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## **MEDIATION PROGRAM**

The Invention of Flight interactive exhibition offers an exciting journey through time, exploring the history of balloons, aviation, and space exploration. A dynamic illuminated wall illustrates the extraordinary transformation of the world from 1783 to today.

### **Key Themes Explored:**

- The invention of balloons and early flight
- Evolution of transport: air, land, and sea
- Space and scientific exploration
- Technological advancements
- Changing lifestyles and energy evolution
- Art, photography, and media

### **Interactive Activities Include:**

- The launch of a small hot-air balloon
- A 19th-century photographic studio
- A round-the-world balloon flight capsule (Bertrand Piccard & Brian Jones)
- Switzerland's first aerial photographs (Eduard Spelterini)
- Exclusive RTS archive footage

### **Educational Materials Available:**

- *The Invention of Flight* visitor brochure (FR/DE/EN, PDF on request)
- *Once Upon a Time Maestro* activities (ages 6-12)
- Quiz for older students (ages 12-16) covering key exhibition themes

### **Experiences:**

- 4D Balloon Flight: 8-minutes immersive ride (groups of 8)
- Ultramagic Balloon Flight Simulator: CHF 150 per hour (12 flights of ~10 minutes each, for ages 14+)



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### Prices & Practical Information :

School group rate (weekdays): CHF 5.00 per pupil  
Accompanying adults: 1 free per 10 pupils, then CHF 12.00 per additional adult  
Guided tour (in English, French, German and Italian) : CHF 80.00 per hour  
Flight Simulator: CHF 150.00 per hour, with instructor

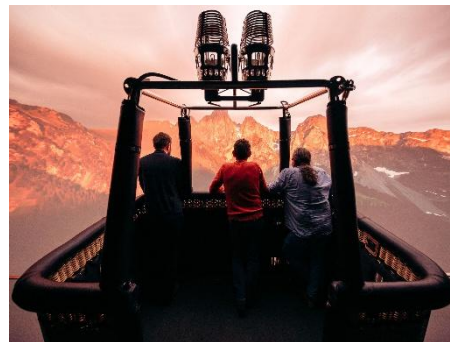
### Opening Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM / 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
Saturday - Sunday: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM / 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

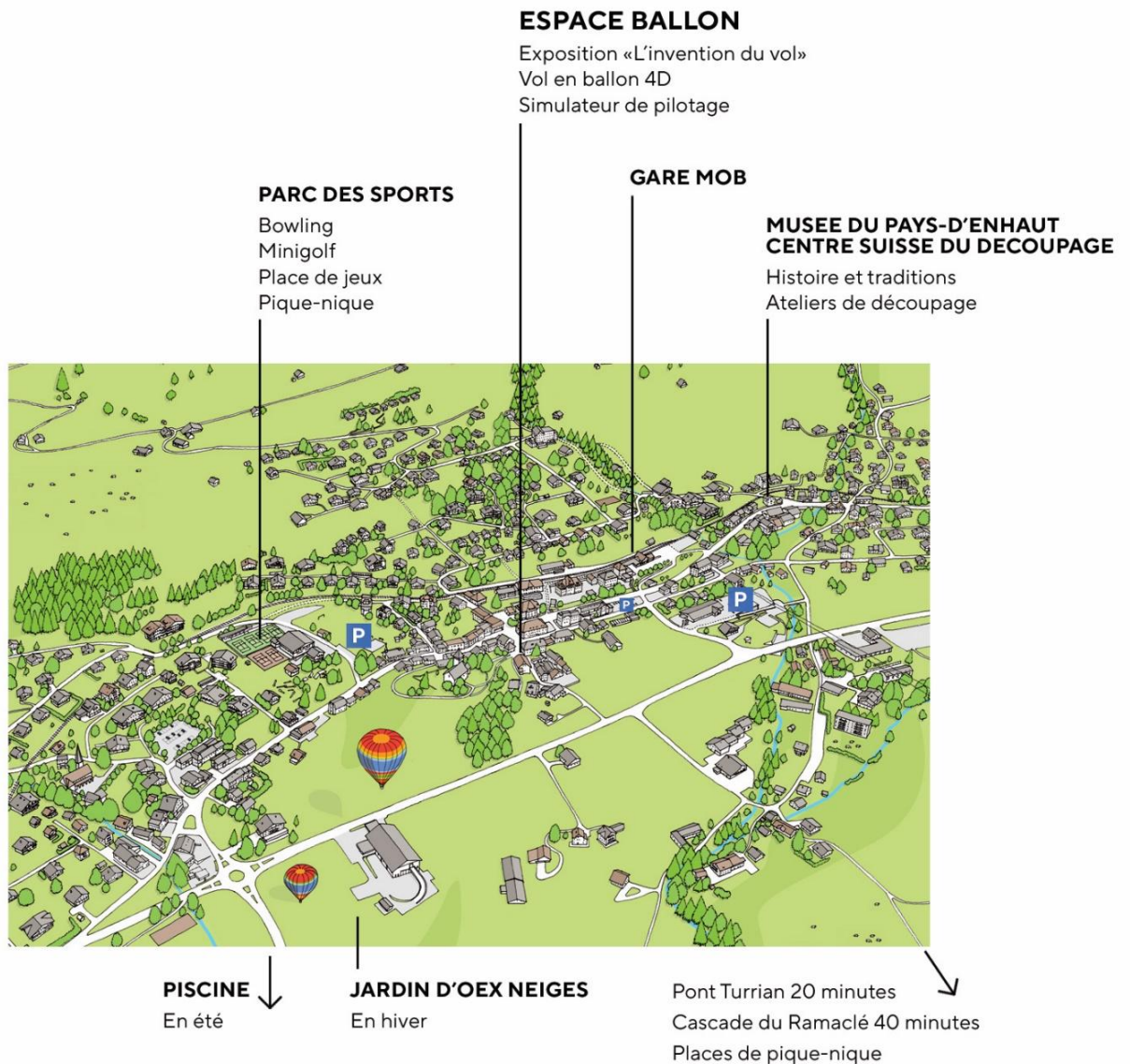
Our exhibition is fully accessible to people with reduced mobility.  
4D Balloon Flight is accessible to wheelchairs.

### Booking and contact :

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## ENHANCE YOUR VISIT



### Outdoor Activities:

- *Place de jeux*: Perfect for picnics & outdoor play (swings, slide, zip line)
- *Parc des Sports*: Bowling & mini-golf (CHF 5.00/pupil on weekdays, reservation required)
- *Outdoor ice rink* (Oct - March)
- *Nature walks*: Along the Sarine River, Pont Turrian, Ramaclé waterfall

### Indoor Options:

- *Indoor picnic area (bad weather option)*: CHF 2.00/pupil (includes iced tea)
- *Hot, balanced meal*: CHF 10.00/pupil
- *Disco with light show*: Free (bring your own playlist!)



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**Additional Attractions :**

- *Le Centre Suisse du Papier Découpé*: Guided tours & workshops
- *Piscine du Berceau*: Outdoor swimming (May – September)
- *Snowgarden "Jardin des Neiges"*: Tobogganing, skiing, snowboarding  
(Info & bookings: +41 26 924 42 32)

**Group Accommodation Options:**

- Listings & bookings available upon request

**Getting there:**

- The best way to reach Château-d'Oex is by train! Enjoy the scenic MOB railway journey from Montreux or Zweisimmen.
- SBB School Day Pass: CHF 15.00 per child/day
- More information available at: [www.alpesvaudoises.ch](http://www.alpesvaudoises.ch)

We look forward to welcoming your school to Espace Ballon for a memorable and educational experience!

The Espace Ballon Team

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