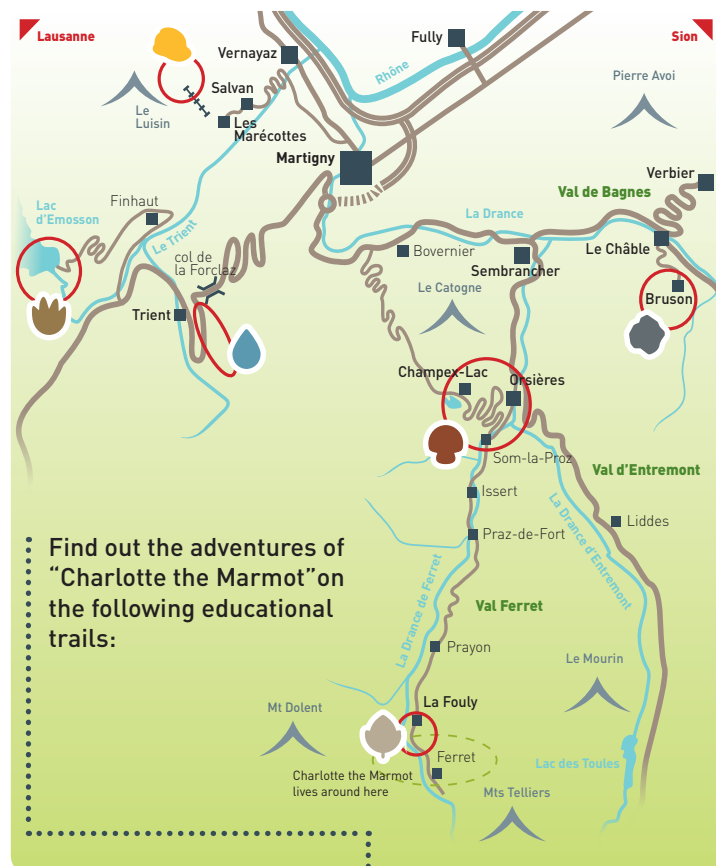


My adventures with Charlotte



A botanical exhibition follows the same route as that taken by "Charlotte the Marmot" around La Fouly.



Get your trail passport, which will allow you to validate your route and win a prize once you have completed 4 Charlotte trails.



All the information about the different trails:
www.charlottelamarmotte.ch

Why is a marmot called Charlotte?



I'm telling you right from the start that you won't find another marmot in Le Clou who looks like me. Look at this little gentian behind my right ear! I can't be mistaken. For some time, I've had a burning desire inside me to go adventuring! To risk a bit of danger, meet the people around here and more than anything, discover new things! Yip, that's the word – discover!

Two days ago, I decided to take my courage between my two hands and for the first time, to brave the road that goes to La Fouly. I was walking slowly, step by step – so as not to miss the countryside. On the way, I passed several tourists who seemed to think it was funny to see me walking along with my bag on my shoulder. I left the road just before the village and went on a little path with an even better view, beautiful, old houses,

some strange metal things and the impressive A Neuve glacier. But dusk was already falling and I had to return to my burrow...

When I got back, I still had a sense of unfinished business. It had been way too short and I would so much have liked to have seen more! Torn between the desire to travel the world and the desire to stay with my family, I couldn't make up my mind what to choose ... I dreamt of being dazzled by nature once again. No matter what it took!

What if I whistled for Gaston the Eaglet? He's a young raptor that I've been watching for some time now. He flies, or should I say, flies over me, every time I am on sentry duty. He must have that fantastic feeling of being able to explore all the vistas in the area with great ease – to see everything thanks to his wings.

Maybe I could accompany him on one of his trips? Oh – and here he is!

Not even time to be scared before he sweeps me up and carries me into the sky with him ...

Justine Volluz



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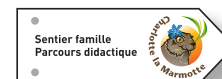
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How to join the adventure...

"Charlotte the Marmot" invites you to follow her path to discover the thousand and one things La Fouly has to offer. It will take you about two hours to complete the whole trip with your family and friends.

Before embarking on your adventure, take some time to read Charlotte's story printed opposite. You will quickly understand who she is and why this path is dedicated to her.

The path consists of **10 stations** with questions on them all along the path as indicated on the aerial photograph. You will know exactly where you are along the route thanks to the boards.



The end of the route is at the playground. You will be able to check your answers and thus measure your knowledge and see what you have learnt. Please note that you will need a **pencil** to write your responses on your personal card.

If you have any problem, don't hesitate to ask **the Tourist Office** for further information.

Have a great walk discovering the wonders of nature and most of all Charlotte's world!

picture: Roland Clerc

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Discover the different kinds of burrows and underground tunnels dug by marmots (drawn on the game). Each one has to prepare its own **winter burrow** and bring grass to it to cover the walls of its "bedroom". Help Charlotte choose the right entrance.

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Compare the photograph taken of La Fouly in the 1940s and the village today. How many chalets do you think have been built since then?

Circle the right number: 30 – 70 – 100 – 300

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Taking into consideration the three photos (A, B, C) on the bottom of the board, which of them is the least suitable for the Iscles grasshopper?



A

B

C



Granite



Limestone

Sedimentary rock

Crystalline rock

Look at the rock face opposite you and the drawing of it on the board. The colours differentiate the two types of rock of which the mountain is composed. Using the board, join up the elements opposite!

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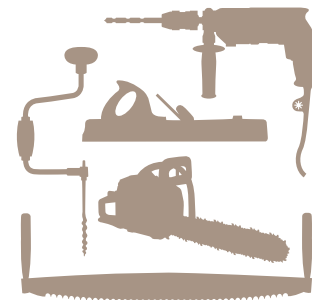
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Watch out, an eagle has seen where Charlotte is! Help her to hide so that she doesn't get gobbled up! Balancing on the platform, go with Charlotte (the ball) into her burrow as quickly as possible! Time how long it takes for you to save her!

minutes

seconds

source: Office fédéral de la topographie



picture: CREPA



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In the 1900s, which tools were used to build this barn? Circle the right tools!

After going over the catwalk, stop at the start of the path that leads to the A Neuve Cabane! Look at the glacier with the same name on your left and compare it to the photo taken in 1930! What do you notice?

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picture: Roland Clerc

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The signs above are all mixed up! Using the printed tarpaulins, link up the animals with the right characteristics! To end off, use the box to listen to the noises these animals make and find out what animal makes what noise!

Eagle
Chamois
Bearded vulture
Ibex
Black grouse
Deer



Call n°1
Call n°2
Call n°3
Call n°4
Call n°5
Call n°6

But what is the seventh call...?

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If you join up the link between the rings on the exposed trunk and La Fouly's timeline, which ring (A, B, C) corresponds to:

- When the Grand Hotel was built? _____
- The avalanche that destroyed a large part of the forest on the Neuve plateau? _____
- The construction of the first ski-lift? _____

Well done, you've just completed Charlotte's path and here you are at the finish line!

To check your answers, just shift the movable pieces where each answer is written. On the back, a beautiful picture of Charlotte will appear.

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After the bridge, on the left bank, look out for the house on the right. Find it on the photograph taken in the 1930s and name three differences!

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