

# **Arrival : Vallouise - Gérendoine bridge**Parc national des Ecrins







Débarquement Onde (Claude Margaux)

#### **Useful information**

Practice : Canoe-kayak

Type : Arrivée (débarquement)

# **Description**

**Disembark**: just before the Gérendoine bridge, the grassy slopes allow to quit the river and reach back to the trail on the Onde right bank.

**Geographical location** 



The northern wryneck (A)

The Alpine copse snail (B)

# All useful information

#### Source



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### Note: The northern wryneck (A)

The old trees in the orchard are home to the northern wryneck. It has a loud song, rather like that of the green woodpecker, only slower. This bird owes its name to the extreme way it extends and twists its neck when it feels threatened. Its French name torcol fourmilier is a reference to the fact that it feeds on ants (fourmils in French). Difficult to spot because its plumage merges into the colour of the tree trunks, it gives its presence away by its song when it returns from its migration.

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### ■ The Alpine copse snail (B)

On the damp banks of the stream, hidden in the grass, is a snail with a beautiful golden brown shell speckled with brown, decorated with a dark spiral stripe. It has a black body. The alpine copse snail is relatively rare and, as its name suggests, it is found in the Alps. It is a sub-species of the ordinary copse snail, which is present across Europe.

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