

INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB OF GENEVA

POINTE DE SUR COU

WEDNESDAY 2024 JANUARY 3 – DIFFICILE - HAUTE SAVOIE

This snowshoe hike involves a relatively short but steep hike up to 1800 metre vantage point with 360 degree views of several mountain ranges.

This superb hike starts in the village of Montisel. The hike takes you to the summit of the Pointe de Sur Cou. This lookout point in the Arve valley offers a magnificent panorama over the Annecy valley, the Travis and Lake Geneva. The majority of this route takes place in the forest with a short section at the top through the snow to the viewpoint.

It is only about 6km out and back but 700 metres up a steep rocky trail. Crampons will be needed although you may be able to manage with snowshoes. It may also be possible to manage without crampons or snowshoes but with ice likely in the shaded sections there will be a greater risk of falls.

Inscription: Jan 1 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/crampons uphill.
- Are you a SCIG member?



To bring: water in an insulated container that will not freeze, picnic, snacks, waterproof hiking boots, 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 A40 motorway towards Chamonix, then A410 towards Annecy then exit to Montisel



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: 1800 m (may or may not be snow!)

Elevation gain & loss: 720 m but feels more with icy conditions

Walking time: About 3.5 – 4.5 hours

Transport: private cars

Leader: Vasee Moorthy +41 79 540 6919, email: vasee.moorthy@gmail.com,

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: I will give more detailed driving directions by email

Please note:

- 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.



Park here