

Beaufort-sur-Doron / Bourg-Saint-Maurice

Route des Grandes Alpes à Vélo



A magnificent Route des Grandes Alpes® stage, taking you between the Beaufortain area and the Tarentaise Valley via breathtaking landscapes. Water accompanies you along the way, while Mont Blanc is never far off. Much closer by, the toothy rocky summit of La Pierre Menta watches over your progress. The route wends its way beside lakes, dams and Alpine meadows and up summits, with the climb to the top of the Cormet de Roselend (1968 m) the highpoint, perched above the lake of the same name. From Bourg-Saint-Maurice, choose either to continue along the classic route in the direction of Val-d'Isère and the Col de l'Iséran pass, or to join the Maurienne Valley along an alternative way via the Col de La Madeleine.

From the Beaufortain to the Tarentaise Valley via the Cormet de Roselend

Route North / South

↗ 1491m ↘ 1414m

From Beaufort-sur-Doron, the route crosses a forested area, then some hairpin bends lead to the Col de Méraillet pass (1605m), beside Roselend Lake and its dam, set in green surrounds in summer. The magnificent but harder alternative takes you via the Col du Pré (1703m) passing along the dam itself. Whichever way you choose, you haven't reached the summit of the Cormet de Roselend (1968m) yet, as, to attain it, you need to complete a very serious climb totalling some 20km, with an average gradient of 6.5%. After this effort, the reward is an equivalent descent to Bourg-Saint-Maurice, a resort with all the amenities of a mountain town, plus a train station and bus station.

Route South / North

↗ 1414m ↘ 1491m

From Bourg-Saint-Maurice, the climb to the Cormet de Roselend (1968m) involves a major effort, with 19km to ride at an average gradient of 6%. It makes a good way to start your day! You're amply rewarded for your effort on the other side, gliding down to Roselend Lake and its dam. From the Col de Méraillet pass (1605m) near the lake, choose from two options: the normal descent, or the alternative way via the Col du Pré (1703m) which, after you've crossed the dam itself, makes you climb again before descending to Arêche-Beaufort, then Beaufort-sur-Doron.

Don't miss

- **Arêches-Beaufort** : Arêches combined with Beaufort, this mountainous area becomes even more magical, with iconic climbs to tackle!
- **Vallon des Chapieux**: with surely one of the most beautiful views along the Route des Grandes Alpes®, to be admired both climbing to and descending from the Cormet de Roselend, on the Beaufortain side.
- **La Pierre Menta (2714m)**: its monolithic rocky summit stands out from afar; legend has it that

Départ

Beaufort-sur-Doron

Arrivée

Bourg-Saint-Maurice

Durée

2 h 38 min

Distance

39,71 Km

Niveau

Very difficult

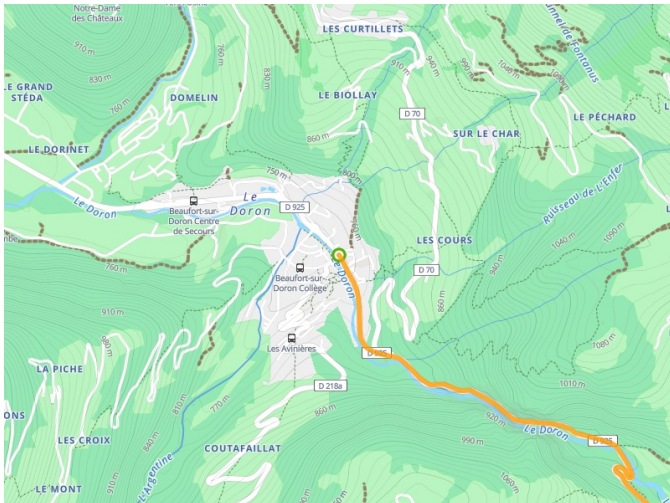
this 120m high wall of rock ended up here when fictional giant Gargantua kicked it over from the Aravis. It's given its name to a famous Alpine ski-mountaineering race.

- **Roselend Lake:** created in 1962 with the construction of Roselend Dam, considered one of the most aesthetically pleasing Alpine barrages. The lake's turquoise waters drowned the summer farming village of Roselend, of which only the chapel of St Mary Magdalene remains.
- **Bourg-Saint-Maurice Cooperative:** in the town centre, opposite the station, this cooperative dairy for the Haute-Tarentaise area is very much worth a visit, dedicated to putting Beaufort cheese and the area to the fore.

- Voie cyclable
- Liaisons
- Sur route
- - - Alternatives
- Parcours gravel
- Parcours provisoire



Départ
Beaufort-sur-Doron



Arrivée
Bourg-Saint-Maurice

