

LES GETS, EUROPEAN LEADER IN MOUNTAIN BIKE

2019/2022, BACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

The Les Gets resort has been organising competitions for nearly 30 years and has been named "Terre de Jeux 2024", the resort is a world-class mountain biking area. Today it is a European benchmark, with an exceptional Bikepark, an extraordinary playground spread over the 128km of marked trails, including specially-adapted ones for e-bikes, and facilities for every level of ability. On the sporting front, the resort is back on the world MTB circuit in full force, as a destination on the UCI calendar. After the tremendous success of the World Cup last July, with 100,000 spectators in total, other important events will put Les Gets in the spotlight. So, the best bikers on the planet will compete against each other once again during the World Cup for this sport from 18th to 20th September 2020. And in 2022, for the second time since 2004, the resort will put all of its expertise into the organisation of the UCI Mountain Bike Mercedes-Benz World Cup.

Many are the champions who, having ridden along the Les Gets tracks, have felt intense emotions and a connection with the public like nowhere else. The resort has a special relationship with mountain bikers, especially the athletes who have distinguished themselves at the highest level. From Julien Absalon and Fabien Barel, who have both left their mark on the history of their sport, to Loïc Bruni and Pauline Ferrand-Prévot, who dominate the winners' podiums today, all have been ambassadors of the brand and have worn the colours of the resort with great pride. The national French team has also chosen the Les Gets resort on a number of occasions, for their altitude acclimatisation courses.

Today, thousands of mountain bikers come here to ride where the champions have ridden before them, paying tribute to the expertise of a resort that is definitively a legend in the sport!

BIKEPARK OPENING DATES

Pre-season opening 30th May to 1st June (Pentecost weekend), the weekends of 6th/7th June and 13th/14th June (Chavannes Express and Nauchets Express), then it is open non-stop from 20th June to 20th September 2020.

THE BIKEPARK IN FIGURES

Les Gets Bikepark is a major, world-famous mountain biking site. Suited to mountain bikers of all levels, the bikepark is constantly being developed. It is a magnificent playground for all disciplines including downhill mountain biking, cross-country, freestyle, freeride and electric mountain biking.

- ▶ **128 km** of marked trails.
- ▶ **13** downhill tracks (DHI).
- ▶ **1** Freeride track.
- ▶ **5** tracks Enduro/X-Country.
- ▶ **5** electric mountain biking tracks.
- ▶ **3** charging points for electric mountain bikes.
- ▶ **1 80 km** Portes du Soleil Enduro tour.
- ▶ **1 3 ha** Jump Park with bridges, jumps, forest passages, wooden units.
- ▶ **1** mini Jump Park.
- ▶ **1** 4-Cross track.
- ▶ **1** Dual Slalom track.
- ▶ **2** Pump Tracks.
- ▶ **1** Kid's Zone.
- ▶ **1** Coaching Track.
- ▶ **3** mechanical chair lifts designed for mountain biking, including the Chavannes Express and Nauchets Express chairlifts that are equipped so that 2 bikes can be charged per seat (22 lifts on the whole Portes du Soleil site).
- ▶ **8** bike-patrols to ensure the security and maintenance of the tracks.
- ▶ **Around 10** instructors accredited by the MCF (Moniteur Cycliste Français).
- ▶ **6** specialised stores for bike hire or repairs.
- ▶ **35** staff members who take turns at the welcome desk, on the ski lifts and at the cash desk.
- ▶ **2** free bike-wash bays.
- ▶ Repair and maintenance points (available free of charge at the chairlifts).

E-BIKE IN THE PORTES DU SOLEIL

The Portes du Soleil area is a pioneer in electric mountain biking. It has 35 converted tracks and 350km of marked trails devoted specifically to this activity, with charging points at high altitude and in the resorts.

Find out more on lesgets.com/vtt



16TH AUGUST: LES GETS DH KIDS CUP IT’S THE KIDS’ TURN

The resort cycling club organises a competition for kids aged 7 to 14. A DH race, where you can practice on the course in the morning and then there are two rounds of the race in the afternoon. Maximum 100 participants, registration only available online.

Find out more on lesgets.com

28TH TO 30TH AUGUST : THE PASS’PORTES DU SOLEIL AND THE MTB FAIR AT LES GETS

17th edition of this famous mountain bike ride between France and Switzerland. With 80km, over 7,500 participants, 61 different nationalities, 8 starting points including Les Gets, 15 open ski lifts, a 6,000m downhill route and 1,000m uphill route through the most beautiful parts of the resort with exceptional views. Pit stops with delicious snacks made using local produce for recharging your batteries all along the route. Each person can choose their own course: the e-Pass’Portes with different variations, equipped with charging stations at high altitude, for those who would like to enjoy electric mountain biking, the Pass’Portes Kids and its adapted route for 9-14 year olds, the Pass’Portes especially for women and the “Night Ride” for a ride when the sun goes down.

And for those who like to keep their two feet firmly on the ground, we are currently testing a pedestrian version of the Pass’Portes, leaving from Les Gets...

This year, the Pass’Portes fair will take place in Les Gets, an opportunity to discover the most famous brands in the mountain biking world, with entertainment for everyone.

Find out more on passportesdusoleil.com

5TH TO 6TH SEPTEMBER: ALAMBIKE

Directed by the Wetzayers association, this new charity mountain biking event is a 24-hour relay race. In teams of 4 to 8 people, bikers will aim to cycle the most kilometres in order to collect the most donations. The loop will follow the legendary route of the MTB World Cup Cross-Country races, and the future 2022 World Championships.

The competition is open to all types of bike, from traditional mountain bikes to electric bikes. Each kilometre cycled during the weekend will increase the funds donated to the two charities: Pierre Colonge - Mountain Brothers and The El-lie Soutter Foundation.

The event is not focused on physical performance but on the fun of participating, whatever your level. It will be a festive weekend, livened up with lots of entertainment, fun activities in the village, concerts, introductory sessions, balance bike race, conferences, film showings, etc...

Detailed programme and registration on lesgets.com

18TH TO 20TH SEPTEMBER: MERCEDES-BENZ UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE WORLD CUP - XCO AND DHI

After the success of the World Cup last July, the best bikers on the planet will compete against each other once again at Les Gets for the Mountain Bike World Cup for Downhill (DHI) and Cross-Country (XCO), which will take place from 18th to 20th September 2020.

An event all the more important because the overall ranking for the mountain biking season will be revealed. The resort is therefore preparing for an even more exceptional show, with thousands of enthusiasts cheering on their champions and in particular the French, who regularly dominate the winners’ podiums and top places.



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Friday 18th September:

- From 5:30pm: Women’s World Cup for XCC.
- From 6:15pm: Men’s World Cup for XCC.

Saturday 19th September:

- From 9:45am: Junior Men’s World Cup for DHI.
- From 10:30am: Junior Women’s World Cup for DHI.
- From 12:30pm: Women’s World Cup for DHI.
- From 1:30pm: Men’s World Cup for DHI, then presentation of prizes for all categories.

Sunday 20th September:

- From 8:30am: XCO Olympic World Cup (women under 23s).
- From 10:15am: XCO Olympic World Cup (men under 23s).
- From 12:20pm: Women’s XCO Olympic World Cup.
- From 2:50pm: Men’s XCO Olympic World Cup.

Go to www.worldcuplesgets.com for all information about upcoming UCI competitions (races, programme, entertainment, exhibitors, accommodation, athletes, partners, media, volunteers, etc...).