

# ONE KILOMETRE ON FOOT...

The region has a wide range of trails to suit all tastes and all levels.

The Pays-d'Enhaut has nearly 390 km of marked hiking trails. Whether you are with family or friends, whether you are looking for a walk in the forest or an ascent up to the peaks, a wide choice of routes is available to you. Interview with Michel Morier-Genoud, coordinator for eco-tourism in Château-d'Oex and Rougemont, the person in charge of these trails.

## Can you tell us more about you?

I was previously a construction entrepreneur, but I am passionate about mountains in all their forms. I have been an avalanche dog handler and have undergone initial training as a mountain guide. I am very attached to my region. I'm now a freelance construction manager and spend the rest of my time looking after the trails.

## What is your main role?

My main role is to oversee maintenance of the trails in the region to make sure they are in good condition. I coordinate all maintenance, repair and safety work in collaboration with the municipal works departments and the Pays-d'Enhaut Forest Department. I anticipate the likely short, medium and long-term needs before the season starts.

## What are the strengths of Pays-d'Enhaut?

The variety of hikes on offer. Whether you're passionate about walking or just an amateur, there is something for everyone, and at every level. Families, for example, can find hikes above the village and along the river banks, or with waterfalls and lakes. Mountain enthusiasts can hike up to Pointe de Cray or Dent de Combette, where the view of the region and the mountains alone is worth the detour. The network of forest trails is also impressive.

## Why should people come to Pays-d'Enhaut in particular?

For the tranquillity and beautifully preserved natural surroundings. A lot of farming still takes place in our region. We do not have mass tourism like in Verbier or Zermatt. We're also close to a number of cities such as Fribourg and Bulle, and the Riviera as well. From there, it takes an hour at most to reach the fresh air, where you can let your cares fall away. So what are you waiting for?



## USEFUL INFORMATION

A brochure with suggestions for walks and hikes at all levels is available free of charge from the region's Tourist Offices. For the more athletic, a 1:25,000 walking map can be purchased for CHF 20.-, this covers all the trails in the region.

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