



Parc national  
de la Vanoise



*Very easy (loop)*



*3 h*



*3.8 km*



*+ 324 m*



*Flora, History,  
Summit*

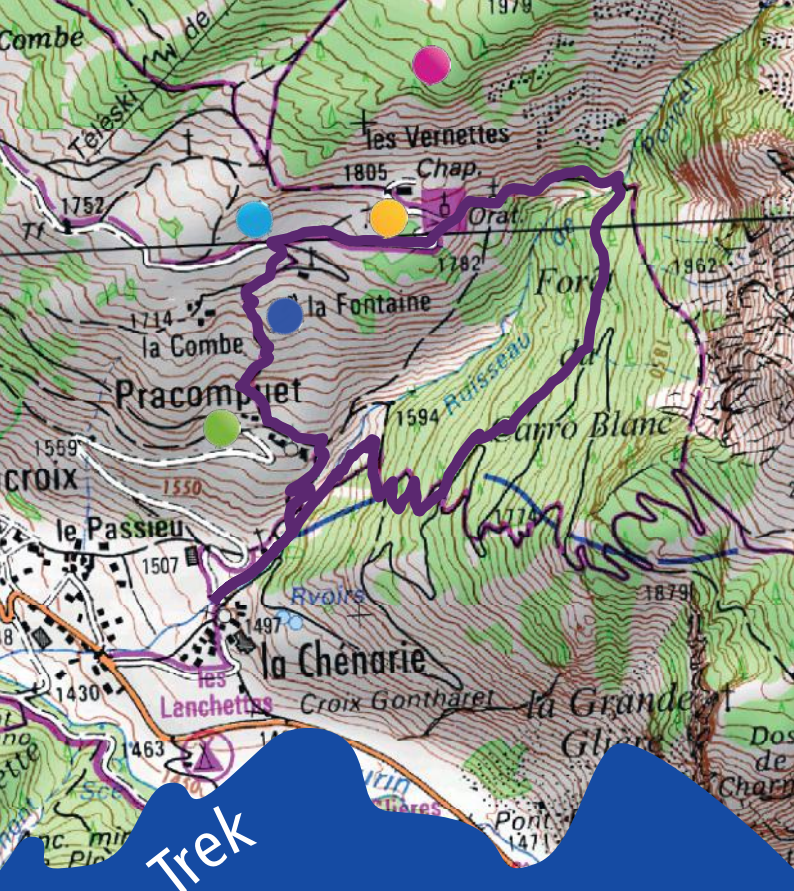
## *Notre Dame des Vernettes*

**Haute-Tarentaise**  
**Peisey-Nancroix**

### **Refreshment throughout the peaks**

«Here, in the peaks, mountain pastures and religious buildings, everything calls you to contemplation and thought. A good idea to get away from the turmoil of daily life. Naturalists and photographers at heart will not be disappointed either».  
*Benjamin Plumecocq, Vanoise National Park ranger.*





- From the bus stop, continue along the paved road, cross the bridge and take the road on the left in the direction of the hamlet of La Chenarie. Cross the hamlet and take the vehicle track on the right which enters the forest. Follow it to the 1st hairpin bend and take the trail in the direction of «Pracompuet». Cross the hamlet and take the trail in the direction of “Les Vernettes”.
- Once back on a vehicle track, follow it to the Notre-Dame des Vernettes sanctuary. After visiting the sanctuary, turn back and join the trail in the direction of the “Source Miraculeuse”. Follow the trail that crosses the thalweg descending from the Aiguille Grive and enter the forest. Climb 150 m and take the trail that leads to the right. Follow “La Chénarie”.
- Once back on a vehicle track, follow it for 150 m, then take the trail that goes right, still in the direction of «La Chenarie». This trail takes you back to the departure path at the hamlet.

- **Departure** : Car park hameau Chénarie (Peisey-Nancroix)

- **Arrival** : Car park hameau Chénarie (Peisey-Nancroix)

- **Markings** : PR ■

Max elevation : 1786 m



Min elevation : 1496 m

# On your path...

## *The goats of Pracompuet*

The hamlet of Pracompuet is unique for welcoming the goats of André Trésallet during the summer grazing period. This small dairy herd grazes on the pastures of this well exposed slope and effectively fights against the invasion of scrub on the meadows. This traditional pastoralism differs markedly from the recent changes in the production of Beaufort whereby herds are grouped together and pastoral practices are intensified.



## *The red-backed shrike*

This pretty shrike, of contrasting colours, visits our mountains in the summer. It takes its name from its habit of «staying» the large insects it catches by sticking them on thorny bushes, or even on barbed wire. It sometimes appears clearly visible by hunting often from a hide, dead branch or stake.»



## *The Apollo butterfly*

This protected butterfly is one of the largest you are likely to meet in Vanoise. It is characterised by its red eyespots against the black and white hind wings, but remains difficult to differentiate from the small Apollo for the uninitiated. Its caterpillars feed on the many stonecrops and houseleek around Notre-Dame des Vernettes



## *Notre-Dame des Vernettes*

The sanctuary of Notre-Dame des Vernettes was built at the beginning of the 18th century close to a source located at an altitude of 1,816 metres, following the miraculous recovery of a Peisey resident who drank the water. The chapel which was built between 1722 and 1727 for the worship of Notre-Dame de Pitié, patron saint of the lepers is a proud representation of baroque and rococo-style art. A great pilgrimage takes place here every year on the 16th July.

## *The Aiguille Grive and Aiguille Rousse*

The two beautiful needles that dominate Notre-Dame des Vernettes stand out for their shape, colour and nature. The Aiguille Rousse is the youngest (Mid-late Triassic) and consists of limestones, dolomites and cargneules. The Aiguille Grive, the oldest, is formed of quartzite from the lower Triassic, metamorphic rocks that rest on the Sapey gneisses where the chapel is located, and the Briançonnaise coal mining area which runs from La Plagne to Les Arcs.





## To go there...

### Access and transport



*RD 87 coming from the valley. Cross the hamlets of Peisey and Nancroix, then, just after the bridge over the Poncet stream, take the road leading up to the hamlet of Chénarie, before the chapel.*



*Rail connection to Landry.*



*Shuttle bus services available to the village of Peisey-Nancroix and navet for hameau de la Chénarie*



*Suggested hitchhiking organised in the Haute-Tarentaise valley : [www.rezopouce.fr](http://www.rezopouce.fr)*

### Information desks

- ✓ Office de tourisme - Village  
Place de Roscanvel 73210 Peisey-Nancroix (04 79 07 88 67)
- ✓ Office de tourisme - Le Chalet Vallandry  
73210 Peisey-Nancroix (04 79 07 94 28)
- ✓ Point Information Vanoise  
Refuge-porte de Rosuel 73210 Peisey-Nancroix (04 79 06 48 87)

### Useful information

Enquire at the Tourist Office for the visit of Notre-Dame-des-Vernettes sanctuary

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