



# SWISS PAKISTAN SOCIETY

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## **Swiss-Pak Annual Picnic** Saturday, 19 July 2008, at the Lake of Neuchâtel

Dear Members and Friends of the Society,

On June 2007 we had a very successful picnic event attended by Society members and our Pakistani and Swiss friends. We take great pleasure to invite you this year to join us on a Swiss-Pak picnic event

- When and Where?** Saturday, 19 July 2008, from 11:30 am  
At the Saint-Blaise Park, Neuchâtel. Near Saint-Blaise railway station and port. Please refer to the directions on page 2
- Who can come?** Your family members and friends (Swiss or Pakistani, or other nationals with a Pakistan link)
- What to bring?** One dish and a beverage.  
(Please refer to the list of options on page 3)
- What we provide?** Chicken roast Tandoori (hallal meat), Lamb sausages spicy (hallal meat), Naan bread, Tea and Paper & Plastic-ware, Grills and charcoals,
- Picnic spot attractions:** A beautiful beach, walk in the nature, nearby playground for children of all ages (including beach ball courts) see images on page 3
- Our recommendation:** To those coming from distant cities like Zurich or Geneva, we suggest spending a weekend in Neuchatel and staying Saturday night in a hotel (see hotel recommendations).  
Neuchâtel is a beautiful place that offers a range of activities. Please refer to the suggested activities for Sunday.  
Neuchâtel is by car 1:40hr from Zürich, 1:10hr from Geneva, 0:40hr from Bern and 1:20hr from Basel.

**Please confirm at your earliest, at: [info@swisspak.com](mailto:info@swisspak.com),**

Yours sincerely  
Swiss Pakistan Society

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**Directions:**

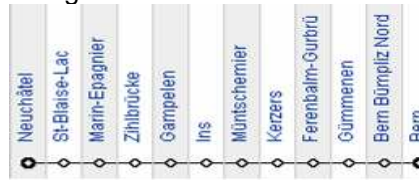
**By Car from Lausanne/Geneva:** On auto-route A5 in the tunnel under the city of Neuchâtel, take the exit “Neuchâtel-Monruz”. Drive on the Route de Neuchatel direction Saint-Blaise. After crossing the St. Blaise centre, at a round-about turn right to St. Blaise Gare (railway station). Park at the railway station and walk towards the lake.

**By Car from Bern/Biel:** On auto-route A5, just after Marin, exit for St. Blaise and drive towards ST. Blaise Port and Railway station. Park at the railway station and walk towards the lake.

**By Car with GPS:** City: Saint-Blaise; Street: Plage, ch. Des, # 2

**By Train:** From Neuchâtel Railway-station take one of the following trains; get off at Saint-Blaise and walk towards the lake:

- 11:37hr, Regional train direction Biel/Delle, on track 2. Saint-Blaise is the 1st station
- 12:03hr, S-Bahn 5, direction Bern, on track 1, Saint-Blaise is the first station. Those coming from Bern could take this train departing Bern at 11:06.



**Recommended Hotels for a night stay:**

- ACCOR Hôtel Ibis 3 Lacs Neuchâtel Thielle ★★★  
Le Verger 1, 2075 Thielle/NE  
\*032 755 75 75 [www.accorhotels.com](http://www.accorhotels.com) (Hotel code : 0531)  
Price : SFr. 99.- per room with 2 double bed. Breakfast Sfr. 14/person  
(This hotel is a good deal for a family with children, it is just a 5min drive from St. Blaise)
- Hotel Palafitte, 2008 Neuchâtel ★★★  
Route des Gouttes d'Or 2  
032 723 02 02, [www.palafitte.ch](http://www.palafitte.ch)  
(Very expensive but very special. This hotel is at a walking distance from the picnic spot)



**One Dish and Beverage options:**

Please feel free to bring one or two items from the following list:

Salad, Taboulé, Lentils / Channa-chat

Cake, pie or any desert

Ice-tea, Mineral water, Coca-Cola or Fanta etc. (chilled if possible)

***Please avoid bringing pork meat and alcohol beverages. Please be concerned about the food hygiene. The food must be transported chilled or hot, and not at the room temperatures.***

**Picnic Spot**



Grills, tables and benches



Nearby Play Ground



Natural beaches

## Suggested Activities for Sunday Morning

### Creux-du-Van

Walking on the Creux-du-Van, a natural rock cirque. At Creux-du-Van one does not only expect breathtaking view but also mystical experiences. If lucky, you might find ibix meditating at the ridge.



There are two accesses to Creux-du-Van. **Le Soliat** and Le Grand Vy (Gorgier). Soliat is the commonly taken route. My favourite is from Le Grand Vy.

### **GPS Instructions:**

- City: Gorgier/NE; Street: Le Grand Vy
- City: Le Soliat/NE, (Soliat is a farm house)



### Chasseral Pass

With 1607 meters Chasseral is the highest point on Jura mountain range. On one side it offers spectacular view of 3 lakes and Alps and on the other side Jura and France. It is a favourite spot for gliders, para-gliders and RC gliders pilots.

### **GPS Instructions:**

- City: Nods/BE; Street: Chasseral

### **A Boat Trip on The lake of Neuchâtel**

The lake Neuchâtel is interconnected with Lake Biel and Lake Morat/Murten. There is a network of boat services on these lakes. A boat ride on the Lake of Neuchâtel is highly recommended.

For schedules and the fares please visit:

**[www.navig.ch](http://www.navig.ch)**

| <b>Lac de Neuchâtel</b>  |         |         |       |       |         |       |        |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|-------|-------|---------|-------|--------|
| Neuchâtel » Retour       | 🕒 101   | 🕒 102   | × 103 | 🕒 104 | 🕒 105   | 🕒 106 | *× 108 |
| Neuchâtel                | 06:30   | 09:20   | 12:30 | 14:00 | 15:20   | 18:30 | 19:45  |
| Cudrefin                 | ↑ 07:15 | 09:45   | 12:55 | 14:25 | ↑ 17:55 | 18:55 | 20:10  |
| Portalban                | ↓ 06:55 | 10:05   | 13:15 | 14:45 | ↑ 17:35 | 19:15 | 20:30  |
| Estavayer-le-Lac         |         | 10:50   |       |       | ↑ 16:50 |       | 21:15  |
| Bevaix                   |         | 11:20   |       |       | ↑ 16:20 |       |        |
| Cortailod                |         | 11:40   |       |       | ↑ 16:00 |       |        |
| Auvernier                |         | 12:00   |       |       | ↓ 15:40 |       |        |
| Neuchâtel                | 07:40   | 12:20   | 13:40 | 15:10 | 18:20   | 19:40 | 22:15  |
| Neuchâtel » Morat/Murten | 🕒 61    | × 301   | *× 63 | 🕒 65  | *× 67   |       |        |
| Neuchâtel                | 10:00   |         | 12:00 | 14:00 | 17:15   |       |        |
| Hauterive                | 10:15   |         | 12:15 | 14:15 | 17:30   |       |        |
| St-Blaise                | 10:20   |         | 12:20 | 14:20 | 17:35   |       |        |
| La Sauge                 | 10:50   | 12:10   | 12:50 | 14:50 | 18:05   |       |        |
| Camping Trois-Lacs       | 11:05   |         | 13:05 | 15:05 | 18:20   |       |        |
| Sugiez                   | 11:15   | 12:40   | 13:15 | 15:15 | 18:30   |       |        |
| Praz                     | 11:30   |         | 13:30 | 15:30 | 18:45   |       |        |
| Môtier                   | 11:35   |         | 13:35 | 15:35 | 18:50   |       |        |
| Morat/Murten             | 11:50   | ◆ 13:00 | 13:50 | 15:50 | 19:05   |       |        |