Le Molard Noir

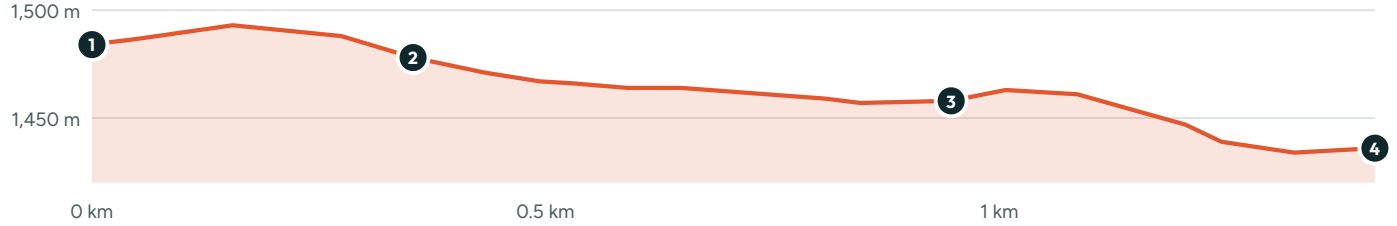
The gentlest walk on the Mont du Chat. From the Relais, at almost 1,500 m, a ridge path takes you in half an hour to the Molard Noir, a 360° viewpoint right opposite the Dent du Chat. Below you lie Lake Bourget, Aix-les-Bains and the Bauges.

2.8 km	+113 m	1 hr	Very easy difficulty
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

- The 360° panorama from the Molard Noir, with its viewpoint table
- Lake Bourget, Aix-les-Bains and the Bauges opposite
- The Dent du Chat seen up close
- An easy hour's walk, ideal for families

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STEP BY STEP

1. **The Relais du Mont du Chat** km 0
   Park in the Relais car park, at the top of the D42 road. Facing the restaurant, with your back to the lake, take the path that leaves on the right: it follows the ridge northwards.

2. **The antenna** km 0.3
   The path runs along the ridge and passes close to an antenna. It starts to go gently downhill: surprise, the Molard Noir is a little lower than the car park.

3. **The fork on the ridge** km 0.9
   At the fork, leave the path that goes down to the right towards the road and carry straight on along the ridge. The tourist office mentions the "Sentier des Crêtes" signpost here.

4. **The Molard Noir** km 1.4
   Here you are at the Molard Noir (1,452 m): a viewpoint table and a 360° view of the Dent du Chat, Lake Bourget and the Avant-Pays savoyard. Return by the same path.

Practical information

Start	Relais du Mont du Chat car park (1,485 m)
From Le Patio	35 min drive from Le Patio
Parking	Relais du Mont du Chat car park, at the end of the D42 road (route du Relais), next to the restaurant and the TV antenna.
Season	May to October, according to the tourist office.
Waymarking	Waymarked route according to the tourist office, with Grand Lac signposts at the Relais car park and at the Molard Noir.
Water	No known water point on the path: bring a water bottle per person.
With children	Yes, this is the family walk on the Mont du Chat: 1 hr there and back with very little climbing.
Dogs	Allowed, according to the tourist office.
In your bag	Walking shoes with a good grip, a water bottle and a picnic, a windproof jacket.

Before you go

- Only carry on towards the Dent du Chat if you are sure-footed in the mountains: the summit is reached by cables and ladders.
- The D42 road is closed to cars from mid-November to April.
- No pushchairs: the path is made of stones and earth.
- At the top, stay on the path: the ground drops away in a cliff.

Our tip

Take a picnic: the tourist office recommends the Molard Noir as a place to stop, cooled by the air rising from the western slope.

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

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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/molard-noir/