

# The Balconies of Morel (B26)

Vanoise - LES AVANCHERS-VALMOREL



*The Balconies of Morel allow a panoramic view which spans from the Madeleine's Col to the Beaufortain range, all the way to the Mont-Blanc*

Starting from Valmorel, a first ascent crosses meadows and pastures, the gentle descent meanders between forest and open spaces which allow you to appreciate the panoramic view of the Massif de la Lauzière and the Mont-Blanc. After crossing Doucy Station, the return alternates between small hamlets and more or less dense forests.

## Useful information

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Practice : Walking hike

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Duration : 4 h 30

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Length : 10.5 km

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Trek ascent : 500 m

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Difficulty : Easy

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Type : Loop

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Themes : Flora , Pastoralism , Viewpoint

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Accessibility : Chien autorisé

# Trek

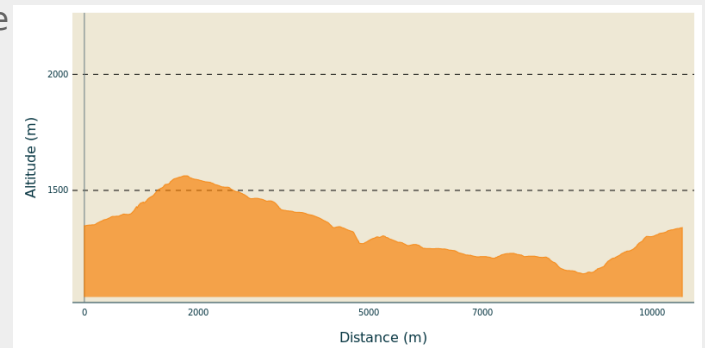
**Departure** : Valmorel ski station, Fontaine or Doucy, hotel 'Terrasses du Morel'

**Arrival** : Valmorel ski station, Fontaine or Doucy, hotel 'Terrasses du Morel'

**Markings** : — PR

**Cities** : 1. LES AVANCHERS-VALMOREL  
2. LA LECHERE

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1141 m Max elevation 1563 m

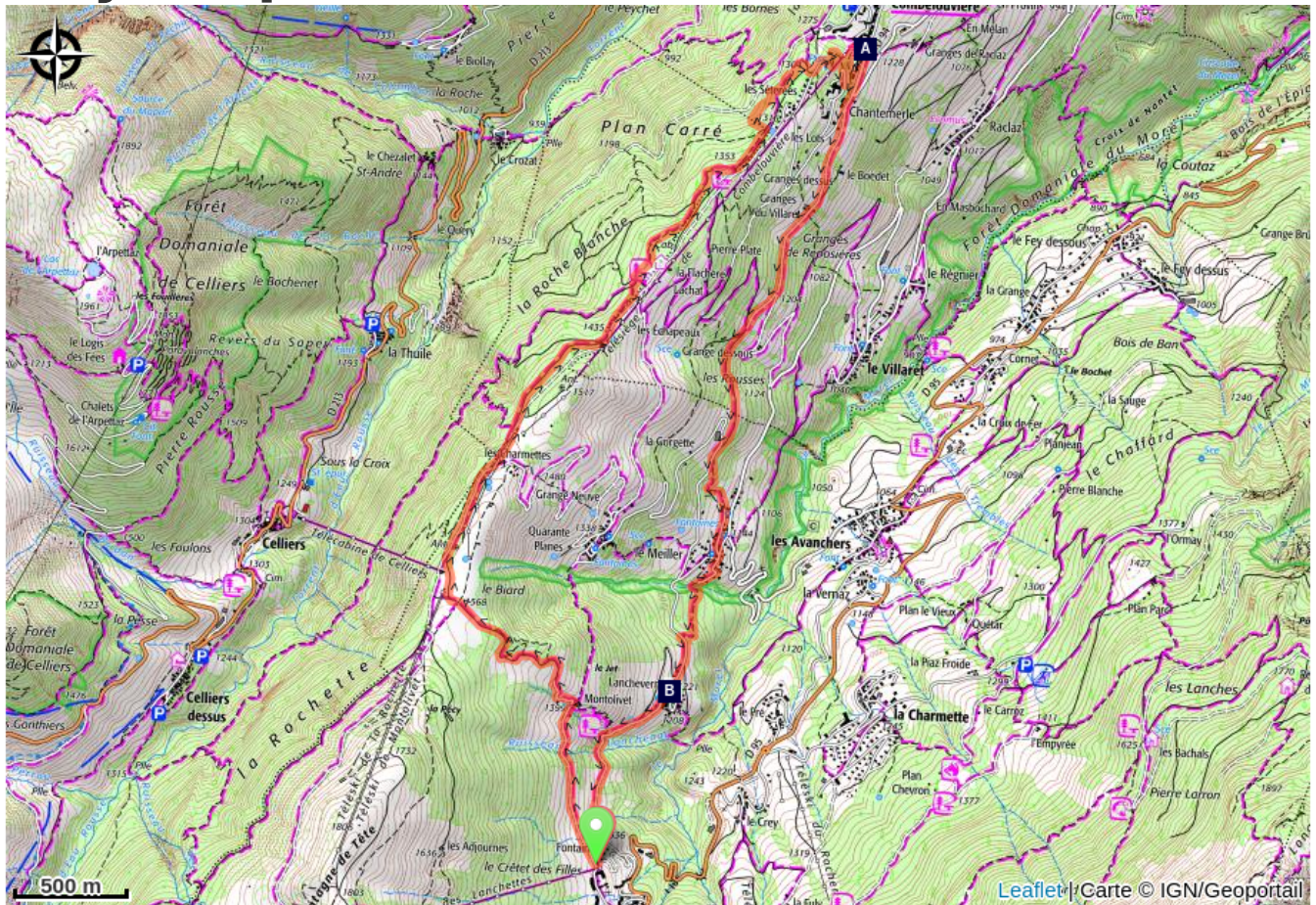
At Valmorel, the hike begins at the bottom of the Lanchettes ski lift. After a first gradual uphill slope, the path takes a left turn at Montolivet. Continue along the pastures up to the Biard plateau (1565 m) where a fantastic view awaits, including a sneaky peek of the Mont Blanc.

