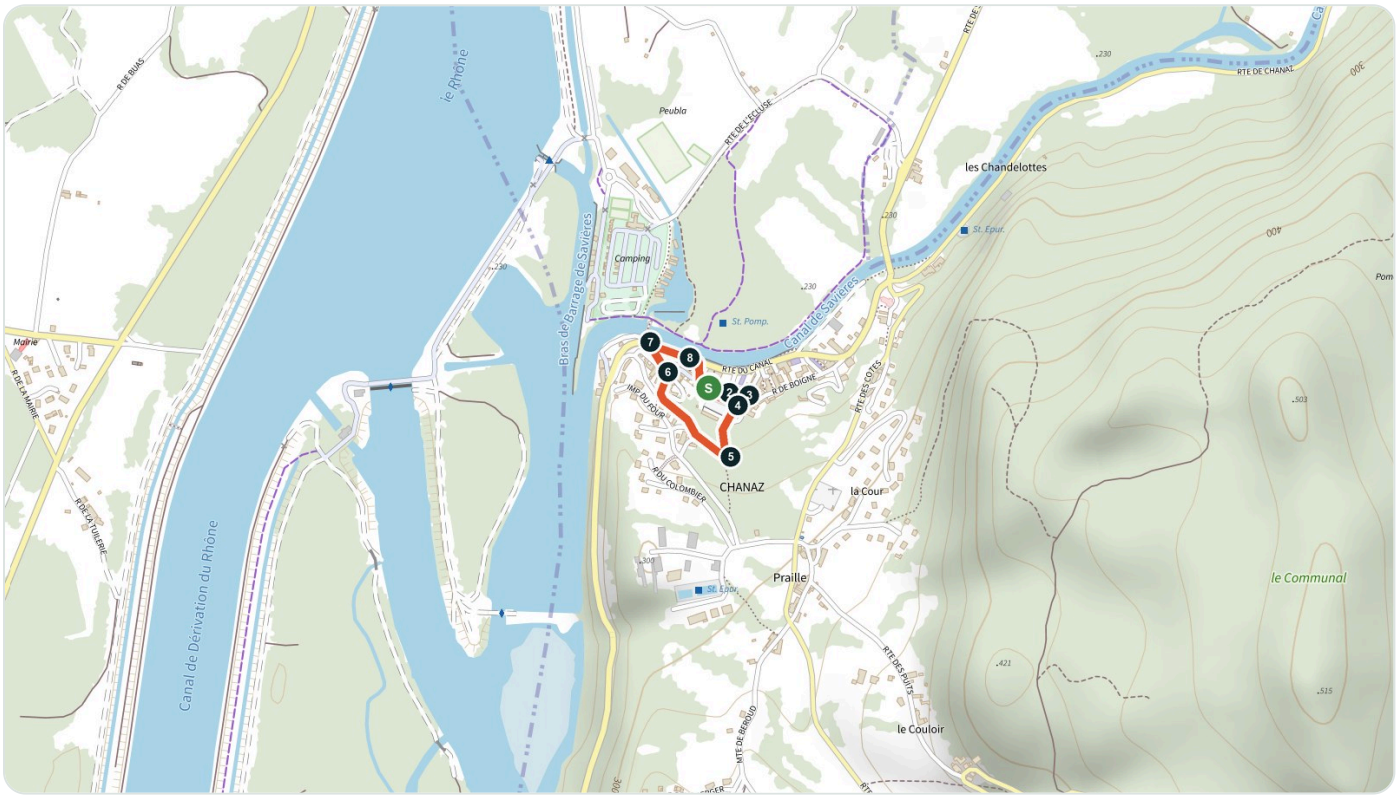
Chanaz heritage trail

Chanaz, a listed Petite Cité de Caractère (small town of character), is best explored on foot by following arrows on the ground from the tourist office. In about an hour, the trail takes in the village's main sights: the Maison de Boigne, the Gallo-Roman museum, the oil mill and the quays of the Savière canal. Signs in French and English tell…

0.7 km	+23 m	1 hr	Very easy difficulty
loop	total climb	walking time, without breaks	



