

1. We are now leaving the deepest part of the lake which is 40 meters by normal level. At Les Brenets the depth is no more than 8 meters. ⬇



2. In winter, the lake freezes over completely, forming one of the largest natural ice rinks in Europe. ⬇



3. The Doubs is a natural border between France and Switzerland over a distance of 43 kilometers, from Les Brenets to St. Ursanne.

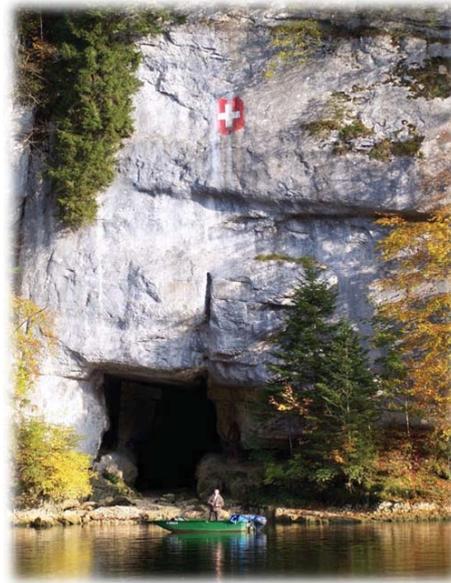
4. With 431 kilometers, the Doubs is one of the largest rivers of Europe. Its spring is in Mouthe, a small village situated to 30 kilometers from Pontarlier. It's around 60 kilometers

5. Near Besançon the Doubs flows into the Saône which further on joins the Rhône.

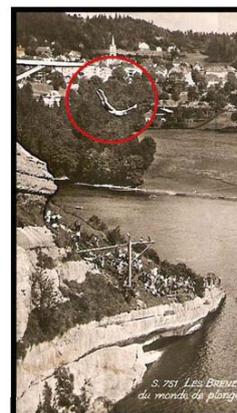
6. Above on the left, at the top of the cliff, this large rock is named "the Sphinx" or "Calvin's head" due to its strong resemblance. ⬇



7. In front of you, drawn on the rock, is the Swiss cross, painted in 1853 by the Swiss Officers' Association which had its first national conference in Le Locle. Below it is a 180-meters deep cave, the Cave of the Prussian kings, so named because of the visits of King Wilhelm II, Frederique Wilhelm III and Frederique Wilhelm IV. It should be pointed out that the canton of Neuchâtel was under the Prussian Empire up until 1848. ⬇

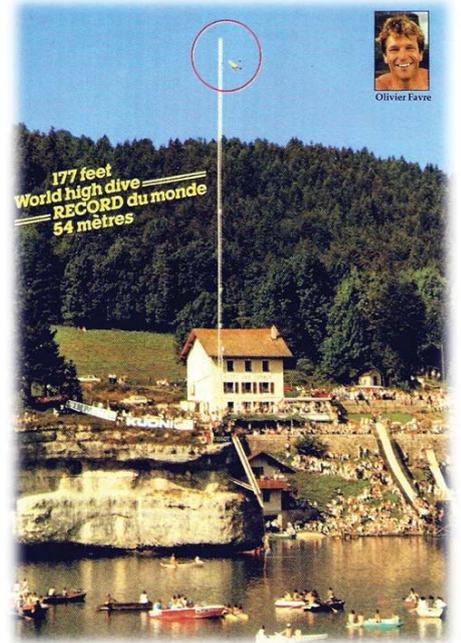


8. On your right is Echo Rock. From this rock, two very famous divers, Mr. Girard and Mr. Froidevaux, made their first diving attempts from a height of 27 meters. On this same rock, levels and dates of major floods have been marked, resulting in a difference of water level of over 22 meters. ⬇



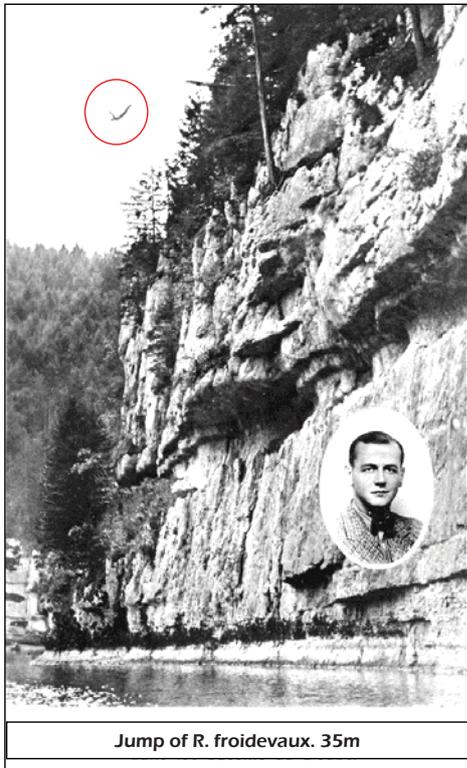
9. ⬆ On the french side, you can see the "rock of the cap" (which looks like a sailor cap) and just behind, the "Hercules' table". ⬇ From this rock, the priest Simon nicknamed the Flying priest, started out of jump from 35 meters high in 1947,1948 and 1949. Afterwards he dived throughout Europe to earn money in order to renovate his church located in Saône, near Besançon. He came back in 1983 and jumped 2 times from 15 meters high to celebrate his 70th birthday.

