

INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB OF GENEVA

CABANE DE PETIT PÂTRE

WEDNESDAY 2023 DECEMBER 27 – DIFFICILE - HAUTE SAVOIE

This raquette hike involves a relatively short but steep hike up to 1900 metre vantage point with 360 degree views of several mountain ranges.

A strenuous hike for those who need to get out and enjoy the mountain air after the Christmas dining season. From the Du Peray car park we climb through a shaded steep trail for about 400 metres until we reach the beginning of a plateau. At some point on the ascent we will put on our showshoes/raquettes which are obligatory for this hike. From here the views gradually become breathtaking, arising onto a promontory, with views in every direction over the Arve valley, and the Aravis, Fiz and Mont Blanc massif ranges.



Then there is a gently sloping track up another 300 metres of elevation, over about 4 kilometres, with views all around if the weather is clear. We arrive at the Petit Pâtre cabin, ideal for lunch and can also serve as shelter. No exposed sections and nothing technical other than using snowshoes on relatively steep terrain. The start point for the hike is Parking Du Peray.

Inscription: Dec 24 or before by email to vasee.moorthy@gmail.com

I need to know:

- Your first and last name.
- Do you have a car and if yes, how many people can it contain, **including the driver?**
- An email address you can read on the weekend
- Your mobile phone number.
- Are you fit enough to walk for 5 hours at normal speed including the extra exertion of walking in snowshoes.
- What hiking or other sports have you done this year?
- Are you a SCIG member?



To bring: water in an insulated container that will not freeze, picnic, snacks, waterproof hiking boots with winter hiking socks, warm winter waterproof/windproof hiking gear, warm mid-layer, sunscreen, sunglasses, hiking pole(s) highly recommended. Gaiters recommended but not essential. The hike is in France.

Rendezvous Place: Parking near the Salle Communale de Chêne-Bougeries Rte du Vallon 1.

By car: take the motorway towards Chamonix, then exit for sallanches, then go to Cordon and Parking Du Peray – I enter Parking Du Peray into google maps

By tram: take tram 12. Get off at Grange-Falquet. Walk 200 m further; turn right onto Route du Vallon. The parking area is on the left in about 100 m.

Time: Meet 8:00 for an 8:15 departure

Price: CHF 5 (15 CHF for non-members), plus 20 CHF to be paid by each passenger to the driver. (0.20 CHF per km)

Maximum participation: 18 people depending on numbers of drivers

Maximum altitude: 1900 m

Elevation gain & loss: .650 m but feels more with snowshoes on

Walking time: About 5 hours

Transport: private cars

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In case of rain: The hike will be cancelled in case of rain at high elevations. I will send an email with a decision midday the day before the hike.

Advice to drivers: Straightforward using google maps to parking du peray close to Cordon

- By registering, you agree that you are fit for this level of hike and/or that you have previously participated in a similar hike with SCIG.
- By registering, you confirm that you carry insurance against accidents and mountain rescue, including 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 all liability for accidents related to this hike.

