



## Red route N°14 – Refuge de Platé



### Course characteristics: Hiking

Distance: 5.8 km / / Uphill climb: 440 m / Downhill climb: 440 m / Min. altitude: 2038 m

Max altitude: 2470 m / Time (according to speed): 3h30 / Signposting: yes.



### Descriptif du parcours :

From the top of the Grandes Platières cable car, follow signs for “Refuge de Platé”. When you get to “la Matolle”, keep going until you reach the Désert de Platé, a listed geological site. At the foot of the Col de la Portette, the Refuge de Platé can be seen down below on your right. The return is via the same route.

### Viewpoints to discover:

A geological curiosity, set at an altitude of 2,500 metres, Flaine’s “Désert de Platé” is one of the largest limestone pavements in Europe. The Platé plateau is only accessible by foot, earning it the name ‘desert’. The Platé refuge is a small, rustic stone hut; once used to tend the mountain pastures, during the war it was the headquarters of the maquis, French resistance fighters in the region.

### Read it before you go!

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.**

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