



 **ANNECY  
MOUNTAINS**

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**ORGANISE YOUR  
CYCLING HOLIDAY**

ROAD, GRAVEL  
AND MOUNTAIN BIKING





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## ANNECY MOUNTAINS: ONE REGION - THREE PRACTICES

Annecy Mountains is an unbeatable destination in the French Alps for all cycling disciplines.

The unique landscapes combining lakes and mountains, the tourist culture and the incredible heritage make it an exceptional place to visit. Annecy Mountains offers a range of routes from the most challenging to the most accessible, from spring to autumn, as well as a wide range of events, activities and services to enjoy a unique experience.

The region is home to a complementary network of mountain-bike trails (cross-country, enduro or downhill), gravel routes and road-cycling circuits, whether leaving from the shores of Lake Annecy or from the Bauges or Aravis mountain ranges.

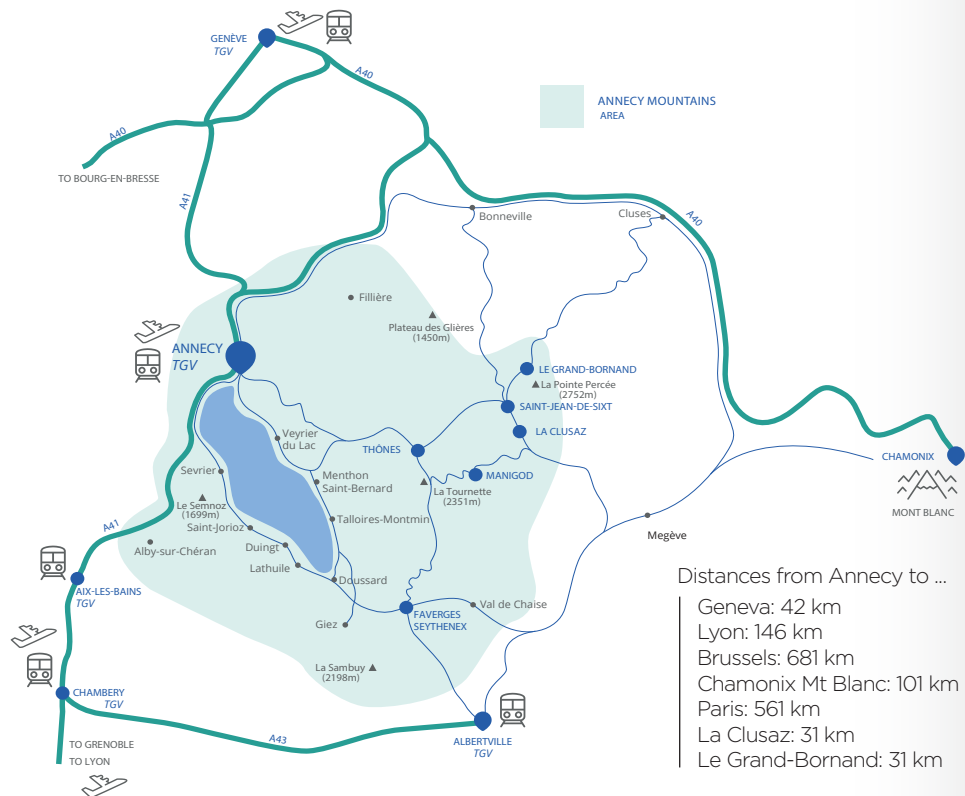
*Enjoy your stay  
in the Annecy Mountains!*



**ANNECY  
MOUNTAINS**

LE GRAND-BORNAND  
LA CLUSAZ  
MANIGOD  
SAINT-JEAN-DE-SIXT  
THÔNES CŒUR DES VALLÉES  
SOURCES DU LAC D'ANNECY  
GRAND ANNECY





## COME TO ANNECY MOUNTAINS?

### BY PLANE:

- International airports (Geneva-Cointrin and Lyon-Saint Exupéry) for regular and low cost airlines.

### BY CAR:

- Highway A41 (exit "Annecy centre" and exit "Annecy nord").
- Highway A40 (exit "Bonneville - Aravis").

### BY TRAIN:

- Annecy TGV station (direct line Paris-Annecy).
- Geneva TGV station.
- Albertville TGV station.
- Valserhône TGV station.



