

MOUNTAIN BIKING



GRAVEL CYCLING



ROAD CYCLING



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**ANNEY
MOUNTAINS**

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

ANNECY MOUNTAINS

ANNECY MOUNTAINS has established itself as a must-visit destination in the French Alps for all cycling disciplines. Between lake and mountains, the area stands out for the uniqueness of its landscapes, the richness of its heritage, and its tourism expertise.

From spring to autumn, Anney Mountains offers a wide variety of routes, from the most demanding rides to leisurely outings accessible to everyone. This offering is complemented by a dynamic calendar of events, activities, and services, allowing visitors to enjoy diverse and memorable cycling experiences.

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ONE TERRITORY, THREE DISCIPLINES

ROAD CYCLING, GRAVEL CYCLING, MOUNTAIN BIKING

The region offers a complementary range of mountain bike trails (cross-country, enduro, and downhill), gravel itineraries, and road cycling routes, whether starting from the shores of Lake Annecy or from the Bauges Massif and the Aravis Massif mountain ranges.

KEY FIGURES



1 580 KM
OF MARKED ROADS



18
PASSES



70 MTB TRACKS
CROSS-COUNTRY / E-BIKE

25 MTB TRACKS
DH/ ENDURO



2
BIKE PARKS



4 PUMPTRACKS
AND FUN ZONES



8
BIKE CAFÉS



85 PROFESSIONALS WITH THE
"ACCUEIL VÉLO" LABEL
(+28% COMPARED TO 2025)



ANNECY MOUNTAINS, CYCLING DESTINATION



Ideally located in the heart of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, just a short distance from Switzerland and Italy, Anancy Mountains is a prime destination for cycling enthusiasts.

Along the iconic "Route des Grandes Alpes", cyclists can stop in Anancy, at the Sources du Lac d'Anancy, Thônes, or in the resorts of the Aravis Massif — Le Grand-Bornand, La Clusaz, Manigod, and Saint-Jean-de-Sixt. Each provides access to a wide variety of routes suited both to cycle touring and more athletic riding.

Between quiet mountain roads, legendary Tour de France climbs — col de la Colombière, col des Aravis, Plateau des Glières, col de la Forclaz — and gentler

lakeside routes, the region offers a spectacular and varied land.

The area also offers a wide range of terrains for mountain biking, accessible to all levels and styles of riding: rides throughout the region, cross-country loop circuits, enduro trails, and downhill tracks with ski-lift access. There are plenty of options, from the Base VTT des Sources du lac d'Anancy, to the Tournette Bornes Aravis mountain biking area, or the Grand Anancy mountain biking area.

**DOWNHILL, ENDURO, OR CROSS-COUNTRY:
EVERY RIDER CAN FIND THEIR PERFECT
EXPERIENCE!**

THE CYCLING LABELS

ACCUEIL VÉLO

"Accueil Vélo" provides a unique, simple, and easily recognizable designation for services adapted to cycle tourists along France's structured cycling routes, cycleways, and greenways.



VILLE ET TERRITOIRE VÉLOTOURISTIQUES

Created by the Fédération Française de Cyclotourisme, this label highlights local authorities that provide cyclists with suitable hospitality, services, and facilities. Every cyclist can find something to enjoy.



BASES VTT

This label rewards tourism organizations and local authorities that provide mountain bikers with adapted hospitality, services, and facilities.



LA ROUTE DES GRANDES ALPES®

The **Route des Grandes Alpes®** is a 720 km cycle touring route linking Thonon-les-Bains to Nice, crossing the French Alps from north to south. Along the way, it passes through the roads of Anancy Mountains via the **col de la Colombière** at Le Grand-Bornand, Saint-Jean-de-Sixt, and the **col des Aravis** at La Clusaz.

FIND OUT MORE



A GRAVEL VERSION OF THE RGA® ALSO CROSSES ANNECY MOUNTAINS:

From **Cluses**, a route reaches **Le Grand-Bornand** via picturesque back roads, passing through Romme and Le Reposoir before climbing the **col de la Colombière**. After the descent from the pass, riders head toward Lac du Maroly to reach Le Grand-Bornand village along wild tracks and quiet roads.

