



**PRÉFET DE LA HAUTE-SAVOIE**

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# ACCESS TO MONT BLANC - AN EXCEPTIONAL SITE: THE REALM OF ALPINISTS

## PROTECTION OF NATURAL HABITATS ("APHN") - NEW REGULATIONS

RESPECTING THE SITE - SECURITY

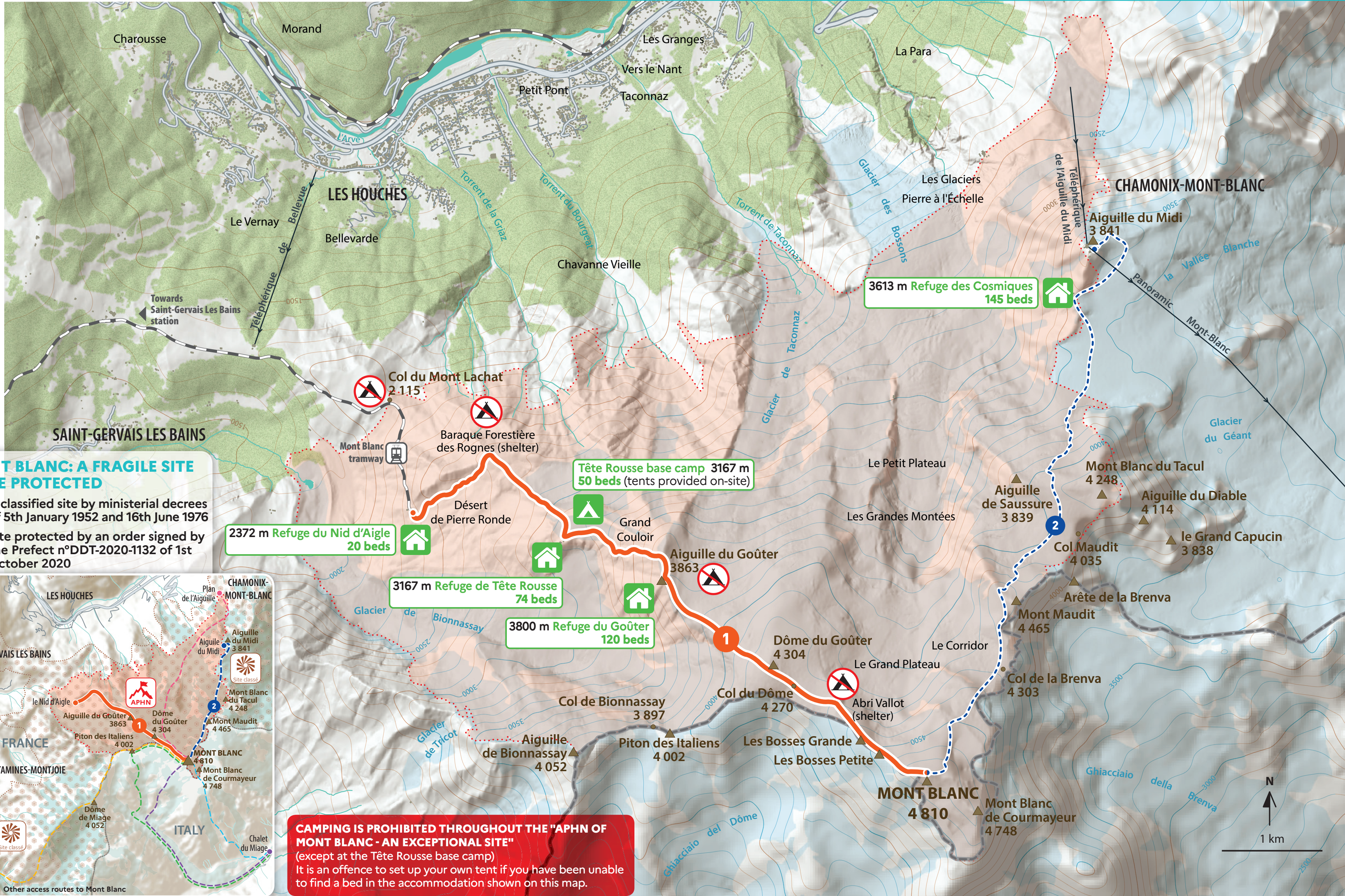


- 1 Normal route via refuge du Goûter**  
Mandatory booking: [www.ffcam.fr/reserver-votre-refuge-en-ligne.html](http://www.ffcam.fr/reserver-votre-refuge-en-ligne.html)  
 Bivouacking is prohibited along the normal route except in an extreme emergency.
- 2 Trois Monts route**  
Booking at refuge des Cosmiques highly recommended: +33 4 50 54 40 16

