

From Vallouise to L'Argentière-la-Bessée via Col de la Pusterle (stage of the GR 54)

Vallouise - Vallouise-Pelvoux



Vue sur le Glacier blanc depuis Prés d'Aval (© Florence Chalandon)



Col de La Pusterle, the passageway between Vallouise and Fournel, provides a gentle conclusion to this grand tour of the Ecrins and L'Oisans.

"It was not for nothing that Vallouise was voted "the most beautiful village in the southern Alps"! Each little street, decorated with flowers, is an invitation for a stroll, and today is the last stage on this great adventure. These are two good reasons to take your time and walk slowly up Col de La Pusterle through the charming mountain villages of the Prés. The Pusterle refuge is an ideal place for reflection, before you return down to the Fournel valley and L'Argentière-la-Bessée, ending the journey on a high note!"

Useful information

Practice : By walk

Duration : 4 h

Length : 15.5 km

Trek ascent : 652 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Stage

Themes : Fauna, Flora, History and architecture

Trek

Departure : La Vallouise

Arrival : L'Argentière-les-Ecrins train station (L'Argentière-la-Bessée)

Markings :  GR

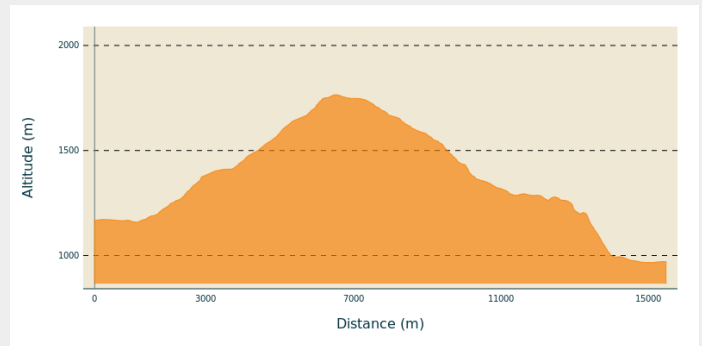
Cities : 1. Vallouise-Pelvoux

2. Puy-Saint-Vincent

3. Les Vigneaux

4. L'Argentière-la-Bessée

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 967 m Max elevation 1767 m

From Place de la Fontaine in Vallouise (1 170 m), opposite the church, take the road on the left towards the Aiglière gîte.

1. Pass the medieval oven and, at the next intersection, take Les Horts route on the left towards Pont Gérendoine (on the right is the GR54 route via Col de l'Aup Martin). The road passes through the orchards. After the campsite, turn left and go past the bridge (1 164 m).
2. Continue along the road to Puy-Saint-Vincent and at the first hairpin turn, take the path as far as Les Alberts (1 380 m).
3. Then turn right onto the road again and left at the roundabout towards Les Prés. Continuing along the road, pass under the departure point of the ski resort ski-lifts to reach Place des Prés. Opposite, on the right, the road passing in front of Maison Gautier leads to the Col de La Pousterle footpath along the cowpath.
4. After crossing Prey d'Aval and Prey du Milieu, you arrive at Prey d'Amont along the footpath under the power line. It cuts across the bends in the road that can be seen in Prey d'Amont (1 629 m).
5. Walk along the road and then, before the ascent to the mountain pass, follow the footpath that cuts across the bends in the road to reach the plateau and the vast Col de la Pousterle (1 763 m). Cross the plateau as far as its southern tip to reach La Pousterle gîte (1 750 m). Pass the refuge on the right and go down into the Fournel valley along the track and some shortcuts on the footpath. Pass the houses in Les Clausas and stay on the left-hand footpath (to the right is the Pas de La Cavale) as far as the bridge over the Fournel (1 350 m).
6. Cross the mountain stream and follow the footpath along the right bank. It arrives at a route crossing a footbridge (EDF). Pass the Sapey bridge on the left and continue along the footpath in the Bois de Champ Pelbaud. Go past the footpaths leading to Col d'Anon and descend towards L'Argentière across the Magdeleine bridge (998 m).
7. Turn right onto Rue du Château, which runs past the Silver Mine Museum. Then follow Avenue C.-de-Gaulle as far as L'Argentière-les-Ecrins station (990 m).

On your path...



All useful information

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.

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 2140m d'altitude à une distance de 300m sol.

Au site dit de Grand Bois, le couple de faucons a retrouvé son aire de prédilection dans le secteur "flamme de pierre" ; à éviter donc.

http://www.ecrins-parcnational.fr/actualite/amis-grimpeurs-attention-aux-pelerins-voies?fbclid=IwAR2Z8hX_38vdpdW3mS499aRnY08jarhfm-5-eNV8K29k3WB3q3Ik2US_Alec

Short-toed snake eagle

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Nidification du Circaète-Jean-le-Blanc

Les pratiques qui peuvent avoir une interaction avec le Circaète-Jean-le-Blanc en période de nidification sont principalement les pratiques aériennes comme le vol libre ou le vol motorisé.

Merci d'essayer d'éviter la zone ou de rester à une distance minimale de 300m sol quand vous la survolez soit 1850m d'altitude !

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