

10 June: To the centre of the Swiss mechanical industry in the Jura

What do Lenin, Josephine Baker and Ernest Hemingway have in common?

They all either used a product of Sainte-Croix or had an influence on the economical prosperity of the town in the Jura. Sainte-Croix, at 1,000 m above sea level, was for decades the centre of the Swiss mechanical industry and exported its products to the whole world.

We start in the industrial town and hike up over the ridge to the Chasseron, a landmark in the region. On reaching the summit, we will discover a breathtaking panorama. We leave the "balcon du Jura" and continue to La Robella, from where the chairlift brings us easily down to Buttes. The courageous can ride down by kick scooter.

Starting point:

Sainte Croix at 9.50

End point: Buttes at 16.30

↑ 650 m

↓ 450 m

🕒 approx. 3.5 hours

Difficulty level: 🌿🌿

Price: CHF 80.-, including chairlift

The fee for the one-day hikes can be paid either by bank transfer or directly after the hike.

How to get by train to Sainte Croix

Geneva departure: 8.15 train to Zurich,

Lausanne departure: 8.30 train to Grandson

Zurich departure: 7.03 train to Lausanne

Basel departure: 7.03 train to Genève

Change at Yverdon to the train to Sainte Croix

To take with you

- good hiking boots
- warm clothes (fleece jacket), rain jacket/trousers, umbrella
- 2 litre to drink, lunch and snacks
- sunscreen, sunglasses, hat
- hiking poles (recommended)
- Pack as lightly as possible; a small rucksack is easier to carry

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