MOBILITY GUIDE

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Ecumenical Centre

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A new mobility: Staying healthy, protecting the environment and traveling safely

The World Council of Churches, along with sister organizations in the Ecumenical Centre, is launching a sustainable mobility plan for all employees working at the Ecumenical Centre. After becoming a Blue Community in 2016, the World Council of Churches continues to pursue its commitment to responsible stewardship. This new mobility plan is part of a long-term strategy that aims at leading the World Council of Churches closer to an environmentally friendly environment.

It is now time to travel better!

> **Stay healthy!** Take care of yourself. Use your commute to get some exercise and avoid back, shoulder and neck pain after a day in the office.
>
> **Protect the environment!** Be a good example to your children, parents and friends. Do your bit to fight climate change and travel by bus or bicycle or on foot.
>
> **Travel safely!** Take care of yourself. Don't put yourself under unnecessary pressure and stress in the traffic jams but take advantage of the excellent Swiss public transport system, and its punctuality. (Ok, the buses are sometimes late, too – but the risk is nowhere near what you have with a car.)

In the following pages, you'll find many tips and links to encourage and inspire you. Discover why Geneva is the perfect place for experimenting with ways to commute differently.

How to reach the Ecumenical Centre in alternative ways?

By bus

Travelling by bus is very convenient in Geneva. The **yearly Unireso pass** costs 500 CHF, but local Swiss and French authorities offer special rebates for their eligible inhabitants. In addition, annual pass holders receive extras such as free tickets for opera or matches. Please refer to the following links to find the information in the tpg.ch website: Rebate programme / Extra for annual pass holders

Two main bus lines are useful to reach the Ecumenical Centre:

- **Bus line 5**: To commute between the airport and the Ecumenical Centre, bus line 5 is the most convenient. Please find the timetable here: Line 5 Aéroport - Thônex-Vallard
- **Bus line F**: To commute from France to the Ecumenical Centre, bus line F is the most convenient. Please find the timetable here: Line F Gare Cornavin - Gex-Aiglette
- **Bus line 5 or F**: To commute between Gare de Cornavin and the Ecumenical Centre, bus line 5 or bus line F are the most convenient. Please find the timetables here: Line 5 Aéroport - Thônex-Vallard and Line F Gare Cornavin - Gex-Aiglette.

Most bus lines stop in the Gare de Cornavin. To find the most convenient line from your own place to Gare de Cornavin, please refer to the general link of the Transport Public Genevois (TPG): http://www.tpg.ch/en/web/site-international

If you would like to download the **tpg app** offering real-time departure information, please refer to: TPG app

For people coming from farther away, the Park and Ride option is a good way to combine a pass for the parking and for the public transports in Geneva (TPG).

By bicycle

The Ecumenical Centre is also easily accessible by bicycle. Despite a small hill at the end, the way from Gare de Cornavin to the Ecumenical Centre takes 15-20 minutes to go uphill and less than 10 minutes to go down. A bike lane is found on the longest part of the way from the train station to the Ecumenical Centre.

