

G14. CORNETTES DE BISE Circum and summit 2432 m

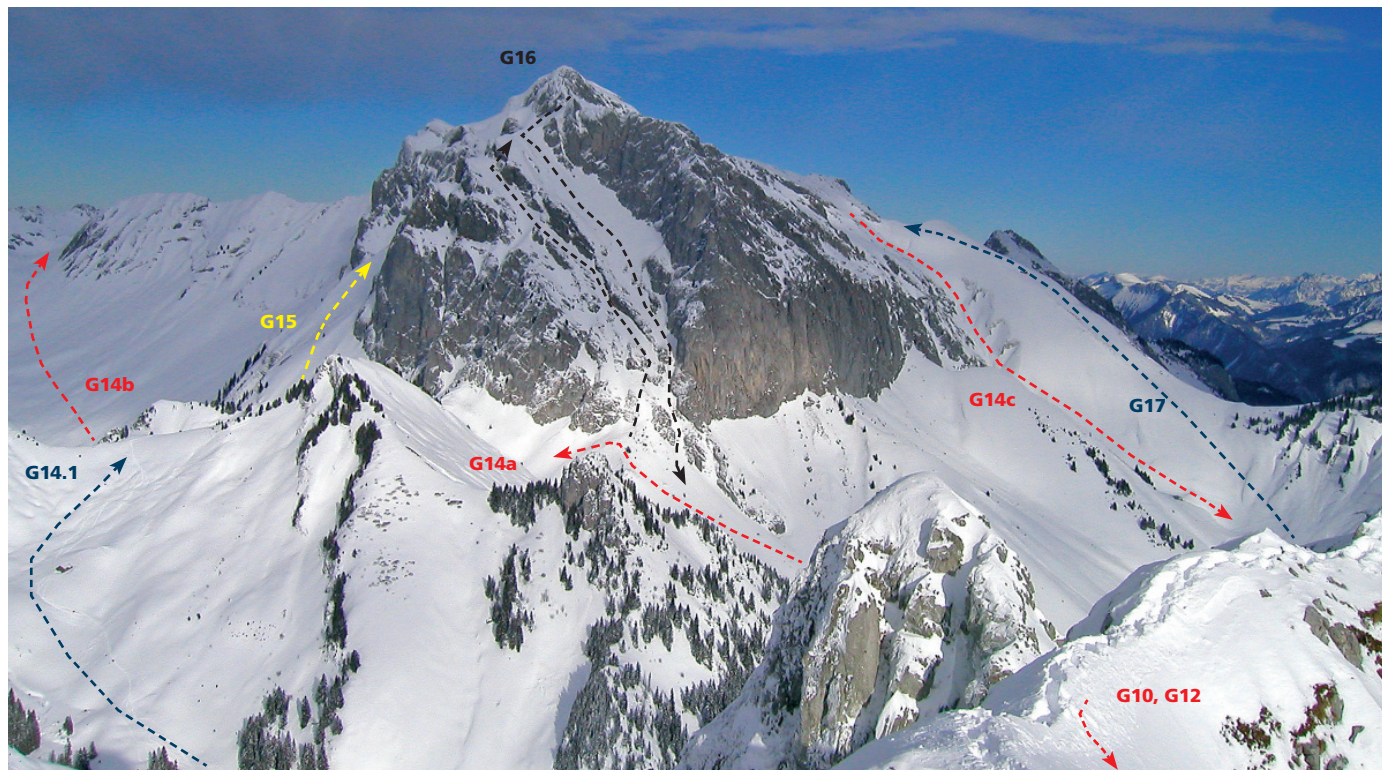
- ▶ **Start:** 1120
- ▶ **V +/- V -:** 1610
- ▶ **Aspect:** all
- ▶ **Slope:** 32°/250
- ▶ 3528ET or 1284
- ▶ **Time:** 6h00
- ▶ **Ski:** 3.1
- ▶ **Alpine:** F
- ▶ **Exposure:** 2
- ▶ 🏠 152, 177, 178, 189, 191

From La Chapelle-d'Abondance, follow the road north to the Chalets de Chevenne. Ascend to the Pas de la Bosse by following the summer trail. Descend roughly 150 m towards the Chalets de Bise; traverse north towards a flat area northeast of the hut (approx. 1580 m). Climb up to the Col d'Ugeon (2018 m). Descend 80 m (traversing) towards Les Crosets. Climb back up to

the Chaux du Milieu by going around the lower eastern part of the Tête de Lancheinaire and climb to the summit via the Pas de Chaudin (**F5**). Descend via the regular route (**G17** or **G17.1**).

G14.1. Approach via the Chalets de Mens and the Combe au Trot, joining up with the Pas de la Bosse on your right: longer but usually a deeper snowpack.

*Superb outing that you can also complete from the Bise valley, or from Le Flon or Novel (a bit longer from these points). You can also complete this circum in the opposite direction, but the fantastic final descent becomes an ascent! There are a couple of other summits and steep slopes along the way to compensate. The circum thus goes as follows: summit via **G17**, Tête de Lancheinaire, north-northwest couloir (**F5.3**), Dent du Loup, southwest face (**G6**) and why not end with the Saix Rouquin (**G16**).*



G15. CORNETTES DE BISE

Jacottet route 2432 m

- ▶ **Start:** 1120
- ▶ **V +/- V -:** 1310
- ▶ **Aspect:** northwest
- ▶ **Slope:** sect. 50° ; 45°/200
- ▶ 3528ET or 1284
- ▶ **Time:** 6h00
- ▶ **Ski:** 5.1
- ▶ **Alpine:** AD
- ▶ **Exposure:** 4
- ▶ 🏠 177, 188, 191

From La Chapelle-d'Abondance, follow **G14** to the Pas de la Bosse. Traverse up and right to reach the foot of the rocks that block access to the face (around 2080 m). Climb up a ramp to your right (steep and exposed) towards a small pass alongside a tower. Climb a couloir for 100 m (40-45°), and then traverse a wide bowl to your left until you reach the foot of the summit slopes. Climb up the left side of these slopes, hooking around

the cliffs to their right and join the north ridge just a few meters from the summit. (Up high, descent possible by going left).

G15.1. West couloir. The entrance is at 1980 m. Climb a 10 to 20 m mixed section (*rappel on the descent*) then climb the couloir until you reach the Saix Rouquin gap (47°/350 m; ski: 5.3/E3)

This magnificent side of the Cornettes de Bise towers 900 m over the hut. The high mountain guide, Jean-Pierre Bernard, completed the first ski descent of this intricate route in 1978. It takes (with the exception of the start and the exit), the same route used by J.Jacottet on June 19, 1892. That same year, Jacottet also made the first ascent of the Trepertuis ridge on the Dent d'Ochês north face (close to F14). The difficult sections, though not very long, are tricky and exposed. With that in mind, plus the feelings of awe, the scale of the face, and the aesthetic quality of the route, this is without a doubt one of the most beautiful descents of the Chablais.

