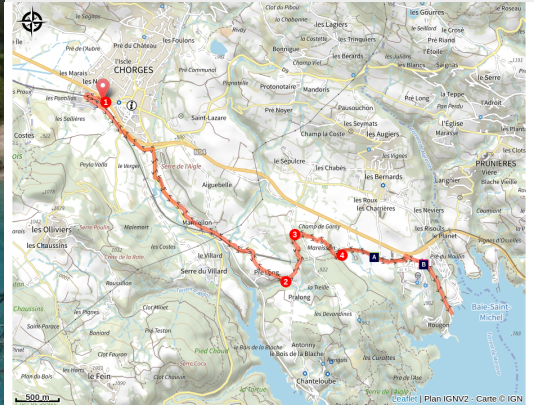


From Charges to Baie-Saint-Michel

Charges



Une petite anse du lac de Serre-Ponçon (florimont.tilliere)



A route accessible to all to the lake and the magnificent Baie Saint Michel from the village of Charges.

Don't be fooled by the surrounding high peaks - you can expect some Mediterranean vegetation on this route! Pines and shrubs stretch to the shores of the lake, which finally reveals its emerald waters as you approach the bay.

Useful information

Practice : By walk

Duration : 4 h

Length : 14.4 km

Trek ascent : 290 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Crossing

Themes : Fauna

Accessibility : Family, Stroller

Trek

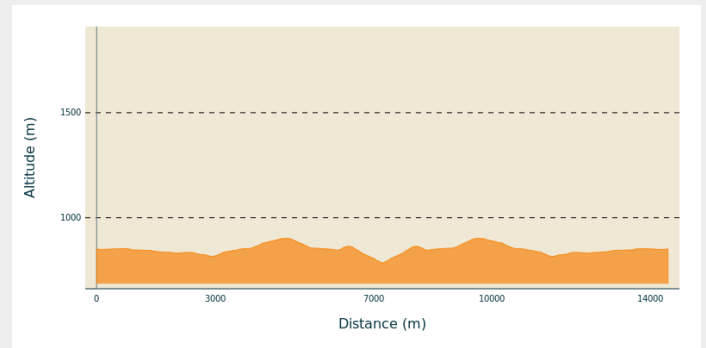
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Arrival : Station car park, Charges

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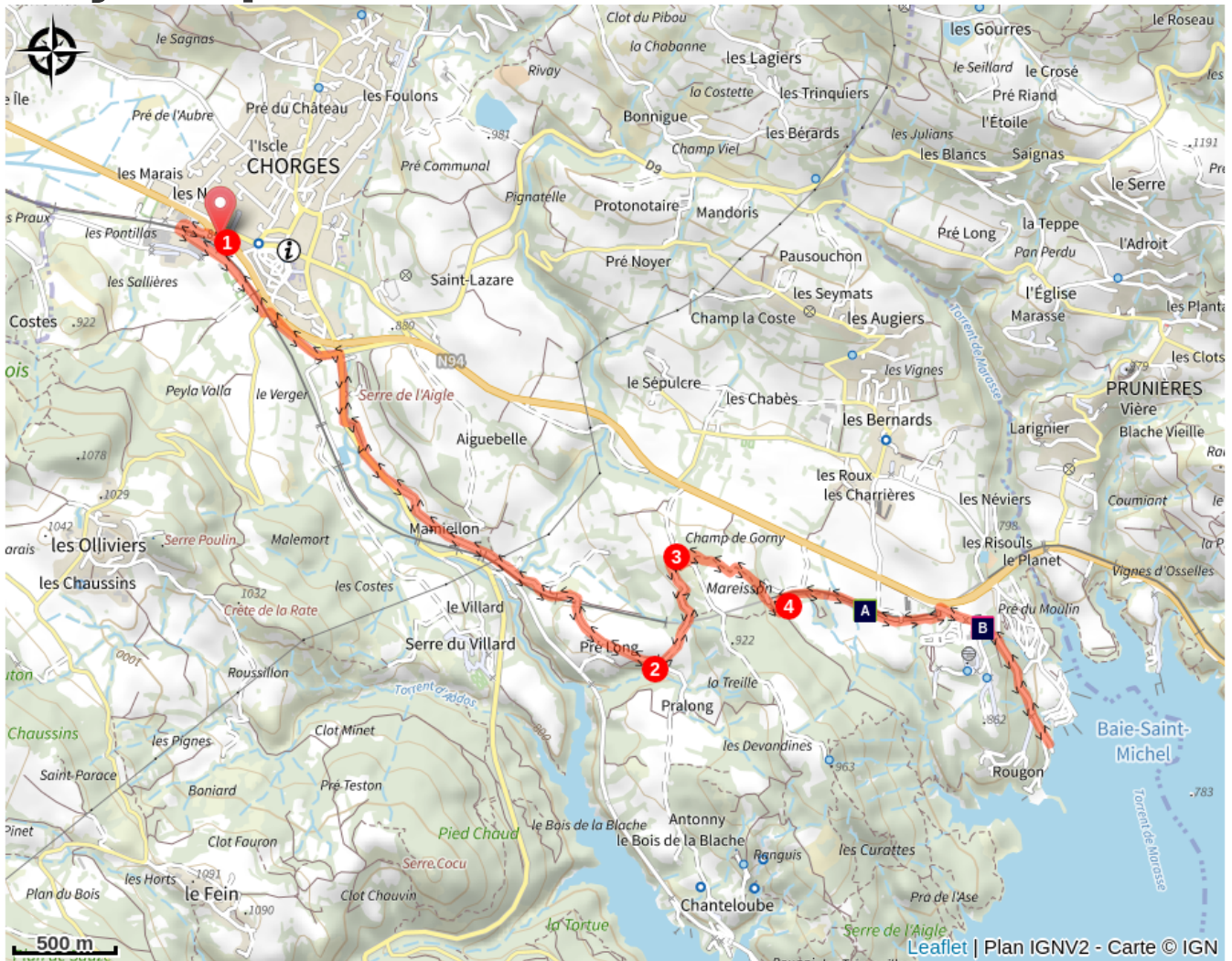
Altimetric profile