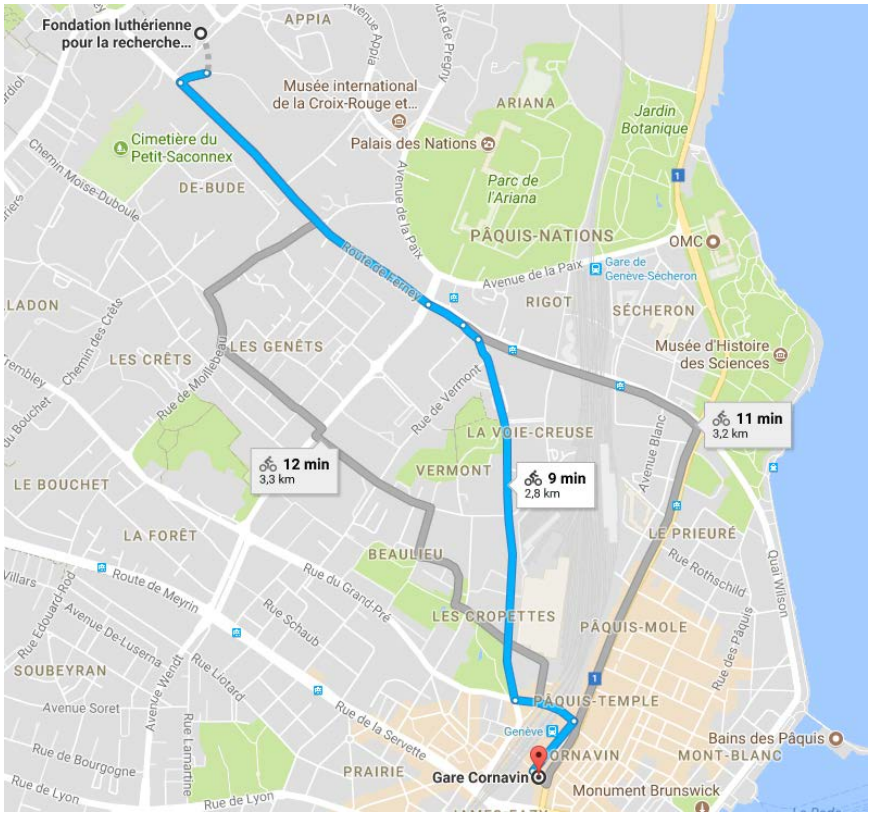
The map below shows you different ways to go from Gare de Cornavin to the Ecumenical Centre. For different options to commute by bicycle from your own place to the WCC, please insert the address of your place and the address of the Ecumenical Centre. The two following road planners will show you different possible itinerary.

https://map.search.ch/?pos=744064,143744&z=1

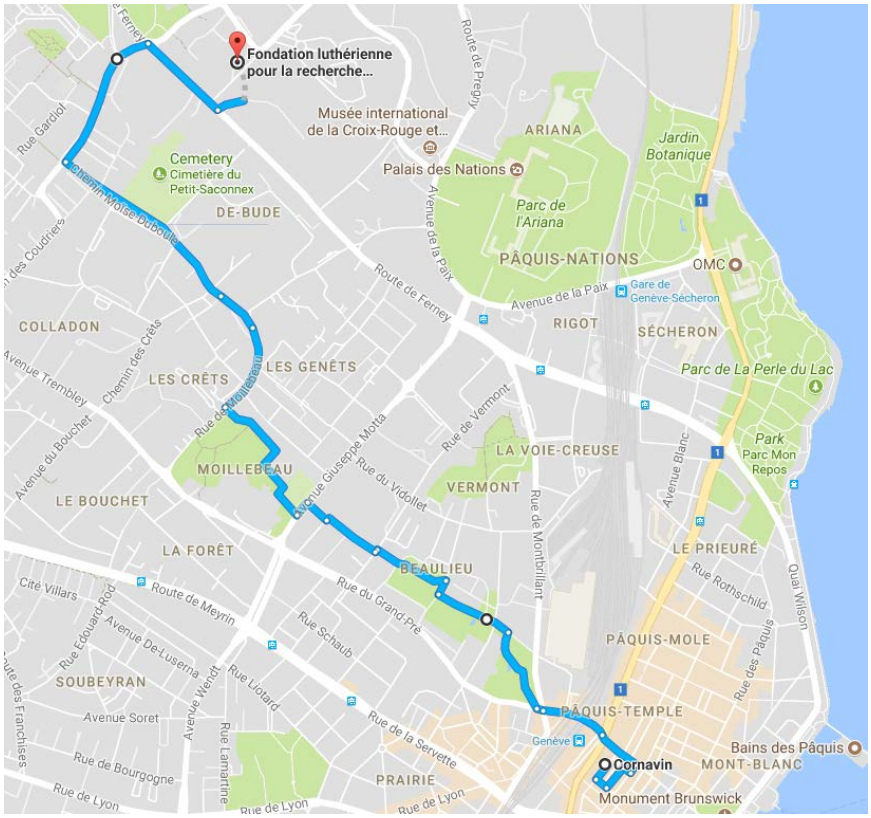
https://www.google.ch/maps/@46.2213046,6.1367211,14z

If you wish to take your bike on the bus or tram with you, please do not forget to buy a ticket for your bike (half price if you have an “Abonnement demi-tarif”).