DISCOVER THE ROUTE

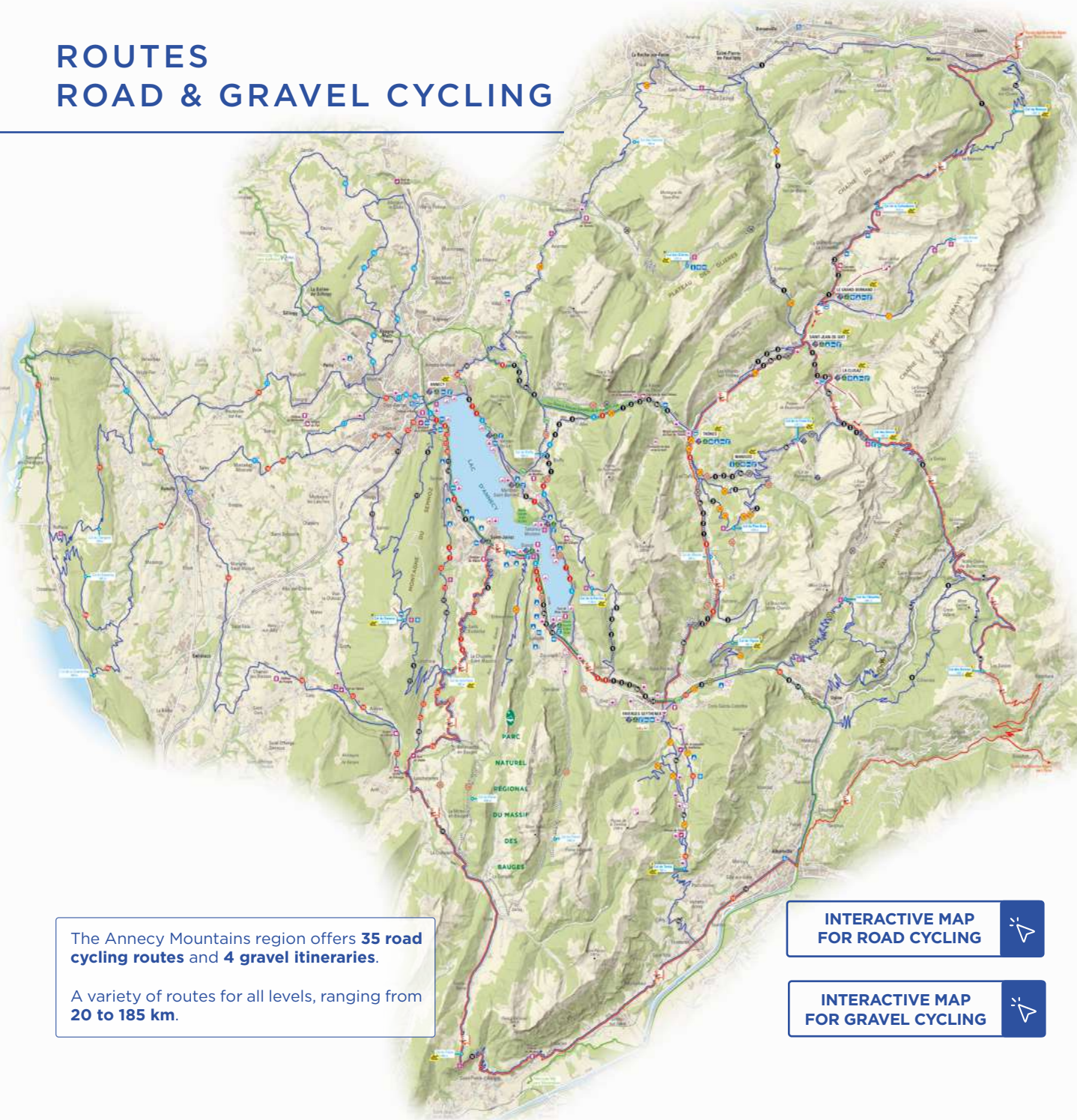


From **Le Grand-Bornand to Flumet via La Clusaz**, the route climbs the Bouchet Valley before reaching the Lac des Confins. It then begins the ascent of the **col des Aravis** before turning onto the famous "Route de la Soif" trail to reach Flumet.

