

# Col du Morgonnet and Cabane du Jas

Pontis



Point de vue depuis le Col du Morgonnet (Amélie Vallier)



*Between the rivers Durance and Ubaye to the foot of the Pic du Morgon, with a detour to the Cabane du Jas, this loop makes for a tranquil walk with plenty to discover.*

This loop alone offers numerous emblematic features of the Hautes-Alpes: old agricultural sites, a panoramic view over the whole of the Lac Serre-Ponçon, a number of wild animals and a unique larch specimen. Its mix of features is what makes this trail so rich.

## Useful information

Practice : By walk

Duration : 2 h

Length : 4.5 km

Trek ascent : 275 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Flora, Panorama

Accessibility : Family

# Trek

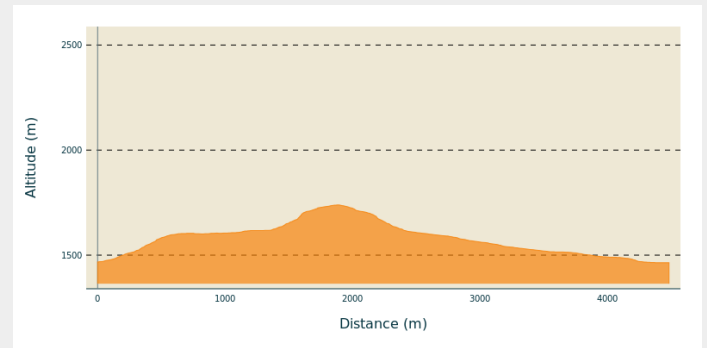
**Departure** : Above "Les Hugues", Pontis

