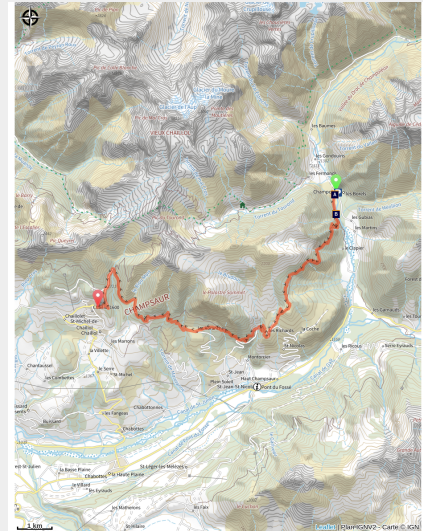


# Tour of Vieux Chaillol - Stage 4 out of 5

Champsaur - Champoléon



Les Aiguilles de Famourou (© Parc national des Ecrins - Marc Corail)



*This leg is along a south facing ledge below the beautiful Palastre rock faces and the Aiguilles de Famourou.*

*As well as a panoramic view of the Drac valley, you will discover a prosperous mountain, an area with a network of hedges, canals, sunken paths and its pollarded trees. There is an ongoing agro-pastoral tradition around the village resorts and in summer, most of the valleys and pastures are used for cattle and sheep.*

## Useful information

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Practice : By walk

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Duration : 6 h 30

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Length : 17.7 km

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Trek ascent : 1175 m

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Difficulty : Hard

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Type : Stage

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Themes : History and architecture, Top

# Trek

**Departure** : Les Borels

**Arrival** : Chaillol 1600

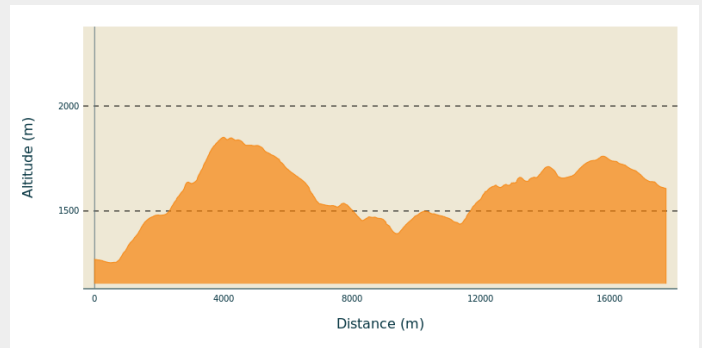
**Markings** :  GR

**Cities** : 1. Champoléon

2. Saint-Jean-Saint-Nicolas

3. Saint-Michel-de-Chaillol

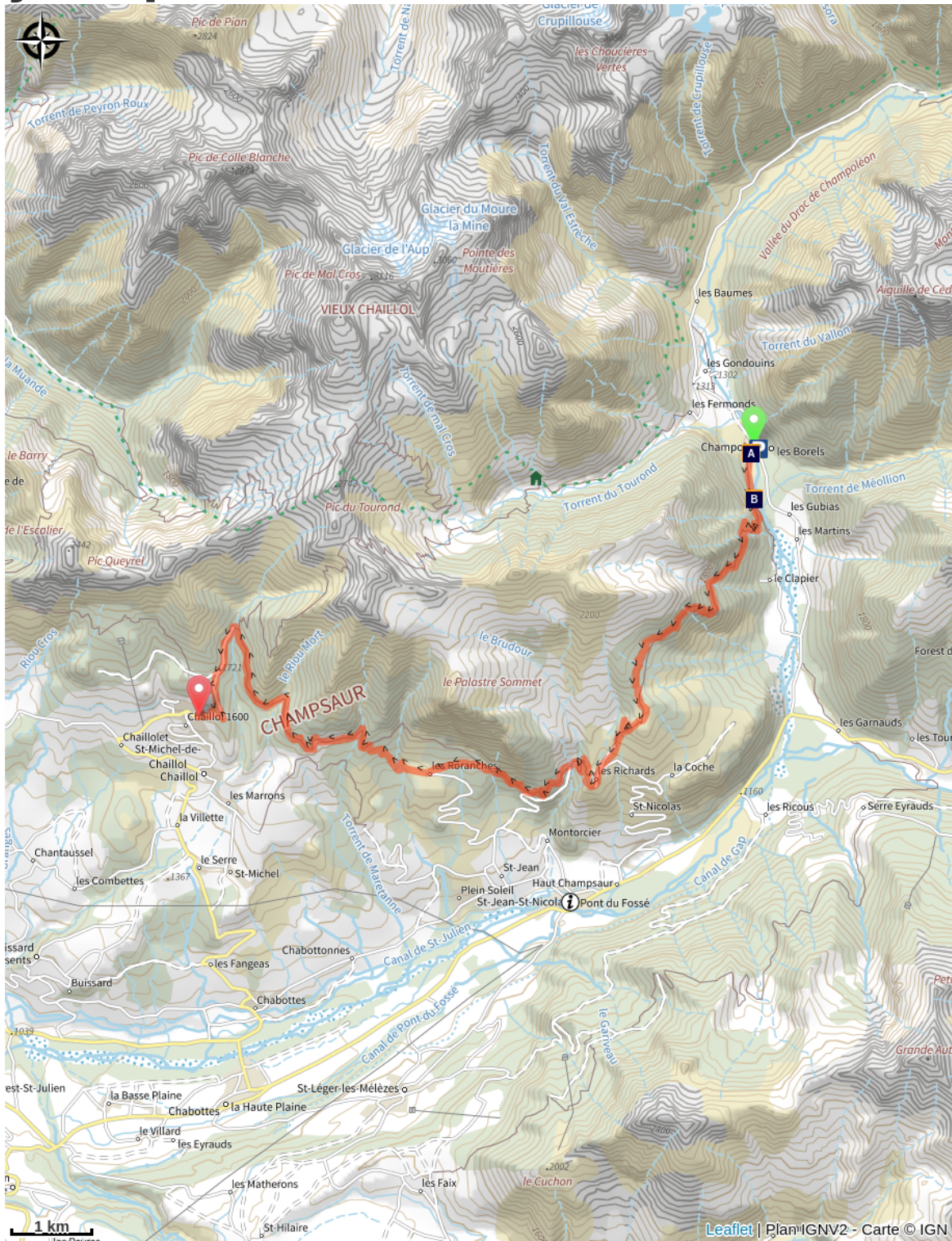
## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1255 m Max elevation 1852 m

