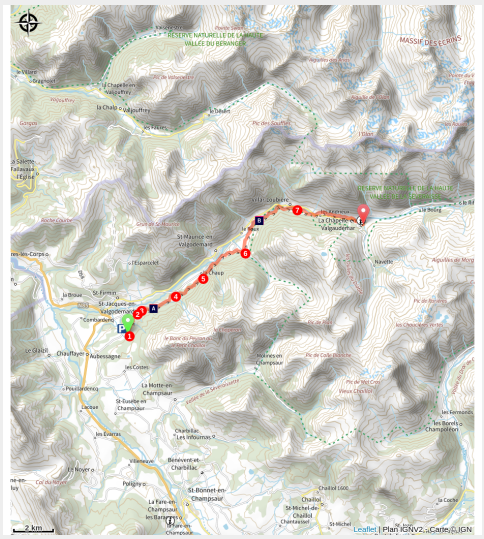
Tour of Vieux Chaillol - Stage 1 out of 5

Valgaudemar

L'Olan vu de l'entrée de la vallée du Valgaudemar (© Parc national des Ecrins - Pascal Saulay)



Walking along the Herbeys canal and then the Séveraisse stream, this first leg will take you up the Valgaudemar valley, whilst admiring the Olan from several different angles.

The Valgaudemar area will fascinate you with its alpine character and glacial sites. Although life is sometimes difficult here, it expresses the deep attachment the inhabitants have for their valley. Meeting with them will be enough to persuade you.

Useful information

Practice : By walk

Duration : 5 h

Length : 17.7 km

Trek ascent : 367 m

Difficulty : Hard

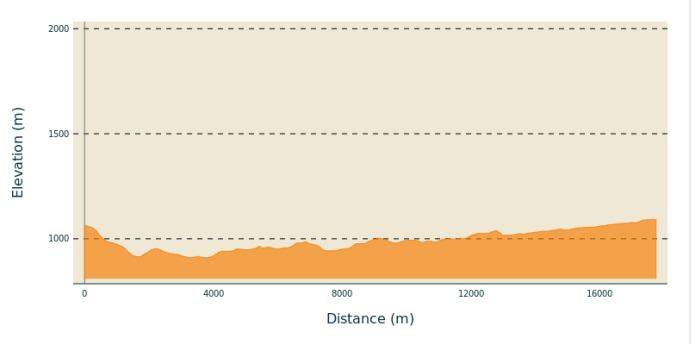
Type : Stage

Themes : Flora, History and architecture

Trek

Departure : Hameau des Paris, Saint-Jacques-en-Valgaudemar
Arrival : La Chapelle-en-Valgaudemar
Markings : GR
Cities : 1. Saint-Jacques-en-Valgodemard
2. Saint-Maurice-en-Valgodemard
3. Villar-Loubière
4. La Chapelle-en-Valgaudemar

