

# HIKING TRAIL C12 : LA CHATTE PENDUE & CÔTE DE PLAINE

Sportive level



Start : Plaine



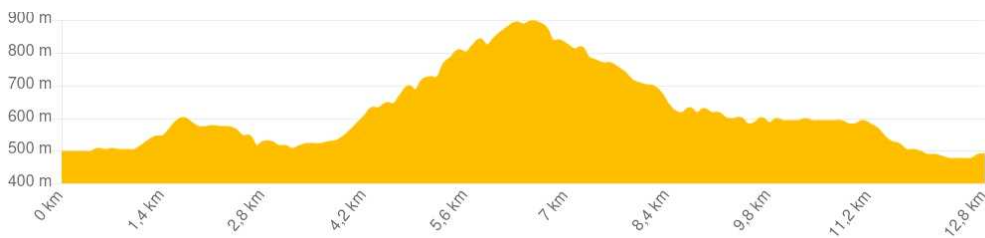
La Chatte Pendue peaks at 899m. From there, you have all-encompassing views of the Champ du Feu range, the Climont and the Donon. But what makes the site so unique is its unusual name, which has given rise to all sorts of stories. It used to be called "Pirre hhatte pendaïe", meaning tall hanging stone. The guttural pronunciation of the "H" or transcription mistakes turned the "hhatte" into "chatte" meaning female cat. So in 1847, a beautiful handwritten Water & Forests map mentions the Pierre de la Chatte Pendue.

	13 km
	Half-day
	505 m

Saint-Arnould church

**P** Parking at the church

2 Km - Saint Blaise-la-Roche



## USEFUL INFORMATION

N'oubliez pas d'emporter une carte !  
IGN N° de la carte : 1/25 000 Bruche 25  
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

## STEPS

 **Access from Saint-Blaise-la-Roche station** (⇄ + 4.5 km, ⌚ 1 hr 30 mins) 

Head for the centre of Saint-Blaise-La-Roche for 200 m, then turn right (under the railway line) towards Poutay, then straight away turn left onto the cycle path marked . Follow the cycle path for 1 km, then turn right, following the markings . You will pass nearby Breux lake and the old Bénauville manor house, and cross a stream (small bridge). After 600 m, you come to the village of Plaine along Rue des Champs de Poutay. Follow the road straight ahead for 700 m and then turn left just in front of Plaine church.


**1 Towards the Plaine forest road** 



Leave Plaine church (with the main entrance to the church behind you) and go straight ahead along Rue des Champs du Motey marked  for 800 m. At the end of the road, at the intersection with the D196 - Route des Princes, turn left, following the markings . After 50 m, turn right onto Chemin des Chômeurs, marked .

**2 Towards Falle lake** 





After 500 m, turn left at the intersection onto the Plaine forest (tarmac) road and continue for 1.6 km, following the markings  until you get to Falle lake.

*① Falle lake is a former reservoir which was used by the blast furnace (iron industry) in Champenay in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.*


**3 Along the Falle stream** 



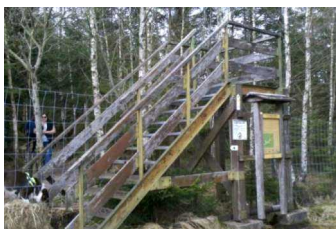
Walk alongside the Falle stream, following the markings . Keep to the right (at the fork, you will walk to the right of the stream along the Croix de la Maix forest road). After 500 m, turn off the forest road to the right onto the path marked .






#### 4 Towards the viewpoint over Chatte Pendue



Carry on following the markings . For 2 km you follow a path which is quite narrow from time to time. There are several intersections with the forest roads on the way, **so make sure you follow the markings** and keep to the right. Take the footbridge into the wood grouse protection area and then to the Chatte Pendue rock (899 m): orientation table set up by the Club Vosgien with a great view over the nearby mountains.




#### 5 Towards the Plaine forest road



Continue along the path marked  with a series of tight bends as far as the footbridge taking you out of the protection area. After the footbridge, make sure you go straight ahead, following the markings  -  - . After 120 m, go down the path to the right, still following the markings . After a few zigzags and 1.4 km, you will arrive at the Plaine forest (tarmac) road.



#### 6 Back to Plaine



Turn right onto the forest (tarmac) road, following the markings . You will pass nearby the Bambois farmhouse restaurant (downward path with a sharp bend after 800 m). After 2 km, at the fork, go straight ahead (keep to the right) towards "LA FALLE", with the markings . You pass the Biches fountain. After 700 m, take the path going down to the left, again with the markings .

#### 7 Back to the starting point



Follow the same markings . Go down towards the houses. At the end of the path, at the intersection, turn right (Route de Salm). Follow the road for 500 m and at the major intersection, go straight ahead into Rue de l'Eglise to reach your starting point, Plaine church, after 600 m.  In Plaine: *Café de la Promenade* (03 88 97 35 36 - 275 Rue du Premier BCP), *F.A. du Bambois* (03 88 97 60 82 - Chemin du Geisloch).





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Tête Pelee  
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Les Queilles

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Le Bambois

Maison Forestière du  
Bambois

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Côte de Plaine  
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