**Arrival** : Above "Les Hugues", Pontis

**Markings** : — PR

**Cities** : 1. Pontis

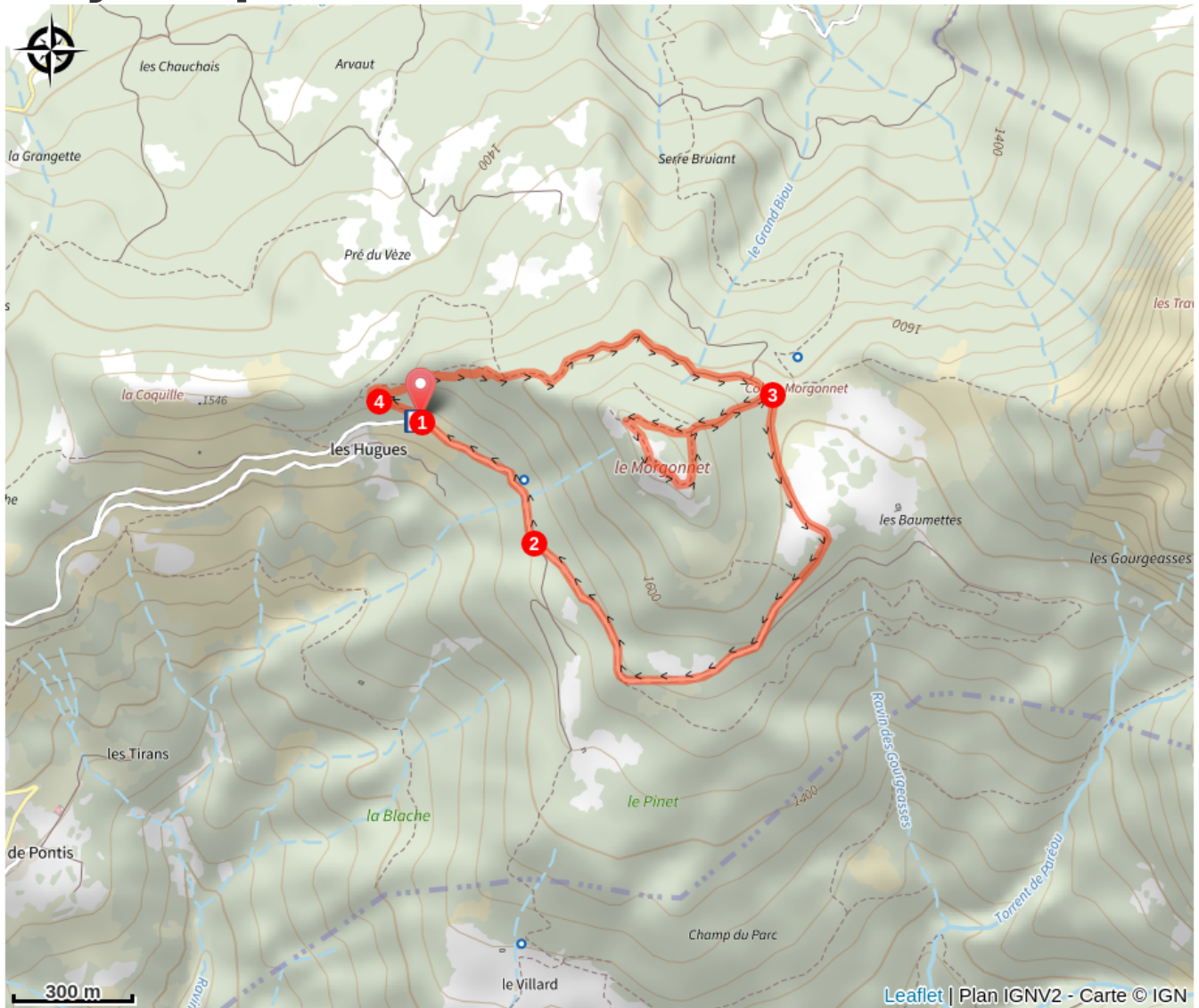
## Altimetric profile




Min elevation 1465 m Max elevation 1740 m

1. From the car park, turn right and follow the track .
2. At the next intersection, carry straight on and stay on the left-hand track through the forest of larch, black pine and Scots pine.
3. At the picnic table, turn left and take the narrow path leading up through the forest. Stay on the left-hand path until you reach the summit: panoramic view of the territory of Serre-Ponçon. Follow the ridge and take the path on the left which brings you back to the picnic table. From here, take the north-facing ("Ubac") path, turning left, until you come to the Cabane du Jas, where freshness and shade await you. After a stop, continue straight ahead.
4. Follow the ridge down until you reach the pass. Turn left just before the Crête de la Coquille (which can be reached with an extra 20 minutes' walk) which brings you back to the car park.

# On your path...



 Cabane du Jas (A)

 Panorama from the Col du Morgonnet (B)

 Feather grass (C)

# All useful information

## **AdVICES**

Plan ahead and take sufficient water as there are no water points along the route.

## **How to come ?**

### Transports

Public transport: [www.pacamobilite.fr](http://www.pacamobilite.fr)  
Consider car-sharing: [www.blablacar.fr](http://www.blablacar.fr)

### Access

From Pontis, take the D7 until you reach the Col de Pontis. At the roadmender's hut ("Cabane du Cantonnier"), turn left and follow the main track. At the next fork, follow the upper route. At the crossroads, go left before « les Hugues » and carry on until you come to the car park.

### Advised parking

Car park above "Les Hugues"

## **Accessibility**

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Family

## **Information desks**

### **Tourist office Savines-le-Lac**

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## Source



Serre-Ponçon

<https://www.serreponcon.com>

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## Cabane du Jas (A)

In Provençal, jas means gîte. This term is used to describe the large traditional sheepbarns built far away from the farms and hamlets, near to the grazing areas. Generally of dry stone construction, these heritage features bear witness to a pastoral lifestyle which can be difficult to imagine now, because vegetation has taken over and the location seems so isolated and difficult to reach.

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## Panorama from the Col du Morgonnet (B)

Take to the heights to enjoy this extraordinary 360°C view. This perspective will delight young and old alike, what with the imposing Morgon to the north, the Ubaye valley to the east, the La Blanche mountain range and Haute-Provence to the south and, finally, Serre-Ponçon with its dam and the Durance valley stretching away to the west.

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## Feather grass (C)

Feather grass is a perennial plant in the family Poaceae. This plant is found on dry to very dry stony ground, preferring a limey soil. Its seeds are scattered by the wind, aided by their long silky plumes. It is easy to mis-identify feather grass: look out for the hairless tips on young leaves of the sterile sprouts, and the yellowish base of the awn when mature.

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