For a short and sporty way



You could also take this slightly longer, but nicer way



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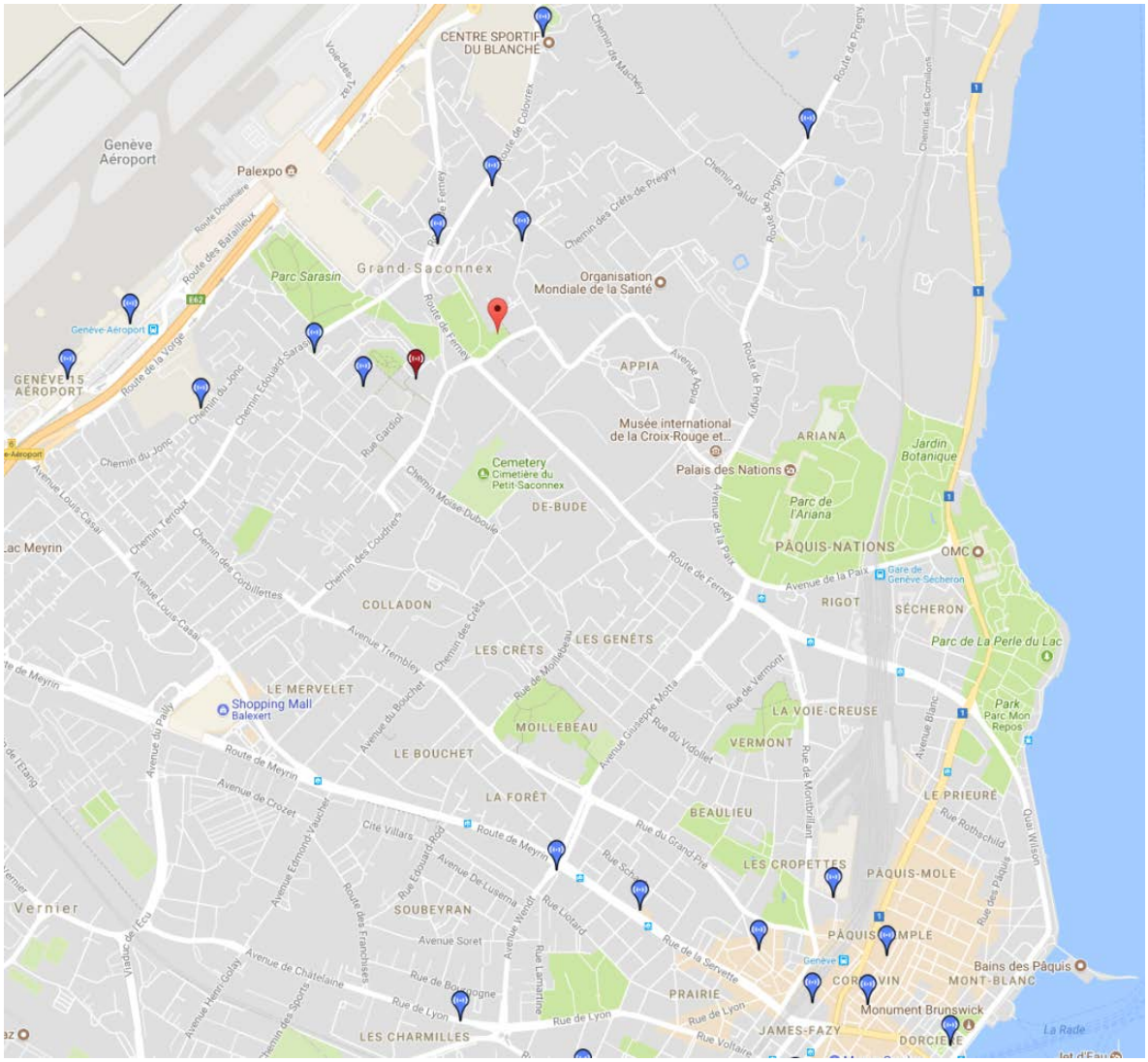
For people who do not have a bike, it is possible to rent a bike from **Vélo-Public-Genève**. Bikes are free for up to 30 minutes. It is also possible to subscribe to an annual pass costing 80CHF. Please find the most convenient bike park for you on the map below.