On august 31st, 1987, the world high dive record was broken by Olivier Favre, from Le Locle with a 54 meters height. A 46 meters tower was put up on the top of the rock. His speed during this jump reached 120 km/h. Today, O. Favre is still the world-record holder. ⬇

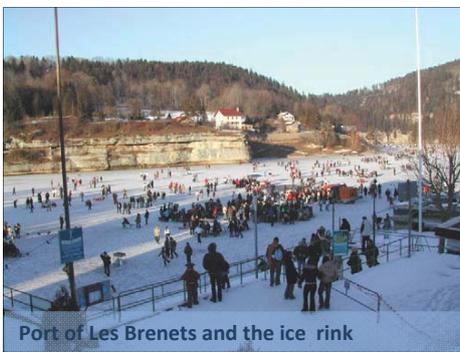


10. In 1957 Mr. Froidevaux jumped from a height of 40 meters from Geiger's helicopter, the famous pilot of alpin glaciers. Six weeks later he tried to jump from 50m from the same helicopter in Marseilles harbour, but the jump was fatal..

⬆ 11. In 1936, Mr. Girard jumped from the rock which is on your right, 42 meters high, breaking the world record all that time. His speed during this jump reached 100 km/h.



Jump of R. Froidevaux. 35m



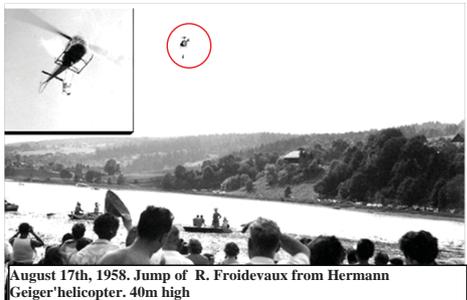
Port of Les Brenets and the ice rink



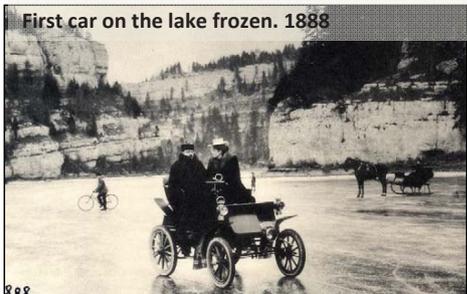
The waterfall in winter



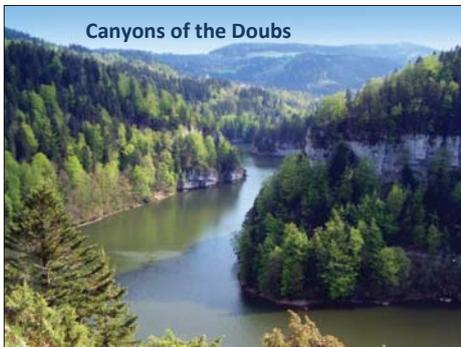
Lumberjacks on the ice-cold lake. 1973



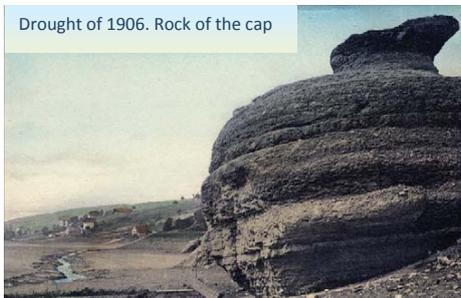
August 17th, 1958. Jump of R. Froidevaux from Hermann Geiger' helicopter. 40m high



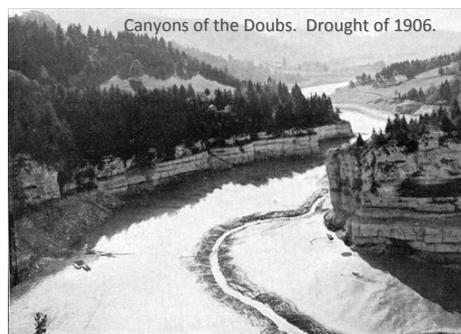
First car on the lake frozen. 1888



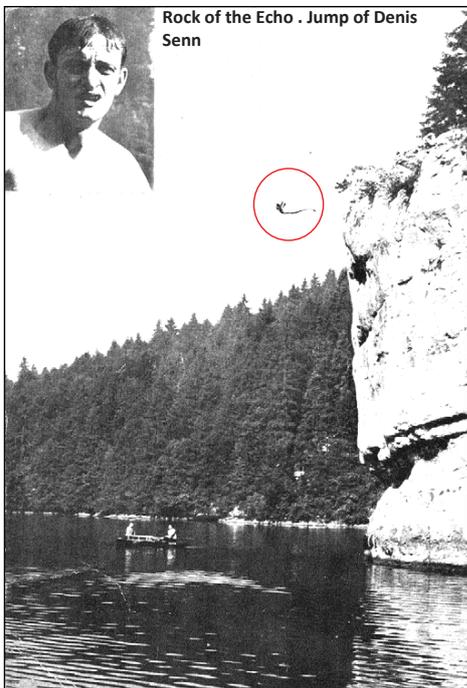
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Drought of 1906. Rock of the cap



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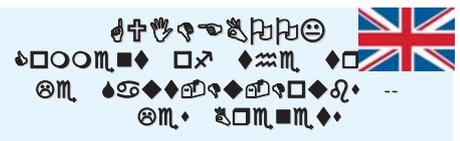
Rock of the Echo . Jump of Denis Senn



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