DISCOVER THE ROUTE



ROUTES ROAD & GRAVEL CYCLING



The Anney Mountains region offers **35 road cycling routes** and **4 gravel itineraries**.

A variety of routes for all levels, ranging from **20 to 185 km**.

**INTERACTIVE MAP
FOR ROAD CYCLING**



**INTERACTIVE MAP
FOR GRAVEL CYCLING**



TAO QUÉMÉRÉ

“ Starting from Anney, it is hard to resist following the shores of Lake Anney toward Faverges: the scenery and cycle path make the experience especially enjoyable.

Once beyond the urban areas, numerous trails and forest tracks follow the foothills of the Doussard plain, offering a wilder and more peaceful immersion in nature. Riders can then return via either side of the lake, depending on their mood. For those seeking a greater challenge and more elevation, the col de la Forclaz and Semnoz are essential climbs.

And after the effort of the ascent, what could be better than enjoying the descent back to Anney before stopping at a bakery or a bike café for a gourmet break? ”

TAO QUÉMÉRÉ, winner of the 2016 Étape du Tour, he excelled in elite endurance racing before becoming ski coach for the French cross-country ski team. Based in Anney, he is now developing an ambitious new gravel project.

WHETHER YOU ARE A COMPETITIVE CYCLIST OR A CYCLE TOURIST, DISCOVER ANNECY MOUNTAINS.

THE TOUR DE FRANCE MOUNTAIN PASSES

In the heart of the Aravis Massif, start your ascent from Thônes toward Le Grand-Bornand to reach the **col de la Colombière** (1,618 m). Open from June 1st, this legendary pass, climbed 23 times by the Tour de France riders, takes you through alpine pastures with the Aravis range in the background.

You can also choose the route toward Manigod and continue over the **col de la Croix-Fry** (1,477 m) and the **col des Aravis** (1,487 m), rewarded with views of Mont-Blanc.

More recently added to the Tour de France route, the **Plateau des Glières** (1,390 m), also open from June 1st, promises a demanding climb for experienced riders.

PASSES WITH VIEWS OVER LAKE ANNECY

Several mountain passes, with varying levels of difficulty, lead to panoramic viewpoints above Lake Annecy.

The **col de la Forclaz** (1,157 m) and the **col du Semnoz** (1,673 m) require solid workout but reward the effort with spectacular lake and mountain views.

For a more accessible option, the **col de Bluffy** (639 m) and the **col de Leschaux** (897 m) provide an excellent alternative, ideal for a rolling circuit around the lake.

SECRET MOUNTAIN PASSES

Do you enjoy riding on quiet roads in the heart of preserved natural landscapes?

Annecy Mountains is home to several discreet mountain passes, perfect for a peaceful yet challenging escape.

The **col de Plan Bois** (1,299 m), on the slopes of Montagne de Sulens, offers stunning views of the hidden side of La Tournette and leads to the **col de la Croix-Fry**. Around Mont Charvin, the **col de l'Épine** (947 m) and the **col de l'Arpettaz** (1,581 m) wind through hamlets and alpine pastures in an authentic atmosphere.

More rolling in profile, the **col de Tamié** (907 m) is part of the Belle Étoile circuit, offering a beautiful immersion in the Parc Naturel Régional du Massif des Bauges.



RESOLUTELY SPORTY GRAVEL ROUTES

These routes take you to the heart of the secret trails of the Massif des Aravis, follow the legendary "Route de la Soif", cross the paths of the Parc Naturel Régional du Massif des Bauges, and lead all the way to the iconic Plateau des Glières. Here are four gravel routes offering total immersion in unspoiled nature.