## KEY FIGURES



**1 580 KM**  
of marked  
roads



**40 KM**  
of cycling infrastructures  
around Lake Annecy



**18**  
mountain passes  
to cross by bike



**60**  
mountain bike trails



**2**  
natural reserves:  
Roc de Chère  
and Bout du Lac



**2**  
bike parks



**4**  
pumptracks  
and fun spots



**2**  
historic sites  
to commemorate the  
Resistance: Plateau des  
Glières and Morette



**2750M**  
altitude at the highest  
point in the area: La  
Pointe Percée



**1**  
Géopark: Regional  
Nature Park in the  
Bauges Massif



## A FIRST-RATE WELCOME



### ACCUEIL VÉLO

"Accueil Vélo" is a national label that guarantees a high-quality welcome and services along cycle routes aimed at touring cyclists, in particular.

The "Accueil Vélo" seal of approval is a guarantee for cyclists that an establishment:

- is located less than 5 km from a cycling route
- offers facilities for cyclists: secure bike shelter, repair kit, etc.
- offers an appropriate welcome (practical information, recommendations, itineraries, weather reports, etc.)
- provides services for visitors travelling by bike: luggage transfer, laundry facilities, bike rental and cleaning.

### VILLE ET TERRITOIRE VÉLOTOURISTIQUES

Set up by the French Cycle Tourism Federation (FFCT), the «Cycling City and Territory» label recognizes local authorities that offer cyclists a warm welcome, services, and appropriate facilities and act towards the development of sustainable cycling tourism.

### BASE VTT

The "Base VTT" Label rewards tourist structures and communities that offer mountain bikers a warm welcome with services and equipment that they need to make the best use of the MTB opportunities in the region. It guarantees fantastic benefits such as marked trails available to all skill levels, better safety conditions, and a system to ensure that all participating mountain bikers are mindful of other trail users and respectful to the environment.

## ROUTE DES GRANDES ALPES®

The Route des Grandes Alpes® links Lake Geneva to the Mediterranean, crossing the French Alps from north to south or from south to north, from Thonon-les-Bains (74) to Nice (06). The Route des Grandes Alpes® is a 720 km tourist cycle route which crosses the French Alps from north to south, passing through 17 mountain passes, 6 of which are more than 2 000 metres above sea level.

The Route des Grandes Alpes® follows the routes of the Annecy Mountains, via the **Col de la Colombière mountain pass at Le Grand-Bornand, Saint-Jean-de-Sixt and the Col des Aravis pass at La Clusaz.**

The "Lake Annecy" alternative of the Route des Grandes Alpes® offers you the chance to discover a completely new route linking Le Grand-Bornand to Lescheraines. Head along the Col du Marais pass, Val Sulens, Faverges and the Tour du Lac d'Annecy greenway to Saint-Jorioz and then the climb to the Col de Leschaux pass, this route offers magnificent views of Lake Annecy, the Bauges mountain range and its geopark.

**A gravel version is also available along the routes of the Annecy Mountains.** From Cluses, the route leads to Le Grand-Bornand along picturesque back roads before reaching the Col de la Colombière pass. A second gravel route leaving from Le Grand-Bornand takes you to Lac des Confins and the Col des Aravis pass at La Clusaz before you head along the "Route de la Soif", a superb rolling ledge path which precedes a beautiful wild descent to Flumet.



Discover the  
Route des  
Grandes  
Alpes®



# ROUTES MAPS

## ROAD AND GRAVEL CYCLING

Whether you're a touring cyclist or riding for sport, set off to discover Annecy Mountains.

Combining lake and mountain landscapes, Annecy Mountains offers a year-round experience with trails that are accessible for the whole family or to enjoy with friends. From the shores of Lake Annecy to the hills of the hinterland, all the way to the farthest reaches of the Genevois region, hop on your bike and get away from it all.

Annecy Mountains is an alpine location, rich and varied for people in search of sporting challenges. Since 1939, the region has often been showcased in the grand alpine stages of the Tour de France. Climbers have long tried to defy the clock on the mythical passes and routes carved out in the heart of the Aravis, Tournette and Semnoz mountain ranges.



**35 ROAD routes**  
and **4 GRAVEL routes**  
ranging from 20 to 185 km.

**GPX file and profile** of each  
route available on interactive  
maps.



Interactive map of  
**ROAD ROUTE**



Interactive map of  
**GRAVEL ROUTE**



**MTB AREA  
GRAND ANNECY**  
1 trail from the FFC MTB Albanais site  
5 XC trails - Mountain biking  
4 DH trails - Enduro (Semnoz bike park)



**MTB AREA  
TOURNETTE - BORNES - ARAVIS**  
32 XC trails / e-bike - 1 connection  
12 gravity routes (DH & Enduro)  
3 technical and fun spots



**BASE MTB - FFC  
LES SOURCES DU LAC  
D'ANNECY**  
7 trails / 120 kms



Interactive map of  
**MOUNTAIN BIKE  
TRAILS**

## MOUNTAIN BIKING AND E-BIKING

There's something for everyone!