### THE ASCENT OF MONT BLANC IS NOT FOR BEGINNERS

This route requires high-mountain experience, thorough knowledge of glaciated terrain, expertise in mountaineering techniques, physical fitness and altitude acclimatization. [+ information at www.chamoniarde.com/activites/mont-blanc](http://www.chamoniarde.com/activites/mont-blanc)

It is prohibited to carry any material other than that required for the ascent and to climb in a roped party of more than 3 people.



**IN THE "APHN" NATURAL HABITAT PROTECTION AREA, IT IS PROHIBITED:**

- to plant flags or build any structure or device of any sort, albeit temporary
- to unfurl banners or any form of advertising or to make any visual, auditory or olfactory display of an advertising, commercial, artistic, political, humanitarian, religious or militant nature

### REGULATED ACCESS

**MANDATORY BOOKING IN THE REFUGES: GOÛTER, TÊTE ROUSSE AND NID D'AIGLE**

- An individual booking receipt with the person's name is issued and must be produced during any on-the-spot checks

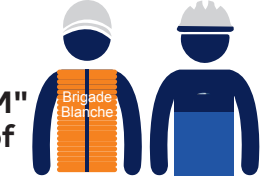
**A BASE CAMP AT TÊTE ROUSSE**

- Group tents (camp fees applicable)
- Camping is forbidden on the Mont Blanc classified site, except at the Tête Rousse base camp

**SHELTERS THAT ARE NOT TO BE USED AS REFUGES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES: THE "ABRI VALLOT" (FOR EMERGENCIES) AND THE "BARAQUE FORESTIÈRE DES ROGNES"**

**THOROUGH ON-THE-SPOT CHECKS BY**

- The refuge keepers
- The officers of the White Brigade ("brigade blanche") of Saint-Gervais Les Bains
- The police officers of the "PGHM" (the high mountain rescue unit of the French gendarmerie)
- The officers of the French Agency for Biodiversity



The qualifications of the mountain guides who accompany clients are also checked.

### APPLICABLE SANCTIONS

- Any person who undermines the conservation of sites of geological interest, natural habitats, animal or plant species and their habitats, will be liable to **three years' imprisonment and a 150 000 € fine** (art. L.415-3 and R.415-1 - French Environmental Code)
- Any person who does not comply with the prohibition regarding camping on a classified site will be liable to **two years' imprisonment and a 300 000 € fine** (art. L.341-19 - French Environmental Code)
- Any person who rebels against the officers in charge of on-the-spot checks will be liable to **two years' imprisonment and a 30 000 € fine and up to three years' imprisonment and a 45 000 € fine**, if they are part of a group (art. L.433-7 - French Penal Code)
- Any person who acts fraudulently with respect to either intending to stay or actually staying in accommodation without paying, will be liable to **six months' imprisonment and a 7 500 € fine** (art. L.313-5 - French Penal Code)

### MONT BLANC: A FRAGILE SITE TO BE PROTECTED

- A classified site by ministerial decrees of 5th January 1952 and 16th June 1976
- Site protected by an order signed by the Prefect n°DDT-2020-1132 of 1st October 2020



**CAMPING IS PROHIBITED THROUGHOUT THE "APHN OF MONT BLANC - AN EXCEPTIONAL SITE"** (except at the Tête Rousse base camp)  
It is an offence to set up your own tent if you have been unable to find a bed in the accommodation shown on this map.

SCAN HERE for more information on regulations  
 One number to alert the emergency services  
 Check on the weather forecast