leader: Caroline Truesdell ctruesdell@hotmail.com +41 79 290 5068

Walking time: About 5:30 hours

Transport: train

Confirmation or cancelation of the hike: If the weather is bad, I will cancel before 18:00 Friday evening.

- 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 SCIG disclaim any and all liability for accidents related to this hike.*

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Other ▾
Date 23.05.2022
Length 12.74 km
Ascents/Descents 1'046 m/401 m
Min/max elev. 1'155 m/1'935 m
Hiking ▾ 4 h 36 min

