

ALPINE

GRAVEL CHALLENGE

P O R T E S D U S O L E I L  

Sunday 8th September 2024

Road Book



Introduction

This is the very first edition of the TREK UCI Gravel World Series to be held on a cross-border area in this case the Portes du Soleil, straddling the border between Switzerland and France.

Riders will compete on the Haute Cime, Forteresse or Cathédrale routes, in tribute to the famous Dents du Midi massif, which will be the backdrop for the day's events.

Demanding and varied, almost mainly off-road, they use the best gravel tracks available.

Welcome in Région Dents du Midi Area



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Program for the weekend



Bike & Sound Festival - 6, 7 & 8 September 2024

Alpine Gravel Challenge - Portes du Soleil - 8 September 2024

Friday September 6th - Champéry/Grand Paradis

16h00 - Opening of the Festival

17h00 - 19h30 Kids Wood Race

7.30pm - Midnight Sound

7.30pm - 8.30pm Disco vélo in the Coince-Coince arena with Caravane DJ Monsieur Monsieur

Saturday, September 7th - Champéry/Grand Paradis

9.00am - Start of the Festival

9.00am - midnight Drinks + catering

9.00am - 12.30pm Kids Race

13h00 - 14h30 4th World Coince-Coince Championship

15h00 - 17h45 Wood Race (muscular and E-Bike)

18h00 - 18h45 Finals of the 4th World Coince-Coince Championship

6.30pm - 6.45pm Prize-giving ceremony

19h00 - Midnight Sound

Sunday September 8th

Monthey

6.30am - 7.30am AGC Race Office - Monthey / ice rink

7.45 am Riders' briefing - Starting line

8.00 Start 94 km - Monthey / ice rink

Champéry/Grand Paradis

6h30 - 8h00 AGC Race Office - Grand Paradis chairlift

8.15 am Riders briefing

8.30 Start 63 km - Grand-Paradis / Champéry

9:15 am Runners' briefing

9:30 Start 35 km - Grand-Paradis / Champéry

10h00 - 12h00 Pumptrack Trophy Valais Wallis

14h30 - 15h00 Pumptrack Trophy Valais Wallis prize-giving ceremony

15h00 - 16h00 Alpine Gravel Challenge prize-giving ceremony

16:30 End of the event

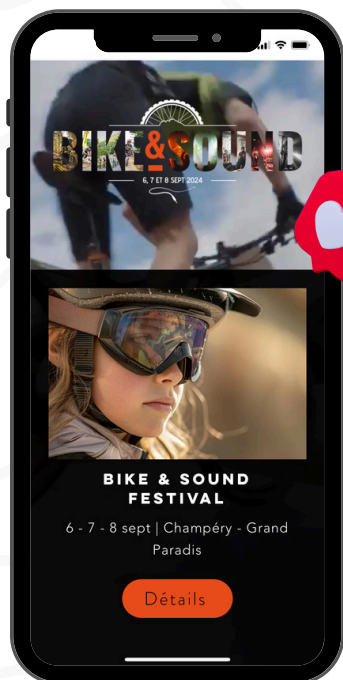


JOIN US FROM FRIDAY

Same place, same weekend...

Bike & Sound is a **free and unique event** that brings together two key activities: cycling and music.

During the day, the spotlight is on two-wheelers, with **races for kids and adults**, disco bike and other entertainment. In the evening, it's all about the sound, with DJs and live performances.



