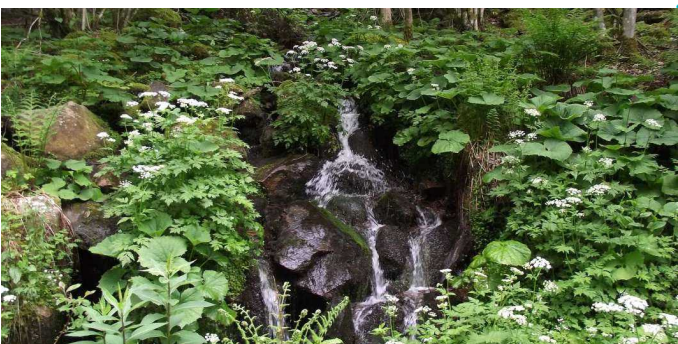


# HIKING TRAIL CDF13: LA SERVA WATERFALL (SHORT TRAIL)

Easy level



Start : Belmont



	.....	6 km
		2h
		230 m

A short trail including one of the steep climbs, and taking you to La Serva waterfall directly from Champ du Feu. The trail runs alongside the attractive terraced waterfall taking its source in the high pastures of Champ du Feu at an altitude of 1000 m. Through the forest, 350m lower down, it meets up with the Rothaine, a stream crossing the valley of the same name and running as far as the Bruche.

	<i>In front of the Champ du Feu Chalet - La Serva</i>
<b>P</b>	<i>Parking opposite the Champ du Feu Chalet</i>
	<i>5 Km - Fouday</i>



## USEFUL INFORMATION

N'oubliez pas d'emporter une carte !  
IGN N° de la carte : 1/25 000 Champ du Feu et Bruche 25  
N° carte Club Vosgien : Secteur carte : 1/25 000 3717 ET



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## STEPS

### 1 Starts from Chalet du Champs du Feu

From the Champ du Feu chalet (Tourist Office), go to the right of the building, following the markings  -  -  towards "Cascade de La Serva".




*① The Champ du Feu Chalet was built by the Bas Rhin departmental council. It is a public building with a picnic room, exhibition spaces, public toilets, lockers, a tourist office, etc. It is a place to meet and a starting point, ideally located opposite the snow shuttle stop.*

### 2 The "Fishmatt"

The trail goes downwards for 1 km. When you get to a clearing, turn right onto the path marked  - .


*① The stream La Serva takes its source in the peat bogs of Champ du Feu and flows into the Rothaine, at La Haute-Goutte. It descends by about 450 m in 7 km (6%) in a humid and refreshing area (hence the nicknames "Fischmatt" and "Nass Wei"). The "Fischmatt" is thought to have been an old reservoir, providing water to a mill. The mill in Champ du Feu was little used due to poor yields from the cereals grown in these hills. If you listen carefully, you will hear the murmur of the stream growing stronger and stronger.*

### 3 La Serva waterfall

After 1 km, at an intersection, turn right onto a path marked  - , towards "Cascade de La Serva" and continue for 120 m until you get to the waterfall. You can also go down further to get closer to the water (small footbridge built in 1996 by the Club Vosgien  risk of falling!).


*① Legend has it that the waterfall is inhabited by the Lady of La Serva, a fairy that who is said to be at the origin of the howling winds on the heights when she is angry. The fairy has crystal-clear blue eyes and wears a dress of silver scales. Her hair is green and as light as the plants in the water's depths. She is also said to have the power of giving out bouquets of magic*

### 4 The Pré du Puits forest road



Then continue, retrace your steps for 120 m to the previous intersection and go up to the right along the Prés du Puits forest road, marked , towards "La Perheux".

*① The Col de La Perheux is a legendary spot not to be missed during your next hike! The Col is both puzzling and enchanting. Sometimes it is like a sunny terrace opening up wonderful views over the Schirgoutte valley and the Donon range; sometimes it is a barren moor where the elements are unleashed! It is said that here you might meet witches, spirits, treasures, luminous apparitions, etc. The spot leaves no one indifferent, but make up your own mind! Trails in La Perheux available from the tourist office or on [rando-bruche.fr](http://rando-bruche.fr).*

## 5 View over the Rothaine valley


After 500 m, at the intersection, with the markings  , you can go down an unmarked path to the right for 100 m to see a viewpoint over the Rothaine valley with a picnic area. Here you are near a rock known as the "Deserter's Cave". **Access forbidden** (danger due to rock slides and risk of falling). *① Legend has it that Jean, a local man who had been called up to the army, disobeyed orders by leaving the garrison to see his loved one in the village. In the period of Napoleon's Grande Armée, such unauthorised absences were seen as desertions and were strictly punished. Jean is said to have taken refuge in this "cave" to avoid punishment.*

## 6 Back to Champ du Feu

If you went down to the viewpoint, retrace your steps as far as the path marked  . You then follow the path marked  to go up to Champ du Feu.