TRAVERSÉE DES GLIÈRES

Crossing the Glières Plateau

Starting from Annecy, this demanding 81 km route follows in the footsteps of the French Resistance. It crosses the famous Plateau des Glières via a gravel alpine pasture track.

TOUR DE LA TOURNETTE

Tour of La Tournette

Impossible to miss! Overlooking Lake Annecy, La Tournette is an iconic landmark. Starting from Thônes, this 68 km loop reveals exceptional panoramic views over the lake, the Bauges massif, and the Aravis range.

LA ROUTE DE LA SOIF

The thirsty road

Connecting the col de l'Arpettaz to the col des Aravis via an alpine trail, this 78 km route starts in Thônes and winds along balcony-style paths beneath Mont Charvin, offering breathtaking views of Mont-Blanc.

LA COMBE D'IRE

The Ire valley

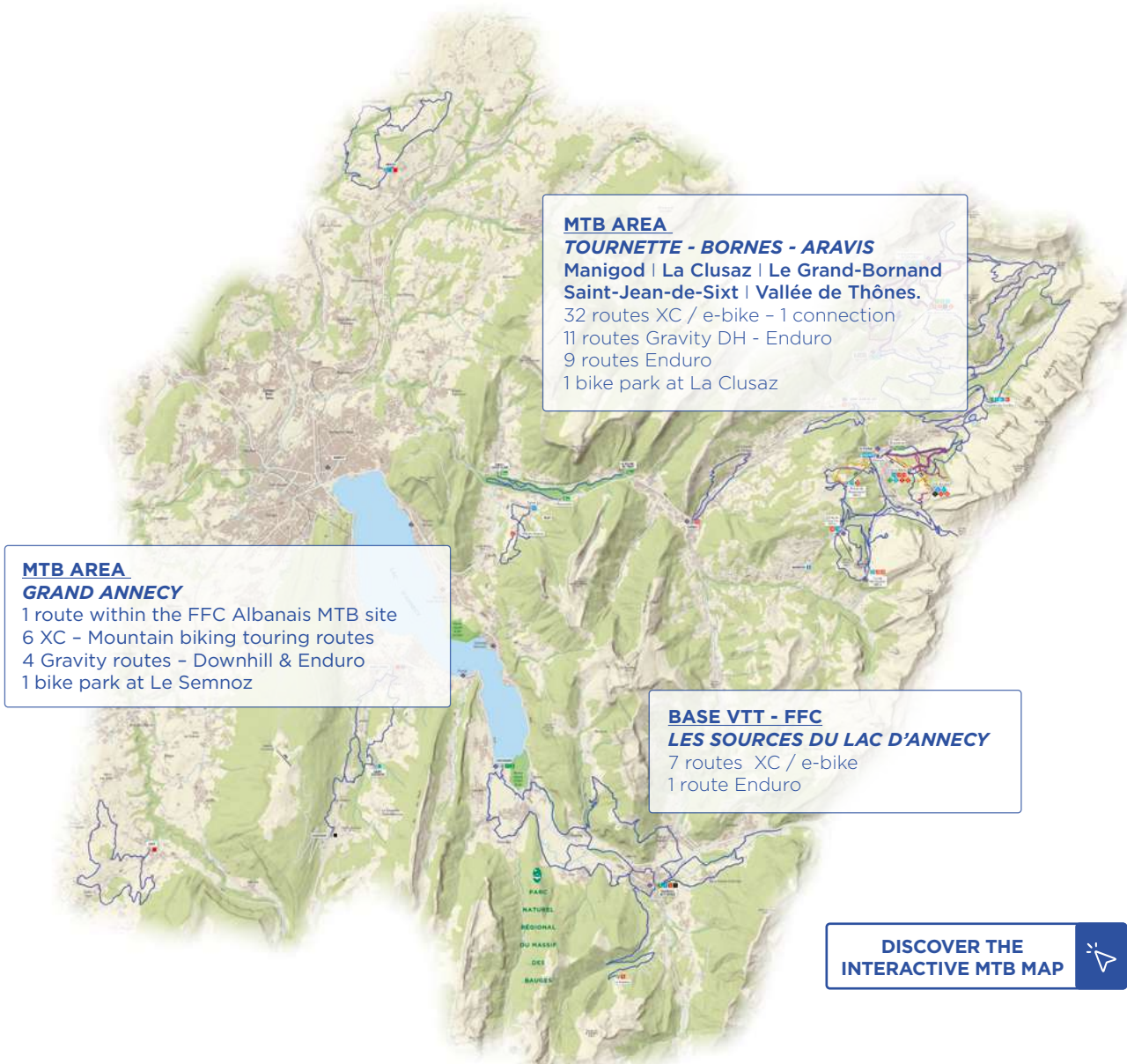
From Annecy, this 86 km adventure plunges into the heart of the Bauges Regional Natural Park. Between the massif's majestic peaks, it notably crosses the col de Chérel and the col de Leschaux.