The region offers a wide range of trails for mountain biking, **covering several disciplines and different levels of ability:** mountain-bike rides across the entire area, cross-country with numerous loop trails, enduro and downhill.

**4 lift-equipped sites** provide access to downhill and enduro runs, as well as 2 bike parks (Le Semnoz and La Clusaz).



## A CYCLING DESTINATION... BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!

Anney Mountains offers a multitude of activities. Nature sites, architecture, sports and activities, culture, gastronomy and much more... Between two bike rides, discover the riches of this beautiful region.



## GROUP ACCOMMODATION



In Annecy Mountains, there is a range of large-capacity establishments to welcome you, with all the comforts and services that cyclists need.

From campsites and hotels to holiday villages, gîtes and high-end chalets, this destination has a varied offering to satisfy everyone.

Some accommodation options also have facilities and **wellness areas** for relaxing after a day's ride.



Spa, hammam, swimming pool, massages or small gym - see the accommodation list for more details



Discover  
accommodations  
for cyclists groups



## THE "ACCUEIL VÉLO" LABEL

The "Accueil Vélo" ("Cyclists Welcome") label is issued by France Vélo Tourisme to various types of structures: **accommodation providers, hire companies, repair shops, restaurants, tourist offices, sites to visit and leisure activities.**

Choosing a site with the "Accueil Vélo" label means:

- a warm, personalised welcome with information and advice tailored to cyclists,
- free, secure parking for your bike,
- the option of leaving your panniers attached without worrying,
- sockets for recharging your phone and GPS,
- the ability to recharge the battery of your electric bicycle at least overnight at your stopover,
- a full repair kit at hand in case of a problem.



"Accueil Vélo" service providers can be easily identified by **the Accueil Vélo logo** displayed at the entrance to their establishment.

Find facilities  
with the "accueil  
vélo" label



## HIRERS AND REPAIRERS

Interested in a cycling trip in Annecy Mountains area but lacking equipment? Here's a list of places where you can **hire a bike or have one repaired**, near your accommodation or at the place where you're riding.



Hirers  
ROAD  
BIKE



Hirers  
GRAVEL  
BIKE



Hirers  
MTB &  
E-BIKE



## INCOMING PROFESSIONALS

### Local agents at your service to help you design your bike touring trips.

Bike specialists established in the heart of this destination that they know like the back of their hand, will ensure the smooth functioning of your trips by taking care of the reception, transfer, and supervision of your clients. They offer :

- TRANSFERS
- ACCOMMODATION
- ITINERARIES AND ADVICE
- SUPPORT VEHICLE

#### ALPES AVENTURES

🌐 [alpesaventures.com](https://alpesaventures.com) ✉ [contact@alpesaventures.com](mailto:contact@alpesaventures.com)

*Centre-based or point-to-point holidays. E-mountain bike.*

+ **Guide assistance**

#### BIKE WEEKENDER

🌐 [bikeweekender.com](https://bikeweekender.com) ✉ [info@bikeweekender.com](mailto:info@bikeweekender.com)

*Short break road cycling holiday specialist in the Aravis. Road bike only.*

+ **High-quality bikes available to hire.**

#### EVOLUTION 2

🌐 [evolution2.com/laclusaz](https://evolution2.com/laclusaz) ✉ [info@evolution2-laclusaz.com](mailto:info@evolution2-laclusaz.com)

*Adapted to a tourism and a sport cycling activity.*

+ **Daily maintenance of equipment included.**

#### POUDRE D'ESCAMPETTE

🌐 [poudre-descampette.fr](https://poudre-descampette.fr) ✉ [contact@poudre-descampette.fr](mailto:contact@poudre-descampette.fr)

*A new 'slow tourism' travel agency offering immersive, eco-responsible holidays. Mountain bike, road bike and gravel bike.*

+ **Meetings with local artisans and producers.**

#### CYCLING WITH ANTOINE

🌐 [2019.cyclingwithantoine.com](https://2019.cyclingwithantoine.com) ✉ [antoine.heidsieck@gmail.com](mailto:antoine.heidsieck@gmail.com)

*A wide range of skills and a network of partners to help organise your trips (bike hire, choice of suitable accommodation, mechanics).*

*Road bike and gravel bike.*

## TRANSFER SERVICES

### These service providers can offer different transfer services:

- **ARRIVAL TRANSFER & RETURN TRANSFER** : from airport/station to the hotel.
- **DAY BY DAY TRANSFER**: from the hotel to the departure point of the desired route to the arrival point.
- **LUGGAGE TRANSFER DAY BY DAY**: for point-to-point trips.
- **BIKE TRANSFER**: for "across" itineraries.