Whilst keeping on the right bank, continue along the Drac for about 10 minutes, which will quickly take you up to the right and into a larch forest. The GR continues under large black slabs (sandstone). An hour later, you will see a footpath to the left that goes down to the hamlet of Clapier. Continue up through the forest, the path flattens out to overlook the Aiguilles de Pertuis. Go through a shale zone and leave the forest for a pasture area where you may lose the tracks in some places. Take the footpath to the right, down along the thalweg up to the mountain spur that dominates the valley. Go down the meandering path that joins the small road leading to Les Richards. Walk across the hamlet and at the junction take the route to the left. Walk past a farm, through a first gateway, along the enclosure, through a second gateway and cross the Bonnets stream. The path then heads up the right bank and enters a wood, on a forestry path that goes down to, and crosses, the Brudou stream. Whilst still in the forest, go past the Baumette Forester's house, then not long after, above the Doue water source, cross over the Peyrouse stream. Following the contours, the path continues under the aiguilles de Famourou. Go through the Aysses wood (on the left you will see a path that goes down to a track leading to the "Marrons" rest house), then cross the Riou Mort. The GR comes to the forest again and follows an old irrigation canal just below. You will then reach the rest area of the old Chaillol mountain refuge. Follow the forestry road that goes down the right bank of the Buissard stream to get to the Chaillol resort.

# On your path...



 Les Borels (A)

 Champoleon (B)

# All useful information

## **Advices**

The Drac has very wide riverbed that spreads and flows in several branches. They can change direction after heavy rainfalls cutting off the cross-country ski trails in several places.

## **How to come ?**

### Transports

In the summer, shuttle from Gap to Les Auberts that stops at Les Borels. Be sure to reserve 36 hours in advance at [05voyageurs.com](https://www.05voyageurs.com) or by calling 04 92 502 505.

### Access

From the N85, take the D944 (Col de Manse) 4 km after Pont-du-Fossé, turn left onto the D944a and continue to Les Borels.

### Advised parking

Car park to the left when you arrive at Les Borels

# 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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Julien Charron  
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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 2450m.

## Peregrine falcon

Sensitivity period: February, March, April, May, June

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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 2200m d'altitude à une distance de 300m sol.

## Black grouse - winter

Sensitivity period: January, February, March, April, Decembre

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Zone de refuge hivernal pour le Tétrás lyre. Merci de veiller à respecter le balisage.

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# On your path...

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## 🕒 Les Borels (A)

This is most important village in the Chamoléon district (no hamlet bears this name). Until towards the first world war in 1914, the valley lived in a closed circuit for all everyday items. At the Borels there was a weaver (wool and hemp), a miller-baker, an ironmonger, a mason, a breeches-maker and in the other hamlets, a cobbler, two millers, a joiner and two shoemakers. The latter worked from home.

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## 🕒 Champoleon (B)

To the 24 questions asked by the attorney general of the Dauphiné in 1789, the Champoléon Council replied, "Champoléon is in the most atrocious place of the Haut-Dauphiné. The community has 16 villages, 80 families and 600 souls spread over the slopes of the mountain. All of the roofs are thatched [...] the rivers and streams cause serious damage." Indeed, on All Saints Day in 1790, the Champoléon church was destroyed by flooding. Part of the graveyard was washed away taking coffins and corpses away from Champoléon too.

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