Bike & Sound Festival



Access and transport



By train

Monthey Ville stop for the start of the Haute Cime 94km route

Champéry Planachaux stop for the other routes

- From Paris: 6:00 via Genève then Aigle
- From Zurich: 4:15 via Geneva then Aigle
- From Geneva: 2:00 via Aigle
- From Lausanne: 1:40 via Aigle

> [Info and opening hours here](#)

Then [Dents du Midi Little Train](#) (free) towards Grand Paradis

By car

- From Paris: 6:40 via A6 and A40
- From Zurich: 2:40 via A1 and A12
- From Geneva: 1:30 via A1 and A9
- From Lausanne : 59mns via A9

Free parking :

- [Parking Monthey \(départ du parcours Haute Cime 94km\)](#) > [Lien localisation](#)
- [Gondola parking lot](#) 250 spaces (opposite the station and a 3-minute bike ride from the Grand Paradis arrival/departure area)
- [Parking du National](#) 80 spaces

Then [Dents du Midi Little Train](#) (free) towards Grand Paradis

Two charging stations for electric cars are available in the cable car parking lot.



Access and transport



By plane

- Geneva - International airport
- Zurich - International Airport

Convenient: station platforms directly at these airports

> Combine Plane + Train and arrive directly in Champéry from all over the world!

People with reduced mobility

There is a dedicated car park close to the Grand Paradis site. Follow the signs.

By bike

Because when you love, you don't count... but for the record:

- From Paris: 33:00 via D469
- From Halle Leuven (Belgium): 48:00 via Route 44
- From Hallmstad (Sweden): 86:00 via Route 44
- From Fubine (Italy): 17:10 via Route 21



Changing room



Monthey

Changing rooms will be available at the Monthey ice rink for riders departing from Monthey between 6.30am and 6pm.

Participants are reminded not to leave any belongings in the changing room. They should either store their bags in their car or place them in the vehicle that will transport their bags to the finish line in Champéry, where they can collect them.

Champéry

Participants can take a shower in the changing rooms at the Champéry sports centre (Palladium), just 5 minutes by bike from the Grand Paradis event village.



Race routes

HAUTE CIME 94km



The Haute Cime course of the Alpine Gravel Challenge - Portes du Soleil is a gravel race that crosses Switzerland and France, starting in Monthey and finishing in Champéry on the Grand Paradis site. This qualifying event enables the top 25% in each category to qualify for the 2024 World Gravel Championships.

Sunday 8 Sept. 2024

Start : 08:00 AM

Start : Monthey (CH)

Ascent : 3190m D+

Descent : 2530m D-

Highest point: 1869m

Lowest point: 397m

Finish : Champéry - Grand Paradis (CH)

GPX route : [download](#)

Live tracking : <https://sptiming.ch/alpine-gravel-challenge-24/>



Race routes

FORTERESSE - 63km



The Fortress course of the Alpine Gravel Challenge – Portes du Soleil also starts and finishes in Champéry on the Gran Paradiso site and offers participants in certain categories the opportunity to qualify for the 2024 Gravel World Championships.

This shorter race still offers magnificent scenery and challenges adapted to the distance.

Sunday 8 Sept. 2024

Start : 08:30 AM

Start : Champéry - Grand Paradis

Ascent : 1860m D+

Descent : 1860m D-

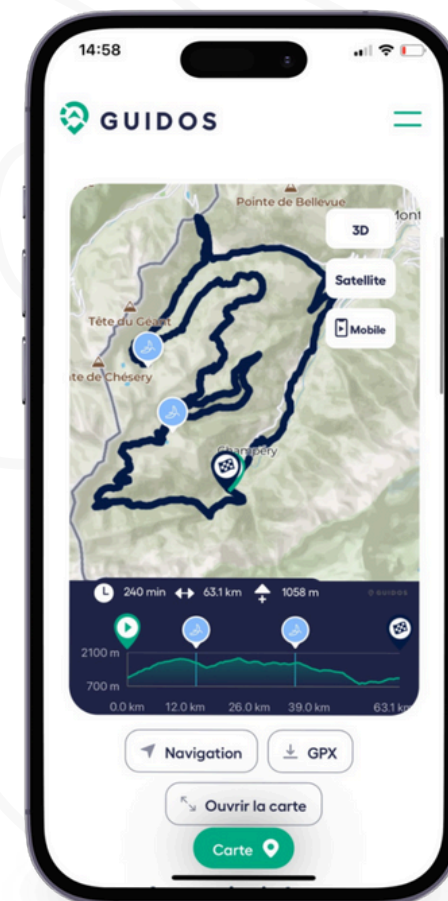
Highest point: 1869m

Lowest point: 813m

Finish : Champéry - Grand Paradis (CH)