#### ARAVIS TRANSFERT

🌐 [aravis-transfers.com](https://aravis-transfers.com) ✉ [info@aravis-transfers.com](mailto:info@aravis-transfers.com)

*Capacity per vehicle: up to 8 cyclists with bike boxes in 1 trip.*

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*Capacity: up to 8 cyclists with bike boxes in 1 trip.*





## GUIDED RIDES



For a successful adventure, call on a professional who knows the area to advise you and meet your needs.

On a **road bike**, tackle the major passes or secret little back roads in complete safety and with all the comfort you'd expect from a guided outing.

Don't hesitate to contact a professional for your **gravel rides**. These guides will take you away from the main roads, for a ride where you can break a sweat in total safety.

And for **mountain bike and e-bike sessions**, a mountain-bike guide will help you discover the beauty of the destination while respecting the sites and areas you pass through.



Each discipline requires specific support to provide the right advice. Here, you will find a list of guides to suit your needs:



Guides  
ROAD  
BIKE



Guides  
GRAVEL  
BIKE



Guides  
MTB &  
E-BIKE

## LET'S SHARE THE MOUNTAINS

The mountains bring us pleasure and must be shared and respected.

Hikers, mountain bikers and other users share the mountain trails to enjoy their favourite pastimes. Behind the beauty of these spaces lies a whole history, as well as farming activities and people's homes.

To help you plan your mountain biking trips while respecting shared use of mountain areas, an interactive map includes the MAP PATOU feature that shows the location of mountain pastures that are protected by guardian dogs.

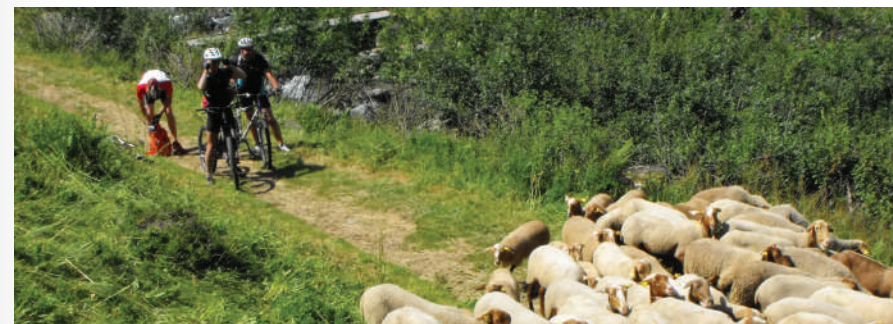
### WHERE ARE THE MOUNTAIN DOGS?



Here you'll find real-time information on the location of guardian dogs.

### HOW TO BEHAVE

Cyclists: get off your bike as soon as you can and walk with it. For reassurance, place your bike between you and the dog.



## SHUTTLE SERVICES WITH BIKE RACKS



You can use public transport to travel quickly and easily around the Annecy Mountains region with your bike.

### Take your bike on the bus:

- from Annecy, several regular bus routes allow you to travel from Annecy to Albertville or the Aravis resorts
- during the summer season, take the bus to the top of the Semnoz ,
- buses equipped with bike racks allow you to travel between the various resorts in the Aravis Bus network. Limit: 6 bikes.

### Lake Annecy boat buses:

- every day throughout the summer, the Compagnie des Bateaux's Navibus boat buses serve the various ports on Lake Annecy.

All practical information  
can be found here.



## BIKE CAFÉ

This is a new concept that cycling enthusiasts are sure to love.

Located along roads and cycle paths, bike cafés are establishments dedicated to welcoming cyclists and offering a wide range of "cycling-friendly" services.

Here, you'll find bike racks, drinks, snacks and a chance, whatever the time of day, to fill up your water bottle, pump up your tyres, carry out repairs and charge your e-bike. At some, you can even hire a bike or buy a new jersey.

**Cyclists: these cafés have been designed especially with you in mind, so take advantage of them, and enjoy!**



Fancy a tasty break?  
Find your bike café.



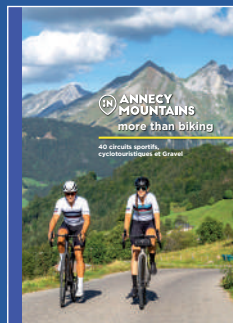


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To organise cycling trips in the best way possible, tourist offices can send you:

- detailed cycling route maps (free)
- the cycling guidebook with all GPX circuit routes (on sale to the public €5)



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