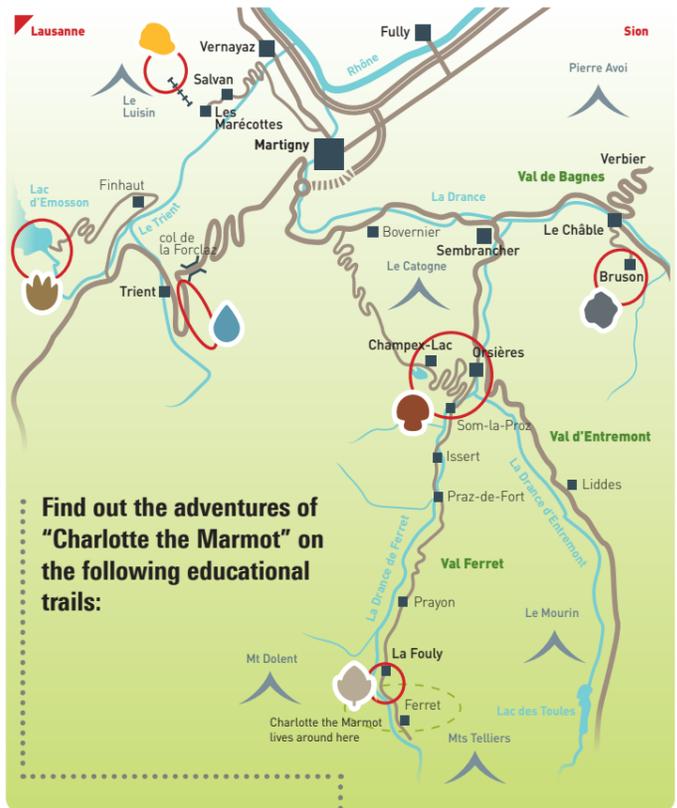


My adventures with Charlotte



Find out the adventures of "Charlotte the Marmot" on the following educational trails:

-  **Charlotte à La Fouly**
-  **Charlotte sur le sentier des champignons**
(Champex-Lac - Orsières)
-  **Charlotte à La Creusaz**
(Les Marécottes)
-  **Charlotte sur le bisse du Trient**
(La Forclaz)
-  **Charlotte à Emosson**
(Finhaut)
-  **Charlotte sur le chemin de la mine**
(Mayens de Bruson)

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

Charlotte the Marmot in the mountains



What a pleasure to fly with Gaston the Hawk! From here, the view is amazing and it is surely the best way to find some pleasant spots where we can rest a bit.

Oops! A gust of wind diverts our trajectory. The weather is going to change, isn't it? It seems that the airflow persists, maybe it is increasing, and it drives us towards snow-capped peaks. Two years ago, I believed that the world stopped at La Fouly; but I discovered at that time the beautiful spots of Champex and its small lake. Maybe it is only the beginning and I am bound to explore other places.

The Val Ferret is now behind us and we fly over a huge stretch of snow and ice, where there is no need to leave a poor marmot. The last bluish tracks of the glacier reveal amazing meadows where there are some scattered houses.

Gaston the Hawk is again guided by the wind; the airflow takes us in a new valley

wilder than the previous one. On each side, the slopes seem too steep and unfavourable for an easy landing.

On our left, I see a little village up in the mountains: it reminds me of Le Clou above La Fouly, where I was born. Maybe we can make an approach! Exhausted, Gaston accepts my proposal and he tries to land up above the barn, on a rocky promontory. Suddenly, we hear a rolling rock; it is falling from a slope at high speed. Suddenly, it bumps into a trunk. Phew, no harm was done!

The calm has come back and I hear some squeaks in the near forest. A family of squirrels are discussing with some birds about this rock: «Another rock that will not cause any damage!» says Ms. Squirrel, before continuing: «Since the human has put all these protections in the mountains, the place has become as safe as our nest. Trees and avalanche barriers, it is a recipe for safety!

Looking around, I perceive many buildings made with metal, wood or rock, attached to the mountains: the human did some works to be able to live in this awesome region despite these dangers! He also created a pathway to let discover the beauties and the particularities of this region. We animals adapt ourselves to nature, while the human exploits nature for his needs. This is the difference...

However, let's not talk about my philosophy anymore, it is time to go back home! The wind has returned and Gaston is impatient because it will be dark soon.

Goodbye, little corner of paradise!