Altimetric profile

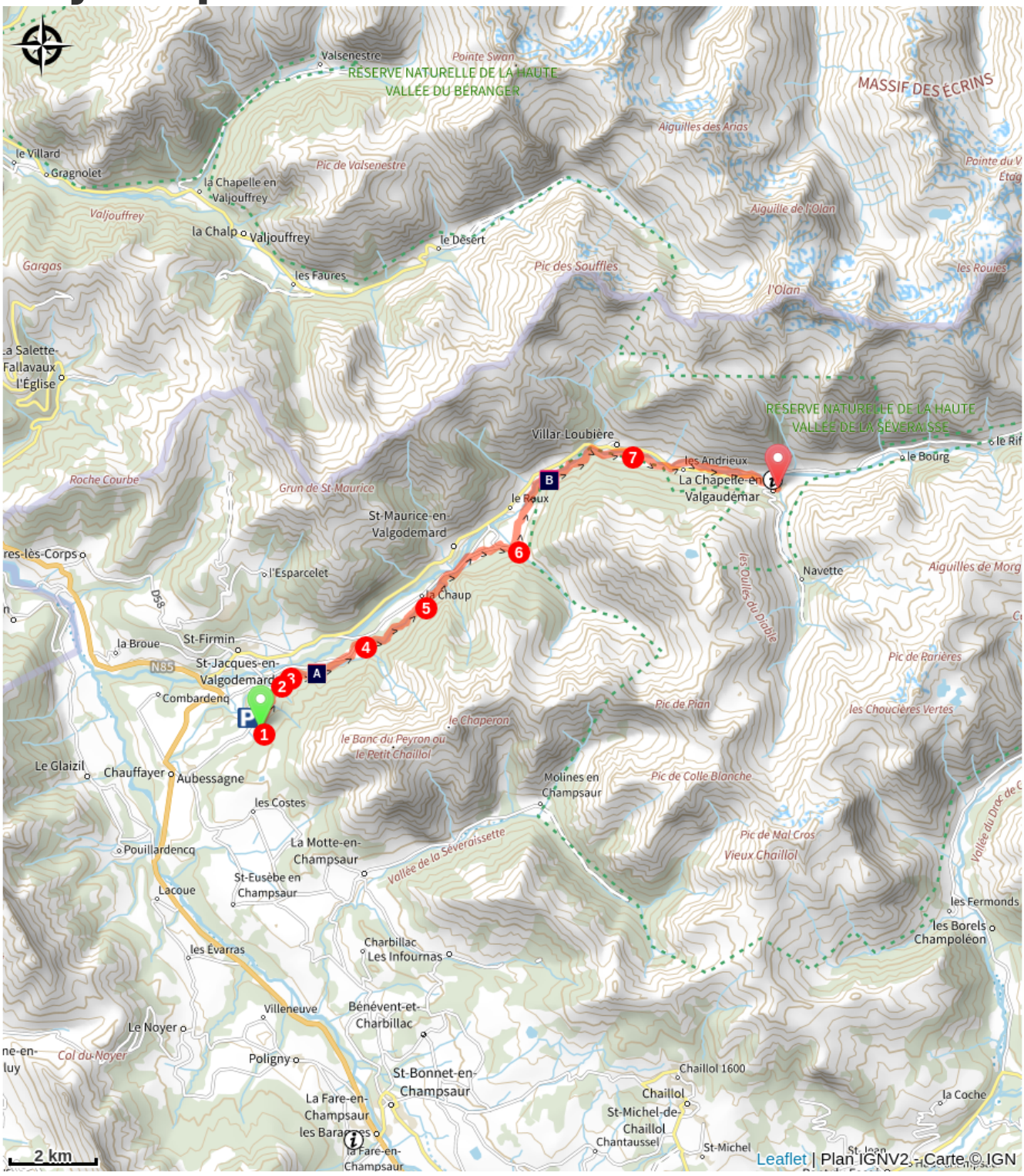


Min elevation 911 m Max elevation 1093 m

After crossing Les Paris, take the first wooded trail to the left. Follow it for 200 m before crossing the main road. The trail soon splits in two, take the left route that leads to the trail along the Costes canal.

1. Follow this trail in a north-easterly direction.
2. A surfaced road 300 m away leads to Saint-Jacques-en Valgaudemar.
3. Leave the road after a fountain, cross the Herbeys canal and follow it for 800 m. An earth trail then a surfaced road (700 m) will take you to Séchier.
4. Carry on up on the right and cross the village until you link up with the canal and follow it along the cool shady banks for 2 km.
5. Leave it before La Chaup. Almost directly, at the bottom of the steep slope, cross the Chasserand stream before arriving at l'Ubac.
6. After the Prentiq bridge, turn left, then right where a path, bordered by a stone walls leads to the hamlet of Garets. Continue through the hamlet and further on into the undergrowth to link up to the GR54 after the campsite at the Villar-Loubière bridge.
7. From there, follow the GR54. At « le Bas Lieu », just before Les Andrieux, continue along the Séveraisse to La Chapelle-en-Valgaudemar.

On your path...



Herbeys canal (A)

The Olan 'summits' (B)

All useful information

Is in the midst of the park

The national park is an unrestricted natural area but subjected to regulations which must be known by all visitors.

Advices

In rainy conditions, it is advised to go to La Chapelle en Valgaudemar by road.

How to come ?

Transports

On the Grenoble-Gap bus route, stop at Saint-Firmin (2 km from Paris)

Access

From the N85, take the D16 towards Lallée where you will follow the D16a and the D316. Take the first road on the right after Entrepierre.

Advised parking

At the Paris hamlet

Environmental sensitive areas

Along your trek, you will go through sensitive areas related to the presence of a specific species or environment. In these areas, an appropriate behaviour allows to contribute to their preservation. For detailed information, specific forms are accessible for each area.

Golden eagle

Sensitivity period: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August

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Nidification de l'Aigle royal

Les pratiques qui peuvent avoir une interaction avec l'Aigle royal en période de nidification sont principalement le vol libre et les pratiques verticales ou en falaise, comme l'escalade ou l'alpinisme. Merci d'éviter cette zone ! Et de privilégier un survol de la zone à une distance de survol de 300m sol soit à une altitude minimale de 1920m.

Peregrine falcon

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Nidification du Faucon pèlerin.

Les pratiques qui peuvent avoir une interaction avec le Faucon pèlerin en période de nidification sont principalement le vol libre et les pratiques verticales ou en falaise, comme l'escalade ou l'alpinisme. Merci d'éviter cette zone !

En cas de survol merci de rester au-dessus de 2010m d’altitude à une distance de 300m sol.

Short-toed snake eagle

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Nidification du Circaète-Jean-le-Blanc

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libre ou le vol motorisé.

Attention le survol motorisé dans la zone cœur Parc National des Écrins est interdit en-dessous de 1000m sol et une réglementation spécifique s'applique au survol non-motorisé.

Voir la réglementation pour les survols non-motorisés : https://www.ecrins-parcnational.fr/les-survols-non-motorises

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Merci d'essayer d'éviter la zone ou de rester à un distance minimale de 300m sol quand vous la survolez soit 1780m d'altitude !

Information desks

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Herbeys canal (A)

Inhabitants of Valgaudemar have long tried to control water to compensate for dry summers. The Herbeys canal still functions and is well used. With more than 600 litres per second, it waters 289 ha in the districts of Chauffayer and St-Jacques. It is 28km long and was started and finished on the initiative of François Dupont de Poncharra des Herbeys'. It is maintained every year by the members of the users' union who spend several days cleaning out the canal as well as consolidating the vaults.

Attribution : Olivier Warluzelle - PNE

The Olan 'summits' (B)

The Olan is one of the main summits of the Ecrins massif. It culminates at 3564 m and is made up of three summits the highest of which is the north summit. The central summit of the Olan was climbed for the first time on 8th July 1875, and the northern one on the 29th June 1877 by the renowned W.B.A. Coolidge and his guide Almer. With a guide, or good climbing abilities, this would be a good choice for climbing a summit in the Valgaudemar starting from the Olan hut.

Attribution : Bernard Guidoni - PNE