*① On your way up to Champ du Feu, you might notice the stamped wooden markers next to the path. These are the markers for the four Champ du Feu orientation course trails. With your family or friends, you can try out this fun and dynamic activity. Trail leaflets are available from the Tourist Office or on [bit.ly/brochuresOTVB](http://bit.ly/brochuresOTVB).*

## 7 Back up towards Champ du Feu

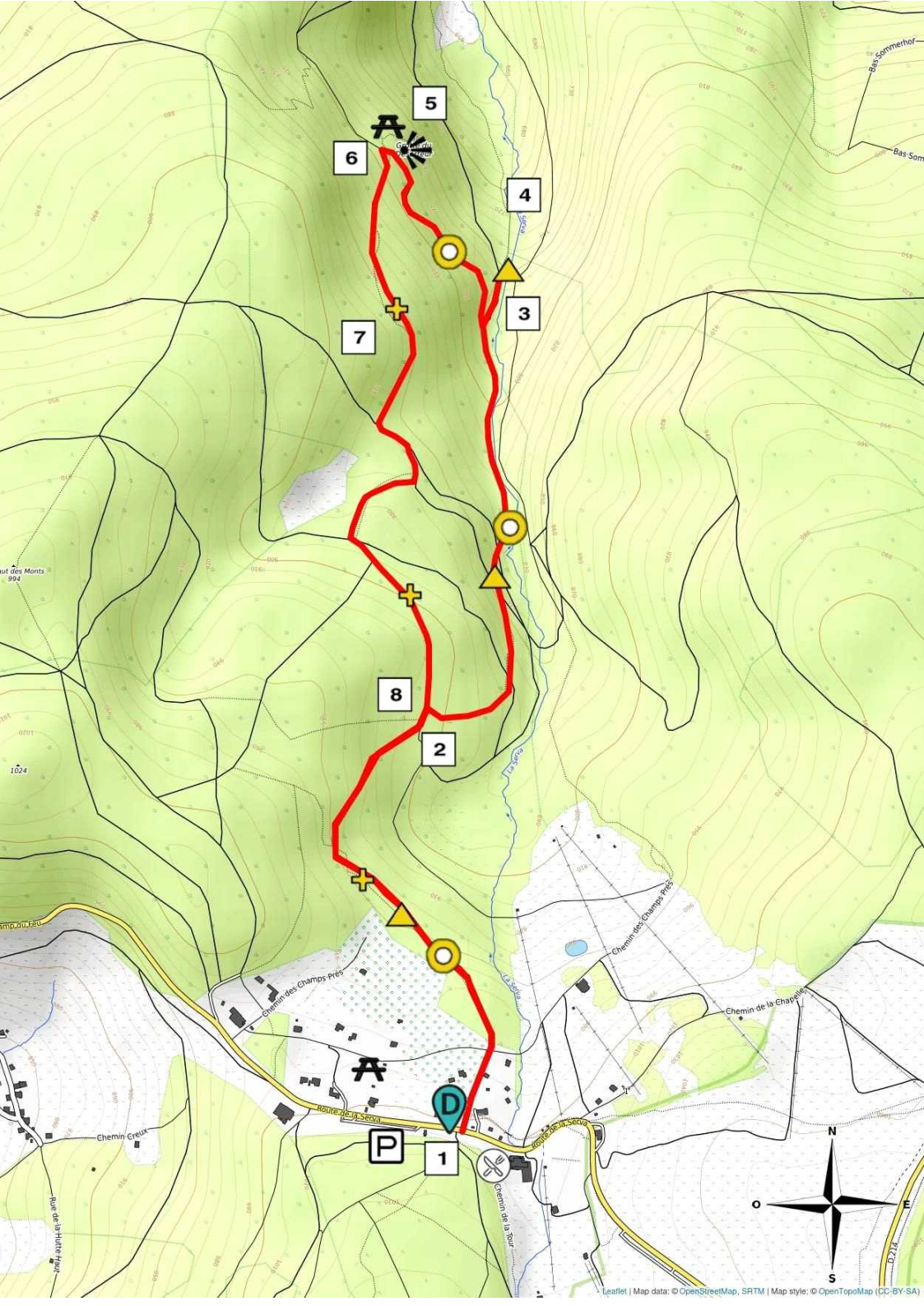
Continue for 1.5 km, following the markings  towards Champ du Feu.

*① The name "Champ du Feu" shows the linguistic deformations occurring in history. Theories differ about its origins. One is that it comes from the animals left to graze on the summits, then known as "Vieh Feld" ("animal field" in Alemannic), which later turned into "Champ des Vieh" then "Champ du Feu" (Field of Fire).*

## 8 The "Nass Wei"

At the intersection in the clearing, you rejoin the section you took at the beginning (marked  -  -  ), continue upwards and following the markings towards Champ du Feu to come back to your starting point.

*📍 You can have a picnic on the tables at the Champ du Feu Chalet or 50 m away at the Auberge Hazemann or the La Table du Champé restaurant (tel. 03 88 97 30 52).*



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