More general information on the systems for renting bikes can be found on the velospot.ch website: General info on the system of renting.

People who live in Grand-Saconnex, Meyrin or Chêne-Bougeries can get a subsidy on the annual subscription from their commune. Please find all the information on the following link: Subsidy for communes.

Map of the bike parks



(The interactive map can be found on the velospot.ch website)

Electric bikes are an option for getting some moderate exercise without sweating as you go up hill to the Ecumenical Centre. Moreover, the Canton of Geneva gives a 250CHF subsidy to inhabitants when they buy an electric bike. Please have a look at the offer on the ge.ch website: subsidy for electric bikes.

A shower is available on the ground floor of the Ecumenical Centre, in case you would like to freshen up after the ride.

By train

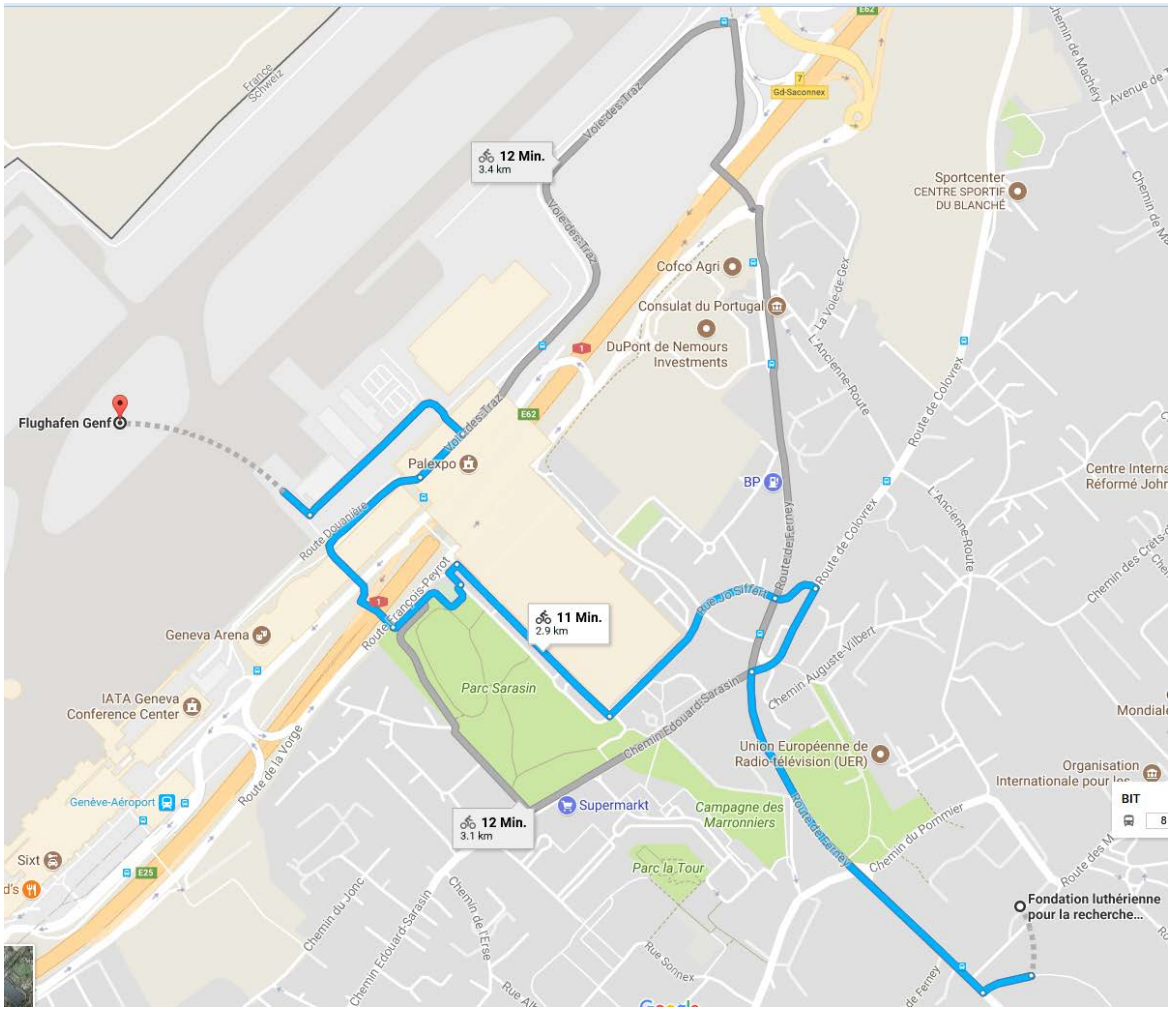
Coming from surrounding villages and cities, trains are very convenient. With P + Rail, it is very easy to park your car at the train station in Morges, Gland, Rolle, Nyon or Coppet and to travel by train for the rest of your journey.

