



## Red route N°4 - Gers



### Course characteristics: Hiking

Distance: 15.5 km / Uphill climb: 1060 m / Downhill climb: 1060 m / Min. altitude: 1500 m

Max altitude: 2478 m / Time (according to speed): 6h / Signposting: yes.

### Route description:

From the top of the Grandes Platières, follow the signs for the “Lac et Refuge de Gers”. The trail leads down into a combe, skirting around the lake and passing through the Chalets de Gers, before heading to the “Combe des foges”. The trail then climbs back up to the Chalets de Foges via the Pas des Foges. As you make your way up the valley side, enjoy beautiful views of the Haut Giffre mountains. At the Col de Platé, head back to the Grandes Platières.

### Viewpoints to discover:

From the top of the Grandes Platières cable car, there is a beautiful panoramic view of the Haut-Giffre ranges, the Criou mountain and, above all, the impressive Mont Blanc range. When the weather is fine, an orientation table enables you to identify each of the main mountain ranges. As you descend into the valley, take a moment to admire the trees around you; this is one of the few larch forests of the French Prealps. The valley owes its splayed U-shaped morphology to the Quaternary glaciations (300,000 to 100,000 BC). The Combe de Gers is rich in fauna (chamois, marmots) and flora. You'll also come across herds of cows and sheep with pastoral activity being still very much alive here. Make sure to take a stroll beside the lake.

### Read it before you go!

Beware of the dogs guarding the herds and take note of the Grandes Platières cable car opening times.

### Guidelines :

Remember:

- Check the weather forecast just before you set off.
- Tell someone close to you where you are going and when you should be back.
- Find out if the route is in good condition and its difficulty level.

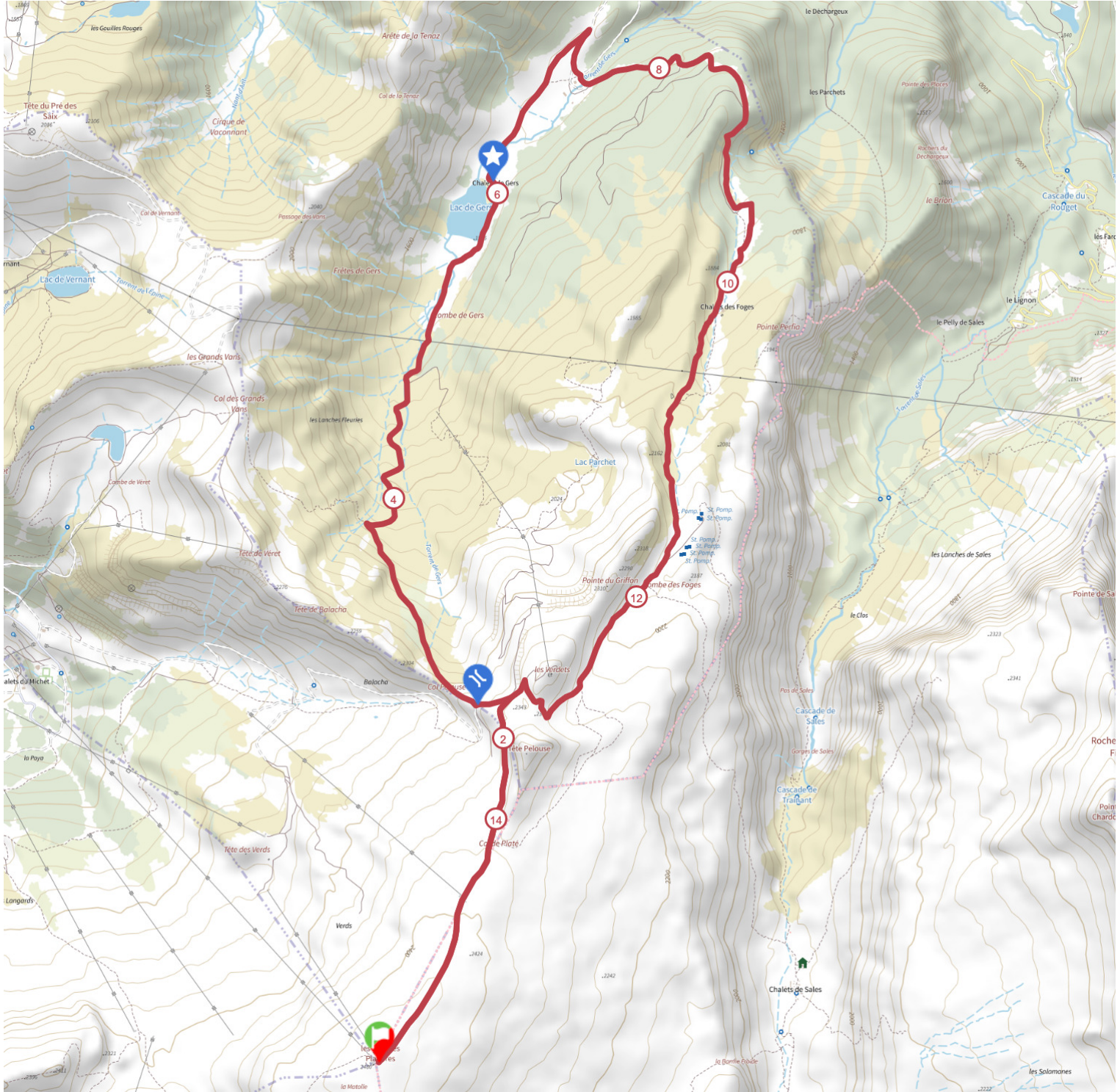
Advice:

- Respect the environment; please take your rubbish with you.
- Follow the marked routes; do not take private trails.
- **Emergency numbers: 112.**

# Gers (n°4 Flaine)

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