ROAD & GRAVEL

DOWNHILL, ENDURO OR CROSS-COUNTRY: THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Four lift-equipped sites give access to Downhill and Enduro trails.

Two bike parks (Le Semnoz and La Clusaz), along with numerous Cross-Country (XC) routes, await you across the Annecy Mountains area.



MTB AREA
TOURNETTE - BORNES - ARAVIS
Manigod | La Clusaz | Le Grand-Bornand
Saint-Jean-de-Sixt | Vallée de Thônes.
32 routes XC / e-bike - 1 connection
11 routes Gravity DH - Enduro
9 routes Enduro
1 bike park at La Clusaz

MTB AREA
GRAND ANNECY
1 route within the FFC Albanais MTB site
6 XC - Mountain biking touring routes
4 Gravity routes - Downhill & Enduro
1 bike park at Le Semnoz

BASE VTT - FFC
LES SOURCES DU LAC D'ANNECY
7 routes XC / e-bike
1 route Enduro

DISCOVER THE
INTERACTIVE MTB MAP



KILIAN BRON

KILIAN BRON is an MTB champion based in Annecy. He explores some of the planet's most unusual places by bike. A pioneer in his field, he films his exploits and produces videos watched by millions of people.

“ I love the terrain offered at La Clusaz for mountain biking. The bike park features smooth 'flow trails' as well as more winding hand-built trails through the forest. We also ride the shared paths throughout the region. Annecy Mountains offers a wide variety of landscapes, from the steep peaks of the Aravis to the more wooded valley bottoms. I also love the atmosphere of the mountain villages that can be enjoyed all year round. ”

NEW TOOLS TO EXPLORE THE REGION

To ensure everyone can fully enjoy outdoor spaces, cycling today embraces a philosophy of sharing and respecting other users.

Whether on roads, tracks or trails, these areas welcome a wide variety of users — cyclists, hikers, and local residents — and require special attention to ensure harmonious coexistence.

Two tools have been developed to support riders:

- an interactive map to plan your outing,
- an app to guide you along the route.



1. INTERACTIVE MAP TO PLAN YOUR RIDE

To prepare your outing in advance or find inspiration for cycling routes, the interactive map provides a simple overview of the destination's itineraries. Searches by activity type are available (Road, Gravel, XC, DH and Enduro).

Each route includes a detailed page with technical information and a GPX track.

Desktop viewing is recommended to make the most of all features.



2. NEW: THE APP "LAC ANNECY ARAVIS OUTDOOR" FOR ROUTE GUIDANCE

The Lac Anncy Aravis Outdoor app features all marked and maintained routes starting from towns and villages, including approximately: 150 hiking trails, 15 trail-running routes, **70 MTB routes (Cross-country, Enduro, Downhill)**, **2 bike parks**, **40 road cycling and cyclo sportive routes**, **4 gravel routes**, 18 mountain passes to conquer.

The app offers, among other features:

- downloadable GPX tracks
- filtering by altitude or difficulty,
- 3D route visualization.