Min elevation 787 m Max elevation 903 m

1. From the station car park, head along the railway line as far as the Intermarché supermarket. Then cross the railway tracks and immediately turn left onto a small road. Go straight on for 400m, then cross the lane to the left and follow the road. Once you reach the main road, turn right onto the main road and then left again 400m further on, towards the hamlet of Miamellon. Continue along this small road past the bridge over the railway line and past the farm.
2. 200m after the farm, leave the road and take a track on the left. Continue on the track at the first intersection.
3. At the junction with another track, turn right towards Baie Saint Michel and left onto a small track 100m further up. Follow the small path through the woods and continue straight on to Mareisson. Cross the track and head towards Bair Saint Michel. Keep left at the next two intersections.
4. Travel along the railway line along the field. Do not cross the bridge. Join a small road and turn right. Pass the veterans' memorial and continue along the road towards the beaches of Baie-Saint-Michel. The return journey then takes the same route.

On your path...



 Messicole plants (A)

 Panorama of the Baie Saint-Michel (B)

 St Michel Chapel (C)

All useful information

Advices

Pensez à prendre de l'eau en quantité suffisante, aucune source n'est présente sur ce parcours qui offre peu d'ombre.

How to come ?

Transports

Public transport : [ccserreponcon.com](https://www.ccserreponcon.com)

Access

Follow the N94 from Gap or Embrun to Chorges.

Advised parking

Station car park, Chorges

Accessibility

Family  Stroller

Information desks

Tourist office Chorges

Grand rue, 05230 Chorges

chorges@serreponcon-tourisme.com

Tel : 0492506425

<https://www.serreponcon.com>



Source



Serre-Ponçon

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On your path...



✿ Messicole plants (A)

A feature of messicole plants is that they live among crops, even though not sown there deliberately. They are biologically adapted to open areas, and in particular areas that are regularly worked, such as fields. In fact, they use various strategies such as adapting their life cycle and producing large amounts of seeds in order to make up for the disturbance that occurs in their germination area. Many of them are common, such as the poppy, the cornflower and the corn buttercup...

Attribution : Amélie Vallier



📖 Panorama of the Baie Saint-Michel (B)

This area, which has been provided with picnic amenities, offers the most picturesque panorama over the Lac de Serre-Ponçon. In fact, the lake is 2 kilometres wide at this point, and in front of you are the Chapelle Saint Michel and the Pic Morgon, an iconic view of the lake. On your left, to the east, you can see Savines-le-Lac and its bridge. On the right, you can see the secret île de la Tortue.

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📖 St Michel Chapel (C)

Built on a hill in the Durance valley in the 12th century, it was destroyed in 1692. It was rebuilt in the 17th century and became a place of pilgrimage for the parishioners of Chorges and Prunières. Saved from the waters by its location, above the lake's highest waters, it is accessible on foot in the spring, when the lake level is at its lowest, generally between February and March.

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