Coming by train, it's best to get off at Genève-Airport. Please find the timetable for trains on the sbb.ch website at: SBB CFF FFS.

From the train station of Genève-Airport, it is very convenient to take bus 5, please find the timetable here: Line 5 Aéroport - Thônex-Vallard

It is also possible to cycle from the train station. You can leave your bicycle at the bike parking place of the train station, then pick it up and use it to commute from the train station to the Ecumenical Centre. It takes only 10-15 minutes, see the way to go on the map below. Alternatively, you can rent a bike at **Vélo-Public- Genève**. One parking spot is located at the train station itself (see the map above).

Way to cycle from the airport



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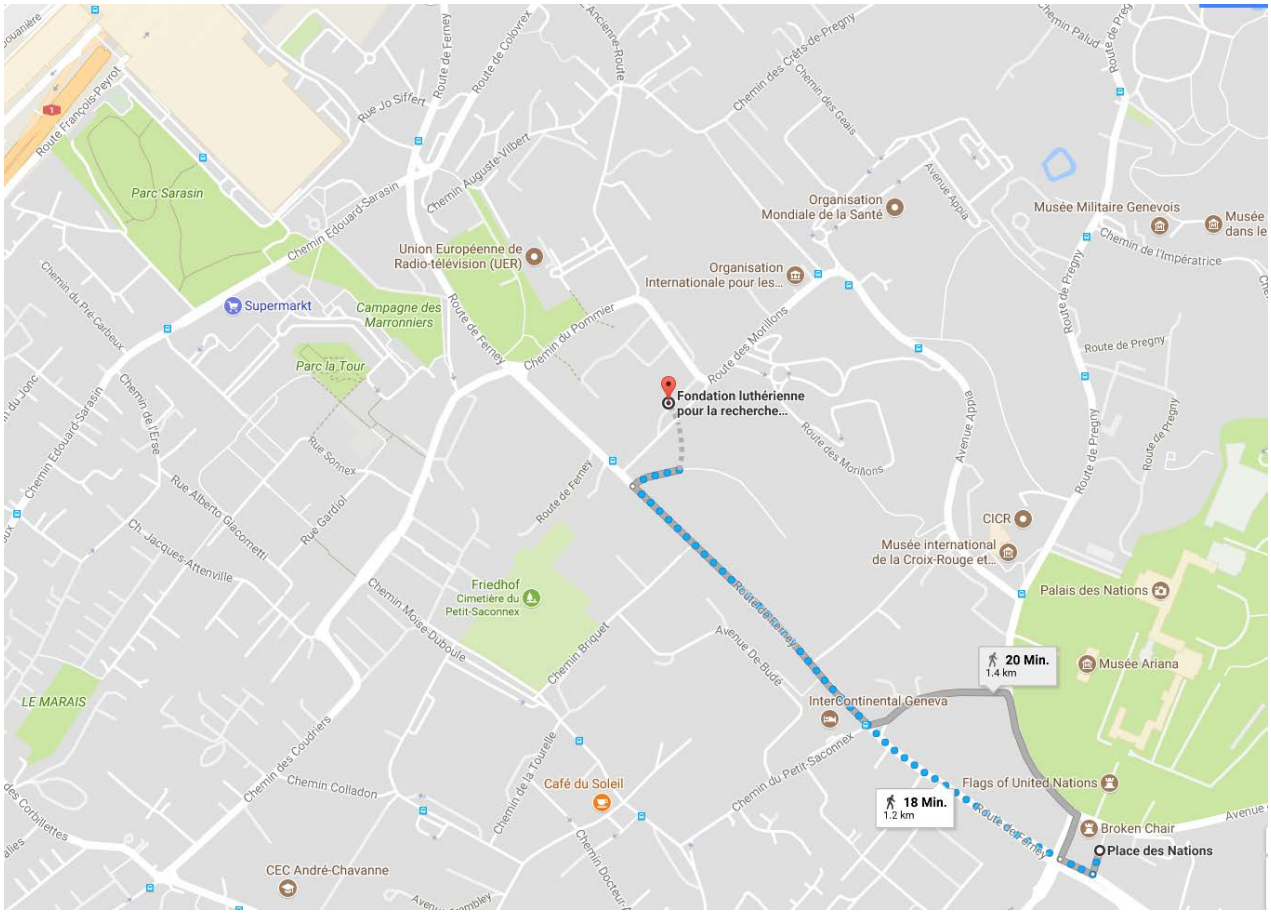
By car

