



Lac Mines D'Or - Day Out

A beautiful bucolic lake & starting point of the famous Col du Cou walk to the Swiss border

Description

Walk, cycle, trail run or hop on the free bus to discover the peaceful **Lac Mines d'Or**, one of Morzine's hidden gems. The scenic route follows the River Dranse, passing the Nyon Waterfalls before winding through pine forests and alpine meadows to the hamlet of Les Mouilles. From here, a quiet tarmac road leads up to the lake.

The journey to and from the lake makes a wonderful day out in itself (around 2-3 hrs on foot or 1hr 40 by bike). If you're planning a longer hike, such as the spectacular **Col du Cou** route to the Swiss border, you can take the free bus to the lake and start from there.

Route Information

[View Google map](#) or input address of lake into Google Maps: **7145 Rte de la Manche, 74110 Morzine**

Distance: 7km to the lake from Morzine. 2h walk.

Time: 2h walk, 1hr 15 by bike to the lake. The famous Col du Cou hike is another 1.5hr to 2hr hike up, and a little shorter down!

Difficulty: Easy to moderate riding and walking on main road and col road (tarmac).

Free Bus: Line E: From the centre of Morzine to the Nyon cable car and Lac des Mines d'Or.

Walk, Bike & E-Bike Route

Starting from the Morzine Town Hall and Church, cross the bridge and follow the signs past the library onto Rue Bidon. Cross the main road and pick up the trail by the fire station, keeping the river and cemetery on your left. The road soon becomes a woodland trail, following the river (on your left) towards Nyon through the trees for about 1km to the carpark.

Pick up the trail at the top end of the carpark – heading east. This wooded trail runs adjacent to the river and main road, 'Rte de la Manche', which would be a better route for E-bikes. The trail lasts for 4-5km (see map) and at the hamlet of Mouillettes the trail ends and joins a tarmac col road. Follow this narrow road and signs for about 1-2km to Lac Mines D'or.

Trail runners: May want to double back to Morzine from Mouillettes and retrace steps (for a 20Km run) or continue up to the lake and catch the bus home.

