

LES PACCOTS

ENJOY TRADITION AND NATURE

The “La Veveysse” area on the outskirts of the canton of Fribourg virtually faces south, towards Vevey and Lake Geneva. Only a half hour 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 this 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 by 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 a fun 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



BENICHON OR KILBI



Châtel-St-Denis: The main town in the Veveysse area celebrates the large Bénichon festival during a long weekend. On Saturday, a market with more than 50 stalls attracts visitors and in the evening there is a lively party. Sunday is dedicated to the procession with Treichler players, flag throwers, the Barbus (Bearded Men) de la Gruyère, alphorns, the Alpine dairy farmers' chorus and fanfares. Locals and visitors savour the traditional delicacies of the Bénichon menu.

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 offers themed hiking trails that are designed to excite the senses to show what else is running, flourishing, 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 *August 29th - 30th 2020*.

SKI TOURS



Sporty: Two signposted ski tours take you through the most beautiful winter landscapes to Le Pralet (1,568 m above sea level) in either two hours from the Chalet Le Creux des Tables or in six hours from the Camping Le Biouvac. 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, hike from course to course, i.e. from tavern to tavern. The regional specialities on the menu originate near the hiking trail and allow for the visitors to get to know the region in a most enjoyable manner. The gourmet trails must be booked in advance.

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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 987 inhabitants
(village), 7,211 inhabitants
(municipality)
Language French
Altitude 1,050 m above sea level