At the Celliers cable car ski lift, take a right turn and walk down along the winter ski slope and then through the small forest trail. Before arriving at Doucy ski station, cross over the ski slope and follow the path around the swimming pool.

In Doucy, take the main road for about 300 meters before taking a left turn, opposite the 'Terrasses du Morel'. As you walk on, cross through the 'Granges du Villaret' hamlet. After the wooded area, take a right turn.

At 'Gorgette', take the main road for a few meters before taking a path on your left. Go through the village of 'Meiller' and pass the stream at the end. The track then leads to a road through Lancheverne. To get back to the starting point the road goes straight from then on.

# On your path...



Panoramic view from Doucy Resort  
(A)



Lancheverne oven (B)

# All useful information

## **Advices**

Caution, some tracks are also used by cyclists as you arrive at the Biard Plateau and in the forest above Doucy.

## **How to come ?**

### Access

Starting from Valmorel: From Albertville take the N90 towards Bourg-Saint-Maurice. Take exit 38 towards Aigueblanche. Then take D990. Go through Aigueblanche and go right on Rue du Pont /D990. You'll then go straight until the roundabout where you'll take the third exit. Go straight until nearly arriving at the ski station where you'll take a right turn at the Camarine Hotel.

Starting from Doucy: Take the N90 from Albertville and take exit 37 towards N.D. de Briançon/La Léchère/Doucy/Valmorel. Continue on D990 then D97B. At the roundabout, take the third exit (D97). Go straight ahead and follow the sign posts to Doucy.

### Advised parking

Valmorel ski station, Fontaine or Doucy, hotel 'Terrasses du Morel'

## **Accessibility**

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## **Information desks**

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# On your path...

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## Panoramic view from Doucy Resort (A)

Take in the stunning panoramic view from this sunny balcony over the glaciers of La Vanoise, Le Beaufortain and the upper Tarentaise Valley. There is an interpretation table in front of the Jet de la Palla building to help you identify the scenery around you.

Attribution : CCVA

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## Lancheverne oven (B)

This old communal oven, once owned by the feudal lord, is still occasionally used today to bake bread for village festivities - especially at the beginning of August to celebrate Les Avanchers Festival.

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