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Swiss Youth Hostels Network Expansion New Associated Youth Hostel in Val-de-Travers

The Swiss Youth Hostels are strengthening their presence in Western Switzerland, welcoming Val-de-Travers Youth Hostel as a new member. The newly renovated lodge with a total of 56 beds is the perfect fit for the network as an Associated Youth Hostel. Located directly in the espaceVAL sports centre, the modern hostel is the ideal accommodation for sports fans as well as for nature lovers and culture enthusiasts – from solo travellers to families, clubs and school classes.

Val-de-Travers Youth Hostel in the canton of Neuchâtel has been welcoming guests since the end of April. This modern hostel is part of the espaceVAL sports centre and is run by Goût & Région. It offers 56 beds in modern 2- and 4-bed rooms with private bathrooms and views of the Areuse and the Jura mountains. Five rooms and all common areas are barrier-free.

Other facilities include a lounge and a spacious terrace where you can relax and get to know new people. In addition, the up-to-date seminar rooms can be reserved on request. The new youth hostel also offers a lot of culinary delights: Guests start the day directly at the hostel with a hearty, local breakfast. At the Hôtel-Restaurant de l'Aigle, 700 metres away, travellers can enjoy a fine aperitif or a local dinner with half-board.

For the Swiss Youth Hostels, this partnership is an important step in the expansion of their offering in Western Switzerland. «With Goût & Région, we have found an ideal partner for expanding our range of affordable and sustainable accommodation options in French-speaking Switzerland,» says Janine Bunte, CEO of the Swiss Youth Hostels. «We are delighted to be able to offer our national and international guests unforgettable experiences in Val-de-Travers as a partner of the Swiss Youth Hostels,» adds Laure von Wyss, host and member of the board at Goût & Région.

Sport, wellness and lots of natural spectacles

Youth hostel guests can look forward to virtually unlimited sporting activities at the espaceVAL sports centre: from wellness facilities and an indoor swimming pool, a climbing hall and a woodchip trail to football pitches and sports halls. All facilities are available for individual training sessions or group events and can be used flexibly by reservation. Travelers can also take a break at the outdoor pool «des Combes,» located between Boveresse and Couvet.

The region also offers plenty of experiences. Hikers and cycling enthusiasts can explore the natural beauty: The Creux du Van and the Areuse Gorge are just two of many highlights that are easy to reach on foot or by bike. Culture enthusiasts will also be in their element with the asphalt mines, the Val-de-Travers steam train and the Jean-Jacques Rousseau Museum. The mystical valley is the birthplace of absinthe, the famous «green fairy». At the Maison de l'absinthe or directly at a distillery, visitors can learn all about how the drink is made.

Further information on Val-de-Travers Youth Hostel and booking can be found at <https://www.youthhostel.ch/en/hostels/val-de-travers-youth-hostel>.



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About the Swiss Youth Hostels

The Swiss Youth Hostels Association's network comprises 43 hostels under its ownership and 8 franchise properties, ranging from romantic castles to urban design locations and wellness hostels. The non-profit organisation records over 800,000 annual overnight stays. The focus is on quality-conscious, sustainable and affordable tourism for young people and families. www.youthhostel.ch

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