An alternative to official public transports is carpooling or car-sharing. To understand how the system works, and until we are able to offer our own at the Ecumenical Centre, please refer to: Geneva Airport's Mobility.

By foot

Please do not forget that if you are lucky enough to live close to the Ecumenical Centre, walking is a good solution, too. Note that from Place des Nations, it is only a 20 minutes' walk to come to the Ecumenical Centre.



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How to access Château de Bossey?

Château de Bossey is located between the villages of Bogis-Bossey and Céligny.

Trains

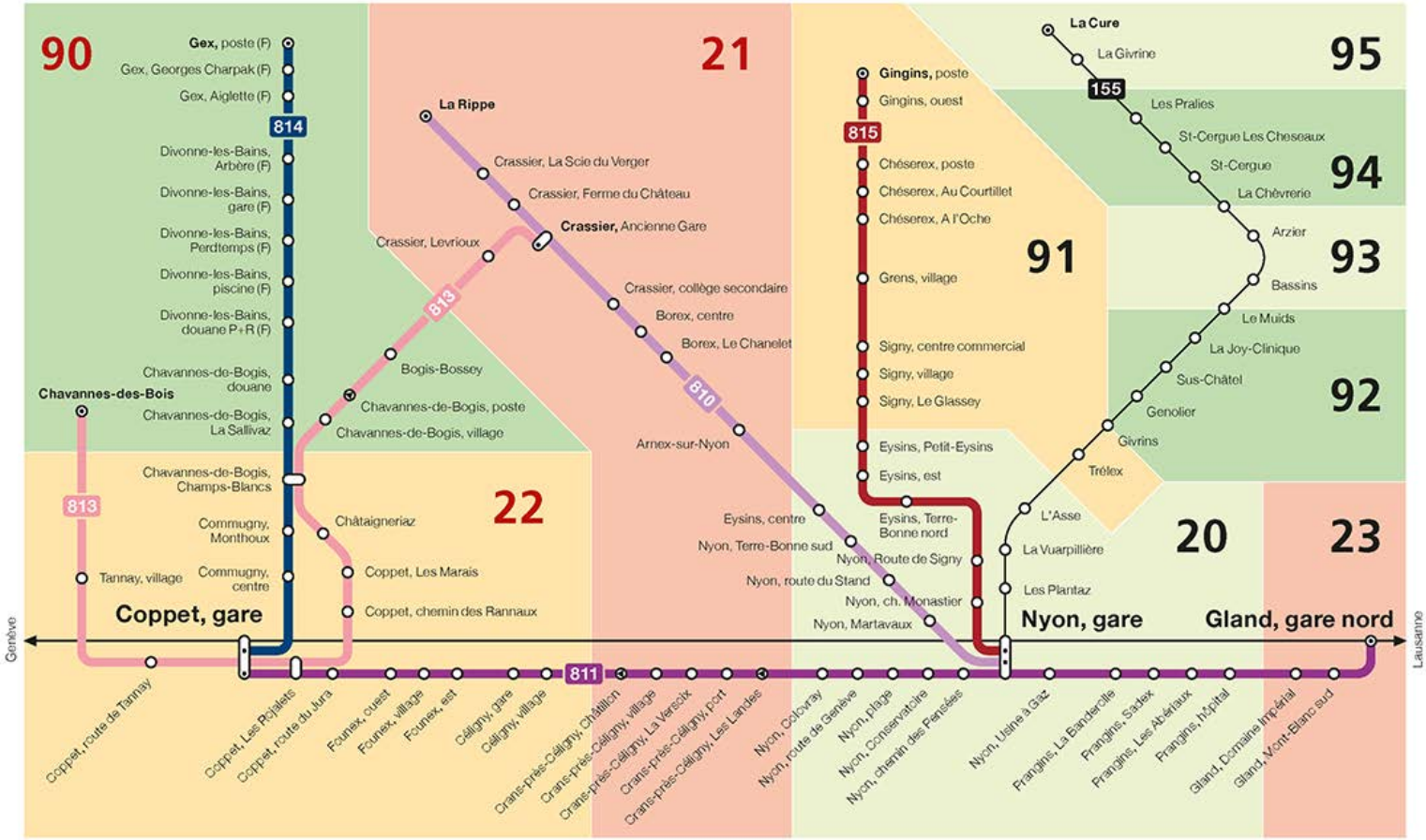
Coppet and Nyon are the closest railway stations to visit Bossey. From Geneva airport or Lausanne, a train is available every 30 minutes. You can find the timetable for the trains on the following website: https://www.sbb.ch/en/timetable.html

