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EASY WALK

# Gorges du Sierroz

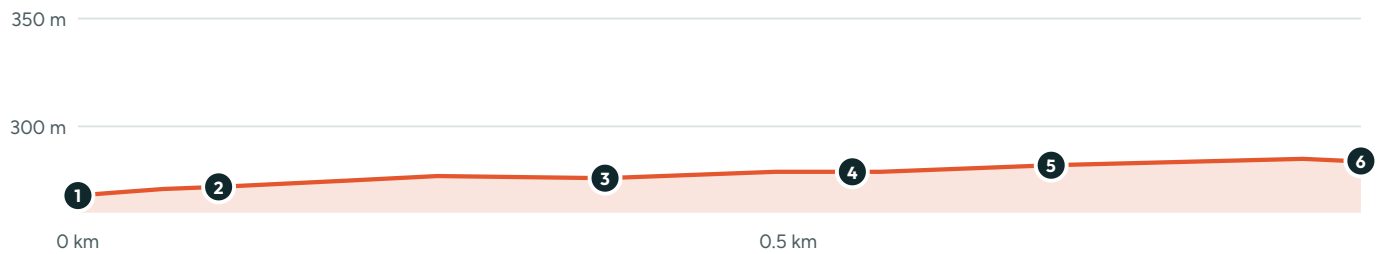
Closed for forty years, the Gorges du Sierroz reopened in July 2021. A 900 m walk heads up this mossy canyon on walkways fixed halfway up the rock face, to the Grésy waterfall and the stele raised by Queen Hortense in 1813. Free, open all year, ten minutes by bus from Le Patio.

| 1.8 km | +15 m | 1 hr | Very easy difficulty |
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| there and back | total climb | walking time, without breaks | |




S: start  T: turn back  1, 2, 3: steps  route

## Elevation profile one way (back the same way)




## Why we love it

- A canyon listed as early as 1910, reopened in 2021 after forty years of closure
- The Grésy waterfall and Queen Hortense's stele (1813)
- Two cantilevered walkways fixed halfway up the rock face
- Free, open all year, suitable for pushchairs

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STEP BY STEP

1. **The car park on the route des Bauges** km 0
   The walk starts at the car park on the route des Bauges, in Grésy-sur-Aix. By bus, get off at the "Gorges du Sierroz" stop (line 2), 150 m away. Head north on the path along the Sierroz.
2. **The old dam and the landing stage** km 0.1
   As you stroll up the river, you pass the remains of the dam and of the landing stage where, in the 19th century, boats set off to sail up the canyon.
3. **The first cantilevered walkway** km 0.4
   The path enters the canyon and becomes a walkway fixed halfway up the rock face, with railings, above the water.
4. **The little bridge at the narrows** km 0.6
   At the narrowest point of the gorges, a small wooden bridge links the two banks. Legend has it that smugglers leapt from one bank to the other here to escape the customs officers. Cross over and carry on along the path.
5. **The second walkway and the 19th-century remains** km 0.7
   On the other bank, a second cantilevered walkway gives you a glimpse of the remains of the walkways built in the 19th century and swept away by a flood in the 1980s.
6. **The Grésy waterfall** km 0.9
   The walk ends near the old, partly restored buildings (sawmill, mills, oil mill) and the Grésy waterfall, with several viewpoints. Look for the stele raised in 1813 by Queen Hortense for her friend Baroness Adèle de Broc, who drowned in the river.

## Practical information

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| **Start** | Gorges car park, route des Bauges (Grésy-sur-Aix) (268 m) |
| **From Le Patio** | Bus line 2 or 35 min walk from Le Patio |
| **Without a car** | Ondéa line 2 (towards Collège de Grésy) from the "Près Riants" stop, a 7-minute walk from Le Patio, to the "Gorges du Sierroz" stop: a 9-minute ride, then 150 m on foot to the start. |
| **Parking** | Car park at the start, on the route des Bauges (car-sharing area), with disabled spaces; a second accessible car park is at the far end, on the Grésy-sur-Aix side (Promenade confort route sheet). |
| **Season** | Open all year, every day, free of charge. The official route sheet recommends going outside snowy periods. |
| **Waymarking** | Promenade confort (easy-access walk) logo at the start; there is only one path, so you cannot get lost. |
| **Water** | The tourist office lists a "fontaine à eau Gorges du Sierroz" (drinking fountain) in Grésy-sur-Aix, without giving its exact location: look out for it on site. |
| **With children** | Perfect with young children and pushchairs: 900 m, almost flat, on walkways lined with railings. |
| **Dogs** | Allowed, according to the tourist office; keep them on a lead on the walkways, which are narrow and busy. |
| **In your bag** | Trainers with grippy soles, a light jumper, a bus ticket or the Ondéa app. |

### Before you go

- Walkways and paths are slippery in wet weather, and not recommended in snowy periods.
- A very busy site: more than 200,000 visits in 2024, according to Grand Lac. Be patient when passing others on the walkways.
- No buses to the gorges on Sundays or public holidays.
- Stay on the walkways and paths: do not climb down into the riverbed.

### Our tip

Take bus line 2 out to the "Gorges du Sierroz" stop and, if your legs still have some go in them, walk back via the rue des Fontaines: 35 minutes, gently downhill, to Le Patio.

### 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.

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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/gorges-du-sierroz/