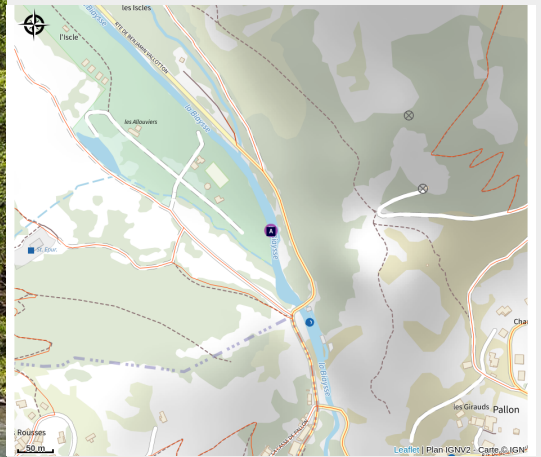


# Arrival : Pallon - campsite

Parc national des Ecrins



Biaysse P2 Débarquement (Claude Margaux)



## Useful information

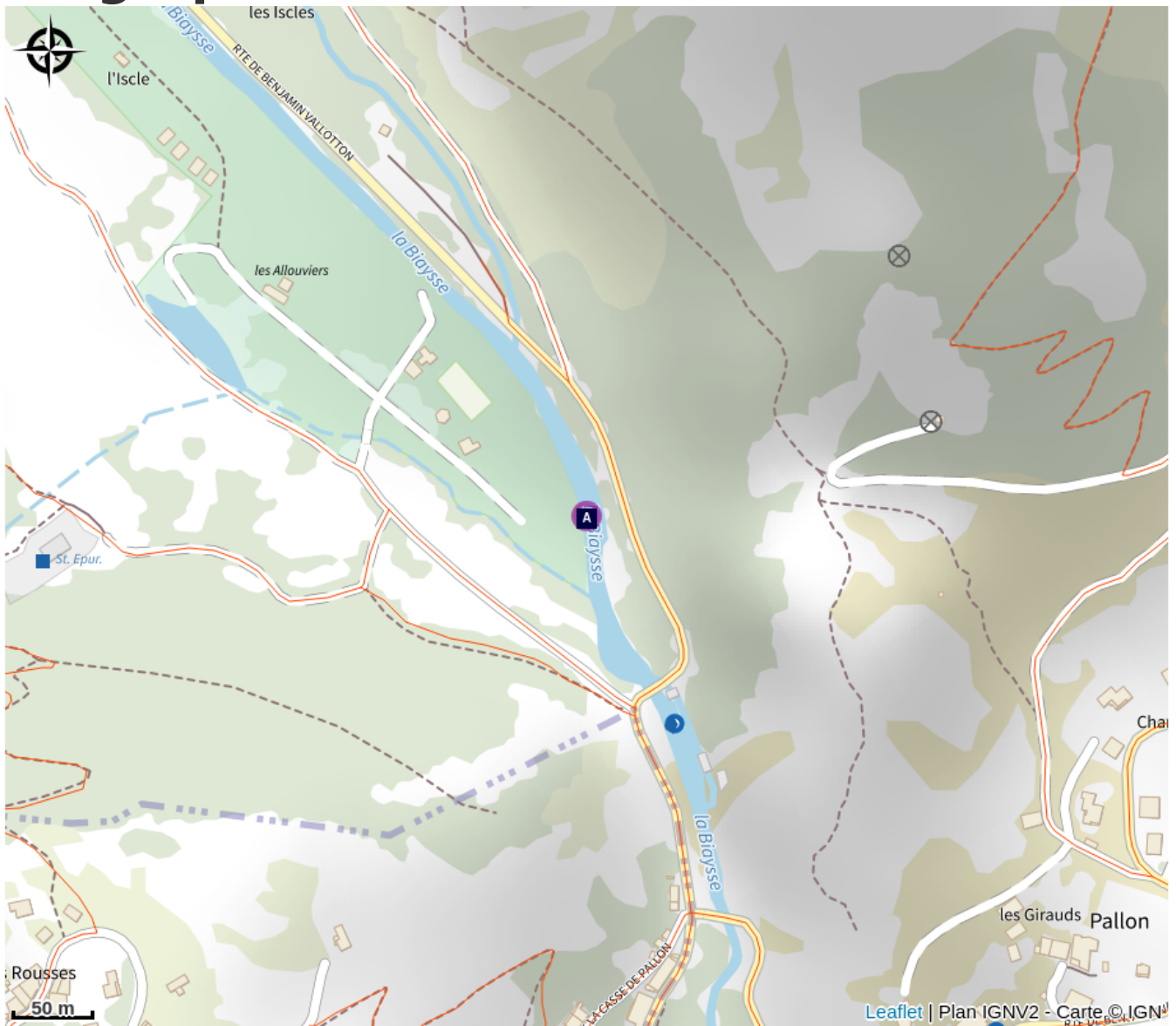
Practice : Canoe-kayak

Type : Arrivée (débarquement)

# Description

**Pallon campsite** : Upon arriving in Pallon, disembark on the left bank upstream from the bridge before the campsite, alongside the road.

# Geographical location



A Medieval tsunami? (A)



The savin juniper (B)



The Aristolochia pistolochia (C)

# All useful information

## Source



Pays des Ecrins

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# On your path...

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## A Medieval tsunami? (A)

Pallon marks the entrance to the ancient glacial valley of Freissinières, enclosed behind a bar of hard rock. As they melted, the glaciers left behind a lake, trapped by this bar. It is said that this natural dam has been breached on numerous occasions. In the Middle Ages, suddenly released into the Gourfouran gorge, the water is said to have laid ruin to the village of Rame, standing on the plain.

Attribution : Office de tourisme Pays des Écrins

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## The savin juniper (B)

A low spreading shrub, the savin juniper is very common in stony meadows and uncultivated land on warm slopes. Its dark, matte green leaves in the form of small scales, overlap along the branches. So it isn't spiky... but you still need to be cautious as it is very toxic. For seasoning dishes, better to gather the fruits of the common juniper!

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## The Aristolochia pistolochia (C)

The hamlet of Pallon is in a sunny location. Around the village, a curious plant with long brown trumpet-like flowers grows on the edges of the stone piles in the fields and meadows: the aristolochia pistolochia or birthwort. Of Mediterranean affinity, this plant benefits from the hot dry climate here and is virtually at its northern boundary. It is the host plant of the caterpillars of a rare and protected butterfly: the Spanish festoon.

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