Recommendations specific to each activity are also provided to encourage shared and environmentally respectful use between sporting, pastoral, and forestry activities.

Specific information is available regarding trail opening conditions, hunting zones, the location of livestock and guard dogs, and biodiversity.

Available as a free download on Google Play and the App Store.

FOCUS ON MAP PATOU: A FEATURE FOR LOCATING LIVESTOCK PROTECTION DOGS IN ALPINE PASTURES

Integrated into both the interactive map and the app, the MAP PATOU feature identifies caution zones along your route. Also accessible through the **Pasto Kézako website** — the first information platform dedicated to raising awareness about pastoralism — this interactive map helps users prepare for their outing by locating areas where livestock may be accompanied by protection dogs.

On-site, signs generally indicate these areas at the entrance to alpine pastures. These markers help you approach such sections calmly by adopting appropriate behavior and preparing for respectful coexistence.



EVENTS 2026



LE BÉLIER MTB

JUNE, 2026, 13 - 14 | La Clusaz

For its fifth edition, Le Bélier MTB offers a fantastic sporting weekend in a friendly and authentic atmosphere.

On the program: timed XC races, MTB and e-MTB rides, a "randuro" event, kids' races... there's something for everyone.

New for 2026: routes evolve with progressively increasing difficulty depending on distance.

2 ULTRA RACES STARTING FROM ANNECY



ULTRA RACE OF GIANTS

The Ultra Race of Giants will start from **Anancy on August 14, 2026.**

Two road cycling formats within a time limit: 300 km and 7,000 m of elevation gain in under 30 hours, or 700 km and 17,500 m of elevation gain in under 72 hours.



INFERNO FRANCE

September 5-9, 2026 | Start from Anancy

Inferno France 2026 takes place from September 5 to 9, 2026, starting in Anancy and finishing in Menton over three stages: 655 km and 15,100 m of positive elevation gain.

An extreme and extraordinary adventure that takes riders over the giants of the French Alps.



DVÉLOS LAKE ANNECY

October 3-4, 2026 | Doussard

Saturday's program includes a hill-climb time trial up Le Semnoz, while Sunday features three cyclosporive routes in either timed or leisure format to enjoy the small roads of the Bauges region.

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AUX CYCLISTES
PENDANT LA SAISON ESTIVALE



HAUTE-SAVOIE AT THE SUMMIT

Mountain passes reserved exclusively for cyclists every Tuesday during summer!

The Haute-Savoie Departmental Council opens a legendary mountain pass to cyclists (beginners and experts alike) every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. during the summer season.

In 2026, cyclists will be able to tackle the following four climbs:

Tuesday, June 30, 2026: Plateau des Glières (10.5 km including 9 km closed to traffic) from Fillière.

Thursday, July 16, 2026: Col de Leschaux (12.8 km including 9.3 km closed to traffic) from Sévrier.

Tuesday, July 21, 2026: Climb to La Sambuy (6.3 km including 5 km closed to traffic) from Seythenex.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026: Climb to Le Semnoz (17 km including 11 km closed to traffic) from Anancy and Quintal, and (12 km including 11 km closed to traffic) from Leschaux.

FIND OUT MORE

HAUTE-SAVOIE, LAND OF CYCLING

UCI CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2027 HAUTE-SAVOIE MONT-BLANC

From August 24 to September 5, 2027, Haute-Savoie will host the 2nd edition of the UCI Cycling World Championships, becoming the first French destination to organize this global event. This extraordinary event will bring together 20 UCI World Championships across 15 iconic venues. Nearly 15,000 athletes from 206 UCI federations will compete for 288 UCI world titles in an event set to make cycling history. An estimated 2 million spectators are expected.

The Annecy Mountains region will host three of the World Championships taking place throughout Haute-Savoie.



📍 ANNECY

🚲 BMX - BMX Racing

"2027 UCI BMX Racing World Championships"

An explosive discipline where the start is crucial and total effort rarely exceeds 40 seconds. After launching from the top of the starting hill, riders – competing eight at a time – must demonstrate perfect jumping technique to clear a succession of obstacles.