Charlotte's friends

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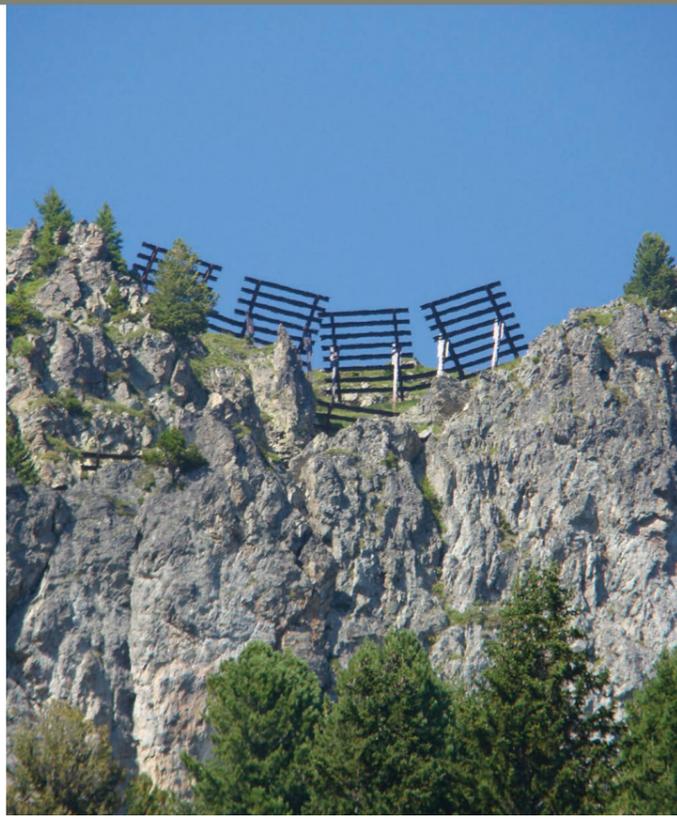
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How to go on an adventure...

Go with Charlotte the Marmot on the Creusaz pathway and discover how humans protected themselves against natural hazards. You will learn something about the fauna, the flora and the history of this place.

Before starting your adventure, find out how Charlotte got to La Creusaz. By strolling all along the pathway, you will find 9 information panels; the locations are indicated on the aerial photos within the leaflet.

Please make you sure to have a **pencil** for writing your answers on the leaflet

At least 2 hours are required to traverse the pathway (there and back) with your family or with your friends.

At the end of the itinerary, you will find the answer sheet at the restaurant.

If you have some questions, do not hesitate to ask for information at **the tourist office in Marécottes** or at the **restaurant of La Creusaz**. Have a nice stroll with Charlotte.

4 Write down the code you obtain for each tree:

Swiss pine (arole): Spruce:

Birch tree: Larch: Rowan tree:

In order, the hiding places chosen by the nutcracker are the following: 1^{re} 2^e 3^e 4^e

5 Thanks to different sighting tubes and clues, find the name of the mountain or of the place drawn. Write it under the sticker. The framed letters form a crossword puzzle.

The word is:

You can climb me either from Val de Bagnes or from Val d'Entremont.

I am a large plateau. The municipality that delimits me in the North-West has my own name.

On the edge of my enchanting lake, you can also stroll on the trail of Charlotte.

I am placed at the bottom of the Val d'Entremont, nearby the hospice du Grand Saint Bernard and its dogs.

I am the highest peak of the Western Europe. Jacques Balmat and Michel Paccard climbed me for the first time in 1786.

6 Why some trees have a curved trunk?

Among these different proposals, underline the right answer.

- The trunks were planted to produce alphorns
- The trunks were bent due to the weight of the snow when they were still sprouts and then they raised
- The strong winds coming off the plain straightened the trunks

3 Here is the guest list of Charlotte: Black grouse, hare, bobcat, chamois. With the help of the traces on the dance floor, match the letter with the right definition and identify the animal:

Example: ■ I whistle when there is a danger: the marmot → D

■ I have hook-shaped horns: _____ → E

■ I am the champion of the long jump: _____ → C

■ My cousin is the cat, my ears are pointed and my whiskers are straight: _____ → A

■ I am also known as the small grouse: _____ → B



Amidst places number 1 and 6, you can observe different sort of avalanche barriers. Draw three different types of them.

1 2 3

7 The sounds I heard:

1st Sound : _____

2nd Sound : _____

3rd Sound : _____

8 Write down which letter corresponds to each activity:

Go by train from Milan to Paris

Windsurfing

Picking up grapes

Generating electricity with the wind

Picking up apples

2 With the help of the illustrations on the panel, match the name of the berry with the right preparation.

picture: Aux 3 petits cochons

Blueberry

Wild strawberry

Cranberry

Juniper berry

1 Have you ensured the safety of the area? Write down the score you have obtained playing pinball during your three attempts: Total:

How the villages of La Creusaz and of Marécottes are protected by natural hazards? Find 4 different ways:

Complete the picture by drawing within the barn, on the right floor: 2 cows, some hay, a sleeping shepherd and a big cauldron to make the cheese.

FINISH

START

Bravo, here you are at the bottom of the pathway! You will find the answer sheet at the restaurant of La Creusaz.