

## TO SEE ON THE WAY ...

### ✓ the Morzine Dranse river:

The biggest waterway in Haut Chablais, the Morzine Dranse river springs from the Couz pass (alt. 1986 m) and tumbles into Lake Geneva (alt. 370 m); a 41km journey.

### ✓ la Moussière hamlet:

Long ago this was the heart of Saint Jean d'Aulps village. The church there burned down in 1823 and was entirely rebuilt using stones from Aulps Abbey.

### ✓ Bas Thex hamlet:

On the route linking Le Biot to Saint Jean d'Aulps, Bas Thex hamlet once bustled with activity. Its growth owed much to its proximity to the abbey. Villagers often met by the mill and the bread oven.



### Interesting stories...

**The Saint-Guérin oratory:** this landmark is located on the pathway leading to Le Biot. Legend has it that the oratory was built where Saint-Guérin fell off his mule and died while trying to return to his diocese in Sion.



Vestiges de l'Abbaye

**Aulps abbey** was founded circa 1095 by monks from Molesmo abbey in Burgundy. The majestic ruins of the abbey were listed in 1902.

The Vallée d'Aulps Visitors' Centre lies in a tranquil 3-hectare estate open all year round. Notable features include the abbey's restored ruins, a medicinal garden and medieval vegetable patch.



## USEFUL INFORMATION

This route follows a suggested itinerary which participants undertake at their own risk.

### Before you go:



Check the forecast because the weather can change quickly in the mountains.

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Let someone know where you are going. Avoid walking alone.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER: 112**



Take water and food, warm and waterproof clothing, suitable shoes and a map showing footpaths.

### During the walk:

*To ensure you enjoy your walk or ride to the full, in complete safety and with total peace of mind, please observe the following guidelines:*



Please be mindful of private property. Please try not to disturb wild animals. Dogs should be kept on a lead.



Out of respect for the beautiful surroundings, please stay on marked routes and take your litter home with you.

Rhône-Alpes



For more walks or to contact the Vallée d'Aulps Tourist Office, telephone: + 33 (0)4 50 79 65 09  
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## Exploring Saint Jean d'Aulps



Difficulty level: easy



Duration: 1hr35 (+10 mins to reach Saint-Guérin oratory)



Altitude change: 55 m



Weather guide: in fine weather



Starting point: Saint Jean d'Aulps tourist Office



Signposts: PDIPR approved



Map: IGN TOP 25, 3528 ET, Morzine





# Exploring Saint Jean d'Aulps

*Directions ...*



**Starting point:** tourist office car park

- 1** From the tourist office, follow the RD 902 road towards Morzine, then take the right-hand turn that leads downhill after the MGEN building. Cross the bridge over the river Dranse.
- 2** Continue towards the hamlet named “la Moussière” where there’s a fine church to admire.
- 3** Leaving the hamlet, head towards Le Biot village. Take the road that bears left through Solfélery hamlet and which quickly turns into a pathway.
- 4** Once you reach Tassonnière bridge, head towards Bas Thex hamlet and Le Biot by crossing the bridge and the RD 902 road and then walking up the narrow road leading to Bas Thex.
- 5** At Bas Thex, follow signs for Saint Jean d'Aulps. After walking for about 15 minutes, you should see Aulps Abbey and the Visitors' Centre. Continue along the road towards Saint Jean d'Aulps village centre as far as the tourist office car park.

## Detour

From Bas Thex hamlet, follow signs for Le Biot; after walking for 10 minutes, you should reach the Saint-Guérin oratory.