This event was one of the standout moments of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, with a French podium sweep by Joris Daudet (gold), Sylvain André (silver), and Romain Mahieu (bronze).

🚲 Annecy and its lake to host the time trial events

The mixed relay time trial will take place around Lake Annecy, starting and finishing in Annecy, and will introduce an innovative format.

Men and women will not complete the same route. The relay exchange will occur just before halfway, in Doussard at the southern end of the lake. The women's teams will then climb the Talloires ascent on the eastern shore before returning to Annecy.

"The special feature will be a true relay handover. I think the visuals will be magnificent. The women will wait on the launch ramp with a light, and the moment the men pass beside the ramp, the light will turn green. Visually, it will really feel like a relay," explains **Michel Callot**, President of the French Cycling Federation.

The relay route follows the broad outline of the 2009 Tour de France time trial held around Lake Annecy.

📍 THÔNES / LA CLUSAZ - MASSIF DES ARAVIS

🚲 Gran Fondo

"2027 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships"

A mass-participation road cycling competition, this cyclo sportive-style event – with starts given either en masse or in waves – is raced over long distances and divided into age categories.

Winners of each age category at the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships earn the rainbow jersey.

These events are open to all rider categories. For example, Jeannie Longo won the time trial in the 65-69 category at the 2023 edition held in Glasgow.



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🚲 Haute-Savoie Mont-Blanc Classic - Bernard Hinault Experience

One year before the arrival of the world's best cyclists, on September 6, 2026, nearly 3,500 amateur riders will have the opportunity to compete in a major new cyclo sportive event: the Haute-Savoie Mont-Blanc Classic - Bernard Hinault Experience.

Two routes (110 km and 160 km) start and finish in Sallanches, largely using roads across our region, including sections over the col de la Colombière, the Glières plateau, and the col des Aravis.

FIND OUT MORE

BIKE CAFÉS

Anney Mountains is a welcoming place for cyclists, with many addresses dedicated to the "Petite Reine".

Here's a chance to take a break in a place that's 100% cycling friendly.



AROUND ANNECY

LA CUILLÈRE À OMBLE

Doussard | This café and restaurant by the water's edge, awarded the 'Accueil Vélo' label, is open all day.

LE BON WAGON | 2 adresses around the lake

Duingt | It offers is in a beautiful setting along the greenway. The perfect place to enjoy a break, under the watchful eye of the former stationmaster. Le Bon Wagon also welcomes cyclists in its second location in the **centre of Annecy**.

MATCHY CYCLIST CLUBHOUSE

Annecy | The goal of this bike café is to bring together the cycling community in a welcoming place — somewhere to relax after a great ride with friends, feel at home, and watch the races together.

ON THE ROADS OF THE ARAVIS

LE COFFEE SHOP - DAKA STORE

Saint-Jean-de-Sixt | This sports shop, specialising in cycling, is located at the crossroads between Le Grand Bornand and La Clusaz. It also houses a café, open all day and serving breakfast, lunch, snacks and light bites. Everything here is homemade, and chocolatier and pastry chef Camille is sure to delight your taste buds with tasty treats!

LES RHODOS - BIKE PLAZA

La Clusaz | You've reached the summit of the col des Aravis! Now it's time to reward yourself with a well-deserved break and admire the stunning views of Mont-Blanc. This mountain "bistro" gives cyclists a warm welcome with high quality cuisine and a host of practical extras: an outdoor tap, mini repair kits and phone chargers.



