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## The witches trail

Walk proposed by 'the Dragonfly'

### Description

The Witch invites you to discover, in his company, La Neuveville and its surroundings.

The loop trail, marked on the map below, rotates counterclockwise.

It begins at the Clock Tower, south of the old city and is marked by small orange witch on black background. However, to remain on the track, it seems essential to take with you the prospectus for the walk (free map, and flier CHF 2.50, available at the tourist office or at the kiosk of the station).

The route crosses the old town. At the northern end of the village, on your left is the first "post" the garden of the witch. You may associate the various plants growing there with odors contained in the tubes. The path continues (a long and steep climb) to a place called the "Gallows," which overlooks Lake Biel. The climb continues in the forest to get to the "pavilion". From there, the view is beautiful, especially of Lake Biel, Ile St-Pierre and the Alps.

Then, on the descent, the witch guides you to a picnic place, where signs explain the geology of the area. A little further on, the trail joins the waterfall basin of Pilouvi. From there it goes down towards the lake along the bank and takes you back to the starting point.

The circuit is 4.5km with drop of 250m. Allow 3 hours, with a few stops to admire the landscape and read signs.

Why "witch" ??? At La Neuveville, in the 17th century, dozens of witches and wizards were executed, including at a place called the "Gallows".

### Itinerary

By car or public transport: Meet at the station of La Neuveville. Several parking spaces (charges apply) are in the immediate vicinity of the station.

Do not forget to go to the tourist office or at the kiosk of the station, to seek the prospectus of the "Ride of the Witch" and ... go!

The map of the walk is free, but the prospectus detailing the walk and the posts costs CHF 2.50 (can mail, CHF 2.50 + 1.30 postage).

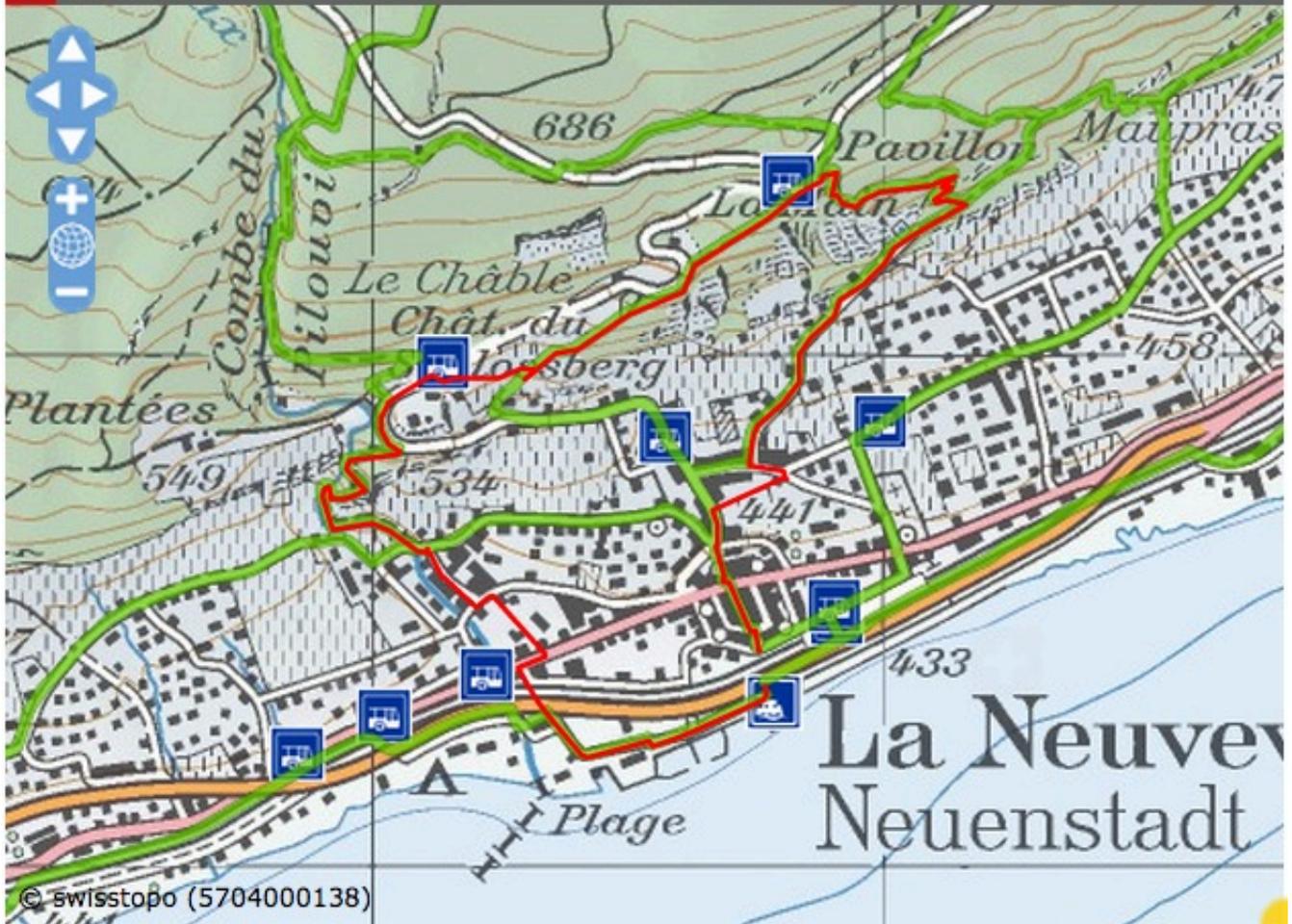
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Witch of Neuveville



View from the picnic site



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