Via Ferrata Black

Parc national des Ecrins



Via Ferrata Gorges de la Durance Noire (Thibaut Blais)



The approach trail follows the gorge to the start of a traverse to the left, which becomes increasingly steep until reaching the first suspension bridge. This leads to a beautiful, approximately 10-metre overhanging wall that puts plenty of strain on the arms, before reaching the second suspension bridge on the route.

After crossing the bridge, another highly athletic and exposed traverse offers spectacular views over the entire gorge, leading to a beautiful monkey bridge. The via ferrata then joins a trail that descends to the foot of a pillar, providing a chance to rest before tackling the final challenge: a 100-metre-high section.

This superb pillar leads to the top of the gorge, where a signposted trail heads towards the final suspension bridge, 55 metres long and suspended 80 metres above the Durance.

Useful information

Practice : Via ferrata

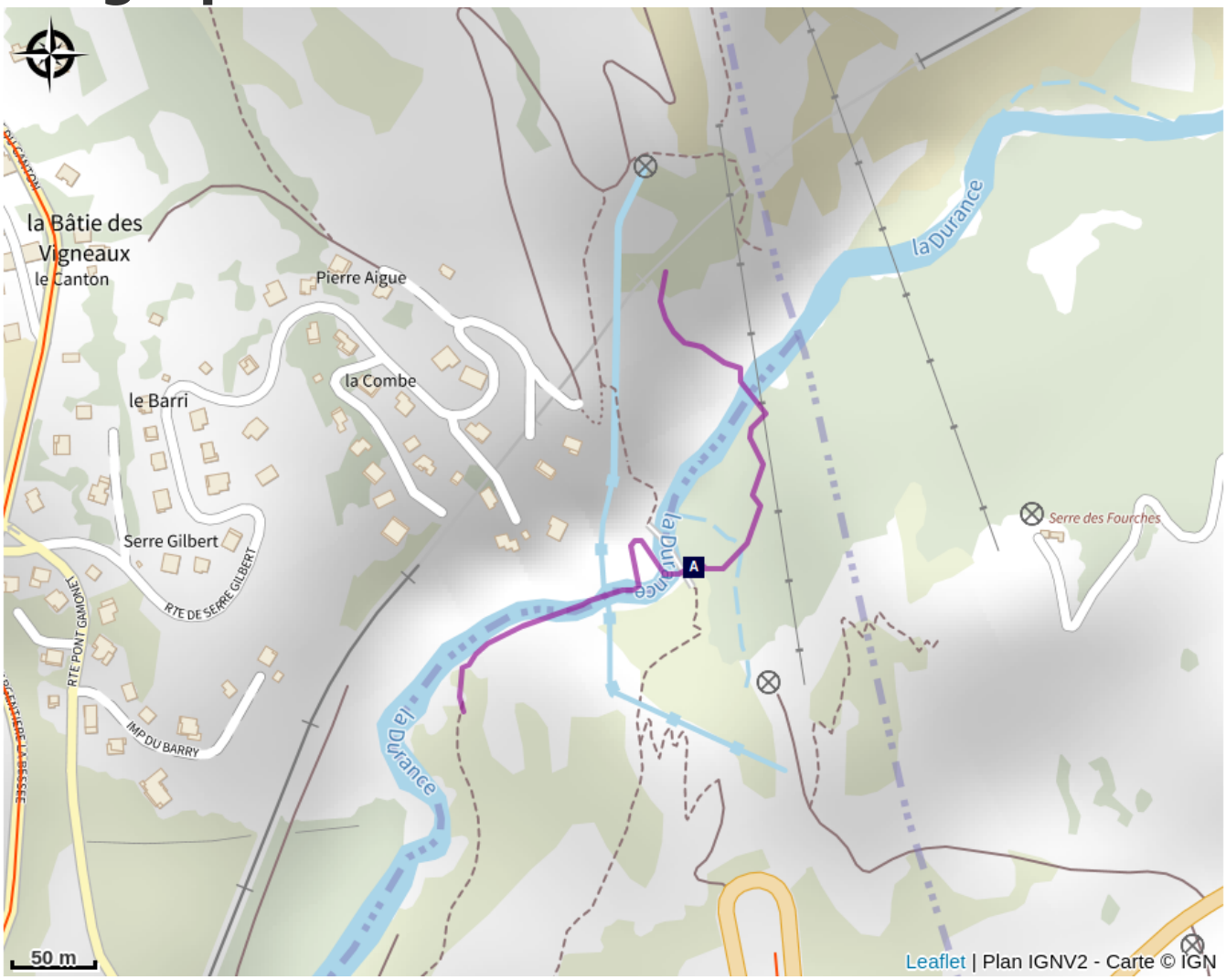
Duration : 2 h

Level : TD (Très difficile)

Access: Reach the car park from La Bâtie des Vigneaux by following the signs. From the Via Ferrata car park, follow the signs to the start.

Return: 10 minutes for the red route and 15 minutes for the black route. Descend alongside the penstock. Pass underneath the penstock to reach the large suspension bridge (55 m long, 80 m above the ground), which provides an easy route back to the car park.

Geographical location



All useful information

⚠ Advice

Please remember to bring back with you your rubbish

Equipment

Helmet
Harness
Via ferrata lanyard with two locking carabiners and an energy absorber
If in doubt, seek advice from professionals such as mountain guides or equipment rental specialists.

Equipment can be rented at the beginning of the Via Ferrata