Buses

From the railway stations in Nyon or Coppet, buses run every 30 minutes or every hour, depending on the time of day or night. Please consult the timetable at the following link: http://www.bustpn.ch

From Nyon, you can take bus 811 to the "Céligny Village" stop.

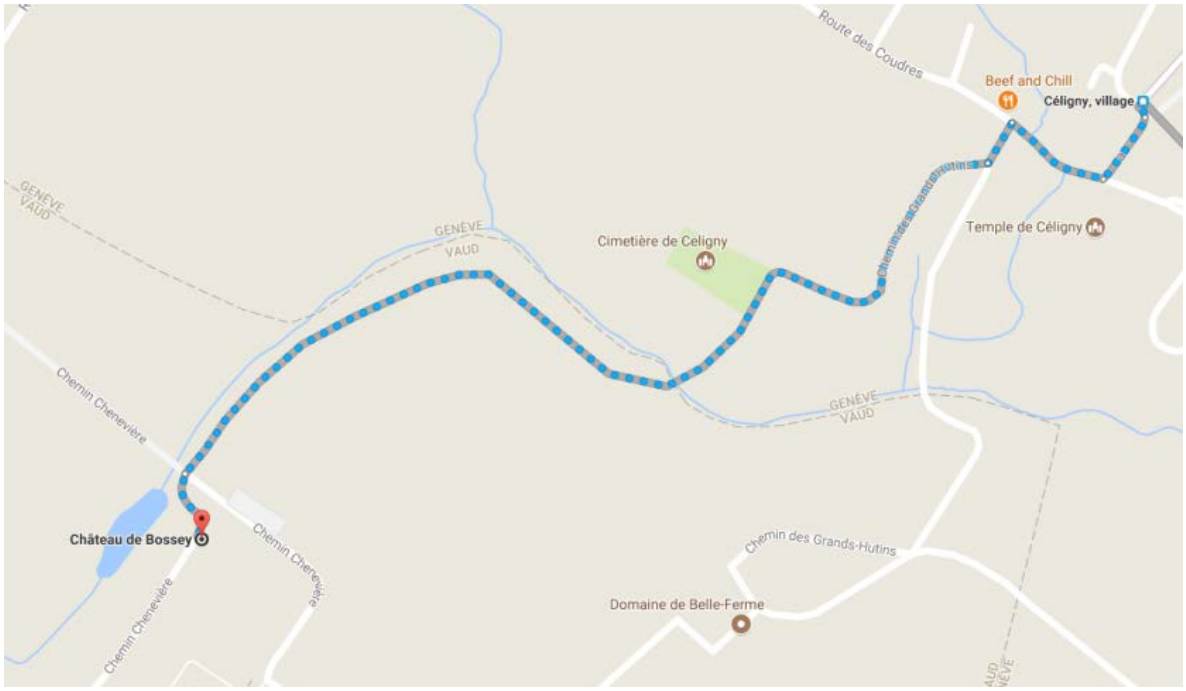
From Coppet, you can take bus 811 to the "Céligny Village" stop, or bus 813 until "Bogis Bossey" stop.



