

Forest Trails Around Oz

CIRCUIT DES CERFS

Green signs - 1h45

It's possible to do a circuit following on **N°1**, **N°2** and **N°3**, in which case don't go to Plan du Cerf.

- Start at **N°1** from Pré de la Pierre and then follow the signs to Le Roberand.

- Follow circuit N°2 the source ferrugineuse to the springs, cross the river, turn right to the waterfall, and then turn around and follow signs to La Combe or Oz station.

In case of emergency:

112 or **18** from your
Cell phone

And for the bravest...

CIRCUIT DES SANGLIERS

Blue signs - 4h

Departure : Starts from the Tourist Office, go up to the Alpette gondola and then follow the blue signs.

Follow the road to the top of the resort, take the footpath by the tennis courts and Kamikaze Parc. Follow the path, past a cabin and an old chalet, arriving at Plan du Cerf, where there is a good view of Oz station.

At the crossing take the direction to "l'Enversin", the path goes through woods and then into fields just above the hamlet, from here there is a good a view of Vaujany.

Take the track below Auberge Passoud (open all summer) until a right turn towards Oz village. The path goes past an old stone oratory, then a wide path which leads to Oz village which is the chief town and hosts the church and Town Hall. From here, go to Le Roberand and then follow the path back up to Le Bessey and then Oz station. The Path dates back to Roman times and was part of the link Italy and the Maurienne valley.

ADVICE FOR WALKERS

- If you hiking alone, tell somebody where you are going or leave a note on your car.
- Make sure that you have good boots, a backpack with water, first aid kit, wet and cold weather clothes, something to eat.
- When climbing uphill, don't walk too fast and try not to stop too often.
- Don't leave marked paths
- Make sure that you have time for the hike that you want to do.
- Be careful of changing weather, especially storms which can brew up quickly. If you get caught in a storm walk fast or go back the way you came.
- Respect the local flora and fauna and don't leave any rubbish.
- Please tell the Tourist Office of anything abnormal that you find on the walk.



Some Trails are also used by mountain bikers, please be careful.

Tourist Office
38114 Oz-en-Oisans
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Map and Topoguide "Oisans au bout des pieds" are sold at Oisans's Tourist Offices.

To go in the Departure

duration

description

Departure 1

POUTRAN GONDOLA

1h

Go up towards the carpet lift, go around the tennis courts and up to the top of the Clos du Pré ski lift.

N°1 - Circuit « Pré de la Pierre »

From the ski lift, follow the track left for 50m. Then turn right direction Alpe d'Huez/Les Lacs. The path climbs up through the forest. At the crossing, turn right to "Pré de la Pierre". When at the summit continue to a clearing, the path then goes down gently through fields with a wonderful view over the Belledonne mountains, and then through the forest and back to the track where you started from.

N°2 - Circuit « la source ferrugineuse »

1h15

From the ski lift, go down the forest track to the first crossing, turn right towards "Le Roberand". At the 2nd crossing keep right, after a few minutes turn right towards "Le Bessey" and "Source Ferrugineuse", literally iron enriched water. The spring is 100m lower down and easy to see due to its rusty red colour. The path continues to torrent du Roubier, a magnificent and refreshing spot. Go over the bridge and at the next crossing keep going straight on until you reach a house, from here turn right and follow Oz Station via Le Faubourg or left by La Combe.

Departure 2

TOURIST OFFICE

Go down the stairs to the car park.

1h15

N°3 - Circuit de la Cascade

Cross the car park, go past the VTT washing area, go down the Hors Piste Hotel and then follow the direction to "Le Bessey" on your right. The descent is on a path and then on an old Roman road. Go over the bridge "Pont du Gay", past the fountain and old barn, towards the waterfall. When you get there look out for the holes that were the entrance to an old coal mine. Return the same way or by the path "La Combe".

N°4 - Circuit du Faubourg

1h30

Follow the road out of Oz, and then take the footpath on the left to "Le Faubourg/le Bessey". This is a very old path with stone walls on either side, starting in the forest and then joins a larger path. Turn left and continue going down. Keep on the same path over the stream and joining the path coming from "Le Bessey". Turn right up to the road. The path is on the other side of the road to the "plan du Cerf", continue going up to the crossing, turn right to Oz station. Then turn right at the cabin, going over the stream. You arrive at Kamikaze Parc, go past the tennis courts and back to Oz station.

Departure 3

ALPETTE GONDOLA

From the tourist office, go up to the Alpette gondola

1h30

N°5 - Circuit du Bessey par Plan du Cerf

Follow the road to the top of the resort, direction Plan du cerf / Alpette. Take the footpath by the tennis courts and Kamikaze parc. The path climbs up crossing the stream several times, going past an old chalet and a cabin, then arriving at the Plan du Cerf from where there is a good view of Oz. At the crossing, take the left turn which descends steeply in a number of bends, arriving on the road up to Oz. The path continues on the other side of the road, direction to the Bessey. When you arrive in the hamlet, turn left after the chapel, at the fountain and then follow the footpath back to Oz station.