

# WINTER PATHS / SNOWSHOEING

## LOUTSE

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

<b>Duration</b>	2h20
<b>Length</b>	6 km
<b>Height</b>	+322m / -322m
<b>Min. altitude</b>	1'418 m
<b>Max. altitude</b>	1'724 m
<b>Period</b>	December to April*



Buvette de Loutse



Tourbillon

\*depending on snow conditions

*"Loutse" is the local spelling and  
"Loutse" is the topographic spelling*



### DESCRIPTION

The itinerary starts from Tourbillon, in the upper part of the Ovronnaz resort. A groomed trail leads to Patiers, a small hamlet above Les Mayens-de-Chamoson. It intersects the road to Loutse, which you can follow to reach the Loutse buvette with its welcoming terrace where you can have a relaxing break and enjoy Valais specialities. The view of the Haut de Cry and the Rhône plain is captivating. Return following the same route, or, at the Croix de Loutse, you can take the smaller Charbonnière track, which leads you to Patiers. From there, follow the cross-country ski trail back to Tourbillon.

**Snowshoes:** Two specially marked snowshoe trails lead to Loutse. The first one climbs straight up from Tourbillon, starting just behind the Tourbillon shelter. The trail runs across the forest to the Loutse Colony in Pro Paron and then uphill to the buvette. The second snowshoe trail is between Croix de Loutse and the buvette, running to the northeast. It is the continuation of the Charbonnière path that originates in Patiers.

### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Winter hiking trails are marked in pink. They are regularly groomed and well maintained. Your safety on trails is your responsibility.

Conditions vary considerably depending on sun exposure and temperatures. The trails tend to freeze or harden depending on the weather: sturdy footwear and walking sticks are recommended! Crampons or snowshoes may be necessary. Risk of slipping.

Before starting out, check out snow conditions, weather and avalanche risks.

<https://www.ovronnaz.ch/domaine-skiable/bulletin-denneigement/>