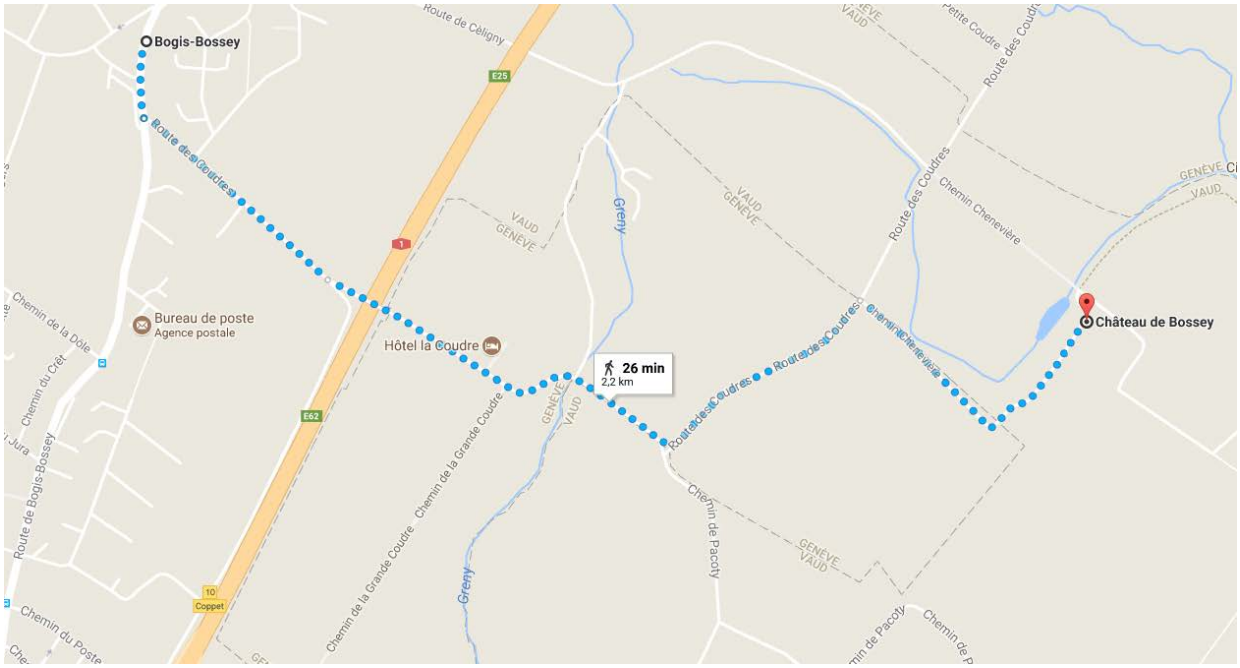
Upon reservation and availability, a minivan from Château de Bossey can pick you up at the bus stop. Please call: 022 960 73 00 in advance to ask about availability.

Walk

From the bus stop, “Céligny Village”, walk about 15 minutes to reach the Château de Bossey.



From the bus stop, “Bogis Bossey”, walk about 25 minutes to reach the Château de Bossey.



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By car or taxi

When you drive out to the Ecumenical Institute or you have to take a taxi, please make sure to share the ride with others as much as possible. (See information on car-sharing, page 7.)

In order to go to the Château de Bossey from Geneva, AAB Taxi offers preferential tariffs for Ecumenical Centre staff. Please call: 079 362 11 11.

How to get from the Ecumenical Centre to places off the public transports grid if you don't have a car?

For people who need to be at the Ecumenical Centre and Bossey on a same day, a car can be rented from Mobility.

For people who need to go to the airport at times when public transport is limited, Catch-a-Car is a good solution. It is very convenient for a one-way trip within the Catch-a-Car zone (including downtown Geneva and most residential areas).