GPX route : [download](#)

Live tracking : <https://sptiming.ch/alpine-gravel-challenge-24/>



Race routes

CATHEDRALE - 32,5KM



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Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024

Start : 09:30 AM

Start: Champéry - Grand Paradis

Ascent : 1130m D+

Descent : 1130m D-

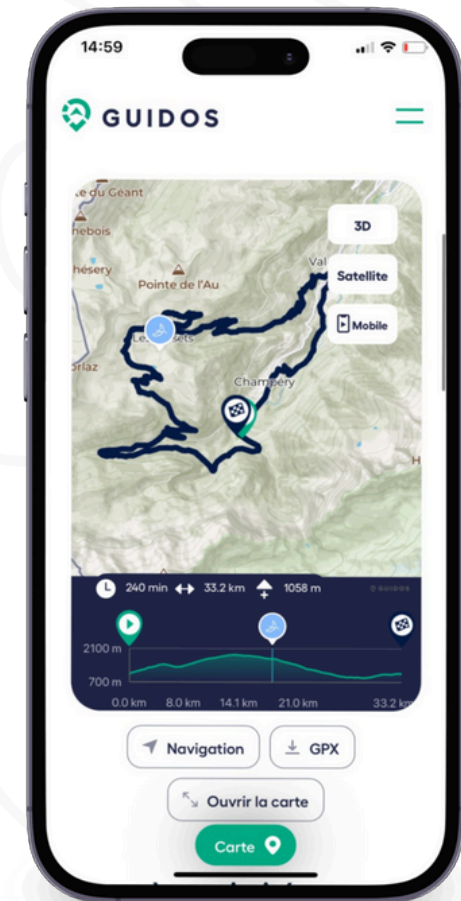
Highest point: 1840m

Lowest point: 876m

Finish: Champéry - Grand Paradis (CH)

GPX route : [download](#)

Live tracking : <https://sptiming.ch/alpine-gravel-challenge-24/>



Feed stations



Refreshment stations are strategically placed along the route, allowing you to refuel at key moments. Here's what you'll find at each station:

	Ravitaillement - 1 Grand Paradis	Ravitaillement - 2 Les Crosets	Ravitaillement - 3 Tovassière	Ravitaillement - 4 Grand Paradis - Arrivée
FOCUS WATER	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boisson isotonique / Isotonic drink	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boisson coca / Coke drink	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eau / Water	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barres énergétique / Energy bars	✓	✓	✓	
Gels énergétique / Energy gels	✓	✓	✓	
Fruits - oranges et bananes / Fruit - oranges and bananas	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fruits sec / Dried fruit	✓	✓	✓	
Snack salé / Salty snack	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cakes / Cakes	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chocolat / Chocolate	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bouillon / Soup	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pain / Bread	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fromage / Cheese		✓	✓	✓
Charcuterie / Cold meats		✓	✓	✓
Bière / Beer				✓

For ecological reasons, no cups or bottles will be provided at the refreshment stations. You will need to refill your own containers at the designated points. Please dispose of your waste in the bins provided on site.

Security

144 : Swiss emergency number

+41 79 589 56 43 : Race emergency number

The organisers would like to remind all riders that the race takes place on open roads that are not closed to traffic. As a result, the routes take in roads and paths shared with other road users, which means that each rider must comply with the federal law on road traffic and show respect for others at all times.

The safety of the Alpine Gravel Challenge route relies on meticulous organisation, designed to guarantee the well-being of participants at all times.

Enduro bikes to open the races: Enduro bikes, adapted to difficult terrain, are deployed to open the races, ensuring that the course is clear and safe before the riders arrive.

Road bikes for safety on the road sections: On the sections of the route that use open roads, road bikes are mobilised to supervise the cyclists and manage the traffic, ensuring their safety.