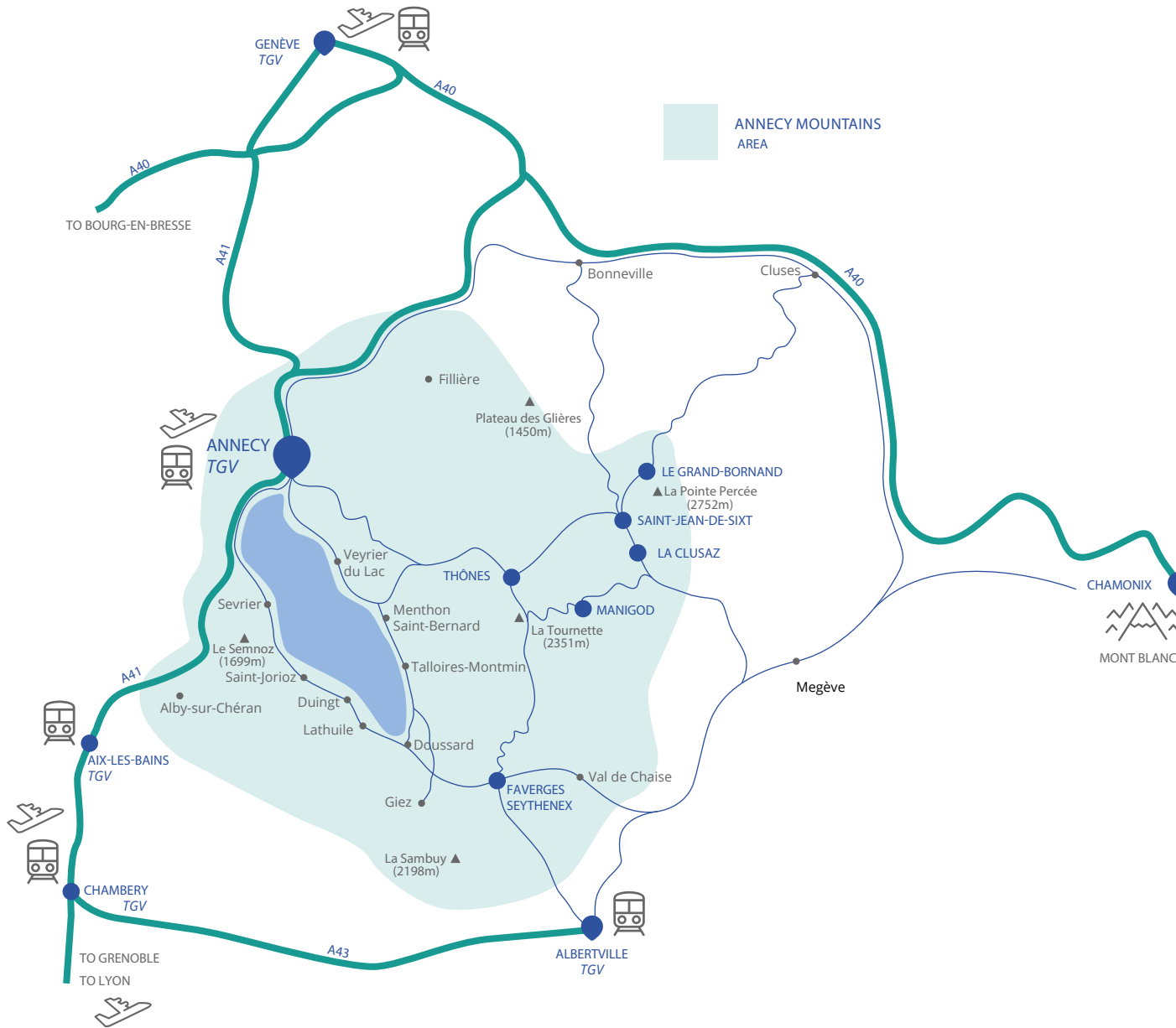
LE BISTRO VÉLO & CO

La Clusaz | Swap your saddle for a seat on the south-facing wooden terrace or in the cosy interior. Whether you're looking for an energetic start before hitting the road or after a long day's ride, or simply stopping off for a tasty snack, this pasta bar and delicatessen is the perfect combination of bike shop and bistro.

LO GARÂJO

Manigod | This unique café, is open all day and highly popular among cyclists looking to rest and and recharge their e-bike.





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