

Parc d'Attractions du Châtelard VS



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Running along the flank of the mountain, **The Attraction Park's Small Scenic Train** offers a breathtaking view of the Mont-Blanc Range and the Bouqui Gorges as it goes through rocks and forests.

The 600 mm railway line (Decauville type) has two intermediary sidings so that the Small Trains can run at intervals of just a few minutes if necessary.

The wagons, which are scenic carriages only, are usually pulled by an engine run on accumulators that are recharged during the night.

Members of The Steam Train Association look after the steam traction (see The Special Steam Engine Trains).



The Attraction Park's Small Scenic Train (1975)



The Châtelard's Minifunic (1991)

Conquering the 140 metres difference in level, **The Châtelard's Minifunic** links The Small Scenic Train Terminal to the Emosson Lake station which is 30 metres above the top of the dam.

Here, you can leave the Châtelard Attraction Park for a while and walk on the dam or along the Emosson lakeside. You can also discover the many paths and pedestrian ways in the region and savour the magnificent panorama.

Be careful not to lose your personal entry ticket or you will have to pay again to get back into the Attraction Park.

Activities in The Slideshow and Museum in Le Châtelard Park

- The Slideshow gives all our visitors the possibility to see the magnificent panorama even when the weather is bad.
- The modal of the Châtelard - Emosson Mountain gives the visitors an idea of the extent of the park and its management problems.
- The youngest children can sit at one of the two driving posts, restored in the educational area, as if they were at the commands of an ancient locomotive.