

MUSEUMS, VALLORBE

PRÉ-GIROUD MILITARY FORT

Carved out of the rocks, it forms part of our military heritage.

Built between 1937 and 1941, the Pré-Giroud military fort in Vallorbe defended the Col de Jougne mountain pass from any foreign invasion and helped to guard the French-Swiss border in World War II.

In 1945 this artillery fort, which was carved out of the rocks, accommodated 200 men. It consists of 6 blockhouses linked with underground galleries with stocks of ammunition, a machine room and one barracks.

Three independent buildings are visible outside. They were surrounded by a double row of barbed wire, minefields and anti-tank protections.

Acquired by a private foundation in 1988, Pré-Giroud can now be visited. It gives visitors an idea of the military's conditions of life and their confinement, but also of the fort's armament: cannons, missile launchers, arquebus and machine guns from bygone days.

The esplanade of the fort situated above Vallorbe commands fine views of Col de Jougne. The strategic importance of the site becomes immediately obvious.

OPENING HOURS

From 11 May 2024 to 27 Oct 2024

PRICES

Group (from 20 people)	CHF 15.-
Adult	CHF 8.-
Child	
Individual	CHF 17.-
Adult	CHF 10.-
Child	CHF 15.-
Pen./Inv./Student	

GOOD TO KNOW

- Opening hours 2024:
- 11.05 to 28.06 and 19.08 to 27.10, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays:
- Guided tours depart at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
- From 29.06 to 18.08 from Wednesday to Sunday.
- Tours depart at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- Special openings on request from May to October.
- For groups, on reservation: coffee/croissant, aperitif (with local specialties), fondue, catering service.



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