Team of first-aiders and first-aid posts: A specialised team of first-aiders and samaritans will be present throughout the route, with five first-aid posts located at strategic points. This organisation ensures rapid intervention and immediate, effective medical care in the event of an incident or injury.

Marshals along the route: Numerous marshals are positioned along the route at key points to monitor the safety of participants, provide information and react immediately in the event of an emergency.

Ambulance and helicopter support: Ambulances can be mobilised quickly if needed. In the event of a major emergency, a medical helicopter is also rapidly available to transport the injured to the appropriate care centres.

Bike



For the **HAUTE CIME COURSE**, and **PARCOURS FORTERESSE COURSE**, the following bikes, fitted with tyres with a minimum cross-section of 38 mm (recommended 40 - 42 mm) are allowed:

- Specific bikes for Gravel - fitted with round road handlebars
- Cyclo-cross bikes - fitted with round road handlebars.

For the **CATHÉDRALE COURSE**, all bicycles are allowed.

We recommend



Bracket : single 40 x 50 or **double** 34 x 40



Tyre section : 40 or 42 mm

Equipments



Compulsory cycling and sports equipment for the entire event:

- Wearing an approved hard-shell helmet (CE standards) less than 5 years old, with the chinstrap fastened
- Handlebar ends fitted with caps
- 1 bicycle pump or at least 2 CO2 capsules, two spare inner tubes, supplemented by any other repair equipment
- A fully charged mobile phone
- A fully charged GPS computer, independent of the phone, alternatively, a fully-charged external battery for tracking using the smartphone's smartphone GPS meter,
- A bottle of water (minimum 50cl at the start of the race) and the minimum nutritional supplies for a 94 km race.
- A bell (optional)

Wear clothing suitable for the day's weather, as you'll be at altitude where temperatures can change quickly.

For the Haute Cime 94 km course, you will be able to leave a bag with your belongings, which will be transported to the Grand Paradis finish site and stored in a secure area. A system of labels, included in your runner's bag, will enable you to identify your personal belongings.



Race number and frame plate



Collection of race numbers/frame numbers and final registrations (deadline 6.00 pm on Saturday 7 September):

Friday 6th September - 16:00-20:00 (Champéry - Grand Paradis)

Saturday 7th September - 9:00-18:00 (Champéry - Grand Paradis)

Sunday 8th September

- Haute Cime: 6:30-7:30 (Monthey - Patinoire) no onsite registration
- Fortress: 6:30-8:00 (Champéry - Gd Paradis) no onsite registration
- Cathedral: 6:30-9:00 (Champéry - Gd Paradis) no onsite registration



The number must be worn on the lower back.



The plate, which must be attached to the front of the handlebars, must **not be bent** under any circumstances, as this could damage the built-in timing chips and compromise the accuracy of the measured time.

Respecting these instructions will ensure that the event runs smoothly and that all participants are timed accurately.

Podiums

Sunday 8 September - 3.00 pm



HAUTE CIME - 94km

- Élite Hommes
- Élite Femmes
- 19-34 hommes
- 19-34 femmes
- 35-39 hommes
- 35-39 femmes
- 40-44 hommes
- 40-44 femmes
- 45-49 hommes
- 45-49 femmes
- 50-54 hommes
- 50-54 femmes
- 55-59 hommes
- 55-59 femmes
- 60-64 hommes
- 60-64 femmes
- 65-69 hommes
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- 70-74 hommes
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FORTERESSE - 63km

- 19-34 hommes
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- 35-39 hommes
- 35-39 femmes
- 40-44 hommes
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- 45-49 hommes
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- 50-54 hommes
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- 55-59 hommes
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- 60-64 hommes
- 60-64 femmes
- 65-69 hommes
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- 70-74 hommes
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In bold and underlined, the categories eligible for qualification for the Gravel World Championships.