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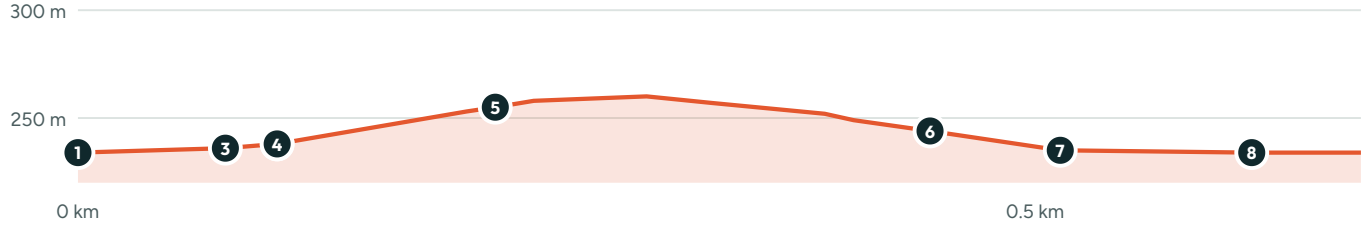
Elevation profile



Why we love it

- The Maison de Boigne, once the home of the Comte de Boigne and now the town hall, with its bread oven and dovecote
- The 1868 oil mill, still working
- The free Gallo-Roman museum, devoted to the potters of Portout
- The quays and footbridge of the Savière canal, which

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STEP BY STEP

1. **The tourist office and the bread oven** km 0
   The trail starts at the tourist office, in the Maison de Chanaz, where you will find the free trail leaflet. Look out for the arrows on the ground: they guide you all the way back.

2. **The Maison de Boigne** km 0.1
   The large house next door, now the town hall, belonged after the Revolution to the Comte de Boigne, a general of the Empire. This very old manor, once a châtellerie (seat of a lordship), still has a 13th-century pointed-arch doorway and 16th-century mullioned windows; its dovecote has been restored.

3. **Rue de l'Ancienne Prison** km 0.1
   Take a few steps along the rue de l'Ancienne Prison (Old Prison Street): the prison is one of the traces of the village's past pointed out by the tourist office. Then head back towards the museum chapel.

4. **The Gallo-Roman museum** km 0.1
   A Gothic chapel houses the Gallo-Roman museum, which is free to enter. It tells the story of the potters who settled at Portout, on the canal, in the 5th century: glossy pottery, amphorae, coins and jewellery.

5. **The oil mill** km 0.2
   Walk up the rue du Moulin to the oil mill, the last of the village's three water mills, dating from 1868. Restored and still working, it presses walnuts and hazelnuts; visits are free, from March to November, on varying days and at varying times.

6. **Montée du Fort** km 0.5
   At the "Les Nires" signpost, follow the route des Chênes westwards, then go down the montée du Fort, one of the lanes of the old village, to the water's edge.

7. **The Savière canal footbridge** km 0.5
   The arched footbridge spans the Savière canal. Almost 4 km long, the canal links Lake Bourget, at Portout, to the Rhône; the Chanaz lock, the only one in Savoie, lets boats reach the Haut-Rhône (Upper Rhône).

8. **The quays** km 0.6
   Head back to the centre along the route du Canal, beside the quays where the boats leave, then climb a lane back up to the tourist office.

Practical information

Start	Chanaz tourist office (Maison de Chanaz) (234 m)
From Le Patio	30 min drive from Le Patio
Parking	All the car parks in the village are paid (village map).
Season	All year round (tourist office). The sites along the way have their own seasons: the museum opens from mid-March to mid-November, the mill from March to November, and canal cruises run from April to the end of October.
Waymarking	Arrows on the ground guide you the whole way, with information signs in French and English.
Water	No water point listed by the official sources: bring a water bottle.
With children	Yes, at any age: small games are dotted along the route, and there is a version of the route suited to pushchairs and people with reduced mobility (tourist office).
Dogs	Dogs are allowed on the trail (tourist office), but not inside the museum or the mill.
In your bag	Comfortable shoes, a water bottle, the free trail leaflet, some change or a card for parking.

Before you go

- Our route links the trail's sites as a rough guide only: on the ground, the arrows are what count.
- The trail uses streets open to cars, including the route du Canal along the quays: keep children close.
- Along the quays, the canal is right there: hold the youngest by the hand.
- The museum and the mill do not allow animals.

Our tip

Finish with a cruise on the canal, leaving from the village centre or the lock from April to the end of October (from €14.50 per adult for about an hour), or with a meal by the water.

In an emergency

Call 112, the European emergency number, which works even without your own network.

Interactive map and GPX

Follow your position on the route, on your phone.

Le Patio, in central Aix-les-Bains

Air-conditioned apartment with a terrace, for 4.

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Information checked on 22 October 2026 against official sources. Indicative route (OpenStreetMap contributors, ODbL), IGN RGE ALTI elevations, IGN base map: always follow the waymarks and check the weather before you set off. https://lepatio-aixlesbains.fr/en/hiking-aix-les-bains/chanaz-circuit-du-patrimoine/