

# LES PACCOTS

## ENJOY TRADITION AND NATURE

The “La Veveyse” area on the outskirts of the canton of Fribourg virtually faces south, towards Vevey and Lake Geneva. Only a half hour’s drive from Fribourg and Lausanne, it attracts visitors all year round, with sporting and leisure activities in the fresh mountain air. Les Paccots and Rathvel are ideal starting points for winter sports. Snowshoe trekkers will find a large network of signposted trails and a lot of unspoiled nature in the Pre-Alpine countryside. Winter hikers also like to immerse themselves in this peace. The indoor ice rink in Les Paccots is another popular venue.

Summer visitors can experience the austere beauty of the region on foot or by mountain bike. Mountain and Alpine restaurants attract visitors with their specialities, including Soupe de Chalet, fondues and of course, meringues with double cream. Four “gourmet trails” of varying degrees of difficulty offer an enjoyable combination of hiking and dining in Les Paccots. The

Rand’eau theme trail, which entertainingly informs visitors about aspects of water in the area of Corbetta, is an ideal way for a family to discover nature. The region has several nationally protected landscapes: The Lac des Joncs, a very deep, 5,000 year-old mountain lake, is part of the national amphibian spawning areas, which are home to endangered species such as the turtle and the red-eyed dragonfly. The Niremont, a small mountain range, forms part of the moorlands of national significance and provides a habitat for many rare plants and animals. Nature lovers can visit these protected areas on paths made from wood shavings. Illustrated information boards, oversized board games and other outdoor play structures help to raise awareness and thus protect these fragile landscapes.

[www.les-paccots.ch](http://www.les-paccots.ch)



## GLIDING IN TANDEM



**Paragliding.** Modern paragliders provide an opportunity for new adventures between the mountain and valley. Near Les Paccots, Silvain Genoud, an experienced pilot, offers nature-oriented experiences with tandem flights. After a short ascent on foot, the tandem paraglider is prepared on the summit of the Corbetta (1,401 m above sea level) for a smooth take-off. And visitors can then admire Lake Geneva and all the beauty of the Fribourg Pre-Alps from a bird's-eye view.

## HIKING



**Festi'Rando:** The countryside around Les Paccots is characterised by diverse landscapes and by rare ecosystems, which are worthy of protection. It makes sense to explore them on hiking trails. The annual festival Festi'Rando uses themed hiking trails that are designed to excite the senses to show what else is running, flourishing and cooked and conjured up near the paths. Visitors see more if they are aware of the processes and gifts of nature. The festival takes place on the weekend of *24/25 August 2019*.

## SKI TOURS



**Sporty:** Two signposted ski touring routes take around two hours from the Chalet Le Creux du Table or from the Camping Le Biouvac in six hours through the most beautiful winter landscape to Le Pralet (1,568 m above sea level). [www.les-paccots.ch](http://www.les-paccots.ch)

## GOURMET TRAILS



**Eating out:** Visitors who put on their hiking boots in Les Paccots and follow one of the four gourmet trails of varying difficulty to the Fribourg Pre-Alps, will look back on a positive experience at the end of the day, in terms of calories as well. Visitors hike from course to course, i.e. from tavern to tavern. The regional specialities on the menu originate near the hiking trail. Hikers will get to know the region in a most enjoyable manner. The gourmet trails must be reserved: [www.les-paccots.ch](http://www.les-paccots.ch), Tel. +41 (0)21 948 84 56.

## KEY DATES

1938 - The first ski lift opens in Les Paccots  
2000 - The gourmet trails open  
2013 - Inauguration of the Rand'eau theme trail  
2014 - Rando prize for the Rand'eau theme trail

## NUMBERS

Population 942 inhabitants  
(village), 6,027 inhabitants  
(municipality)  
Language French  
Altitude 1,050 m above sea level