Medals and jerseys

All cyclists finishing in the top 25% of their category during the qualifying event will be awarded a medal. These should be collected from the race office.

The top three finishers in each category will receive their medals during the awards ceremony.

The organisation of the TREK UCI Gravel World Series will donate a jersey for each winner in their age category (men and women). There will also be a special jersey for the elite men's and women's winner of the event.

Withdrawals and out of the race



Participants must manage their own return by bike. If a participant decides to withdraw from the race, they must report it at one of the control stations set up by the organizer. The station manager will then remove their bib and explain the available repatriation options.

If a participant has an accident, a mechanical breakdown, or a physical issue preventing them from reaching the nearest control station on their own, they are required to immediately notify their withdrawal by contacting the race management via the emergency number indicated and on their bib: **+41 79 589 56 43**.

Only cases approved by the race management will be taken care of by the end-of-race vehicle (sweep car). Any participant picked up by this vehicle will be removed from the competition.

The medical team, composed of rescuers and paramedics, also has the authority to disqualify a participant for medical reasons.

Communication



Join us on our social media and share your love of gravel!



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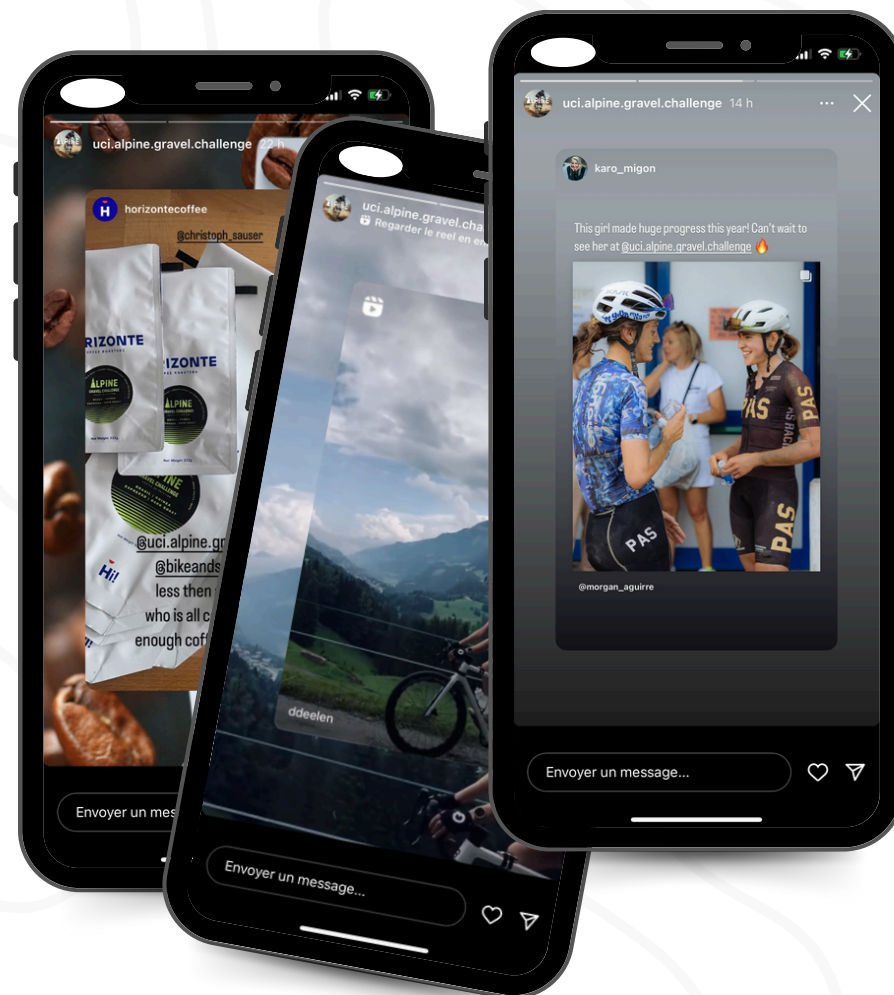


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