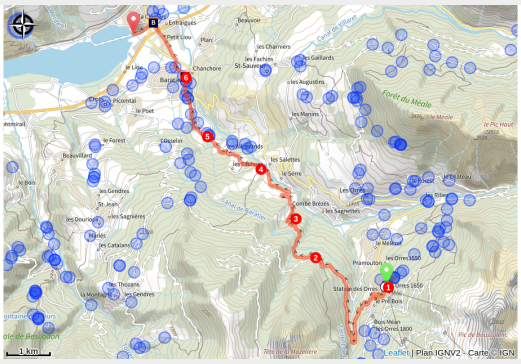
Descent from Les Orres

Embrunais

Single de descente aux Orres (OT Serre-Ponçon)



A long and beautiful descent, physically demanding but almost always under the cover of trees.

The descent begins in a wild setting, studded by crossings and fords over the stream. You will pass a number of hamlets alongside the road, a reminder that you are returning to civilisation and need to take a more cautious approach.

Useful information

Practice : Mountain bike

Duration : 1 h 30

Length : 15.4 km

Trek ascent : 131 m

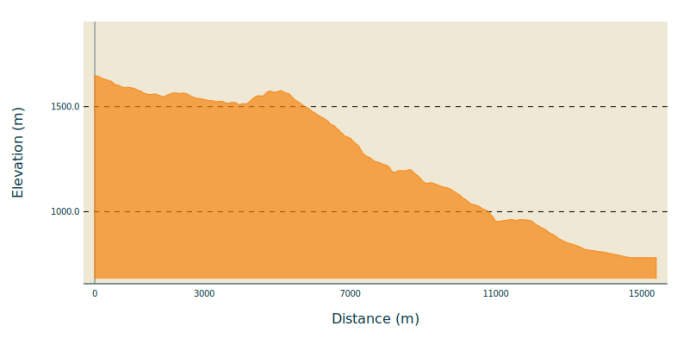
Difficulty : Medium

Type : Descent

Trek

Departure : Les Orres 1650
Arrival : Lake Embrun
Markings : VTT
Cities : 1. Les Orres
2. Saint-Sauveur
3. Baratier
4. Embrun

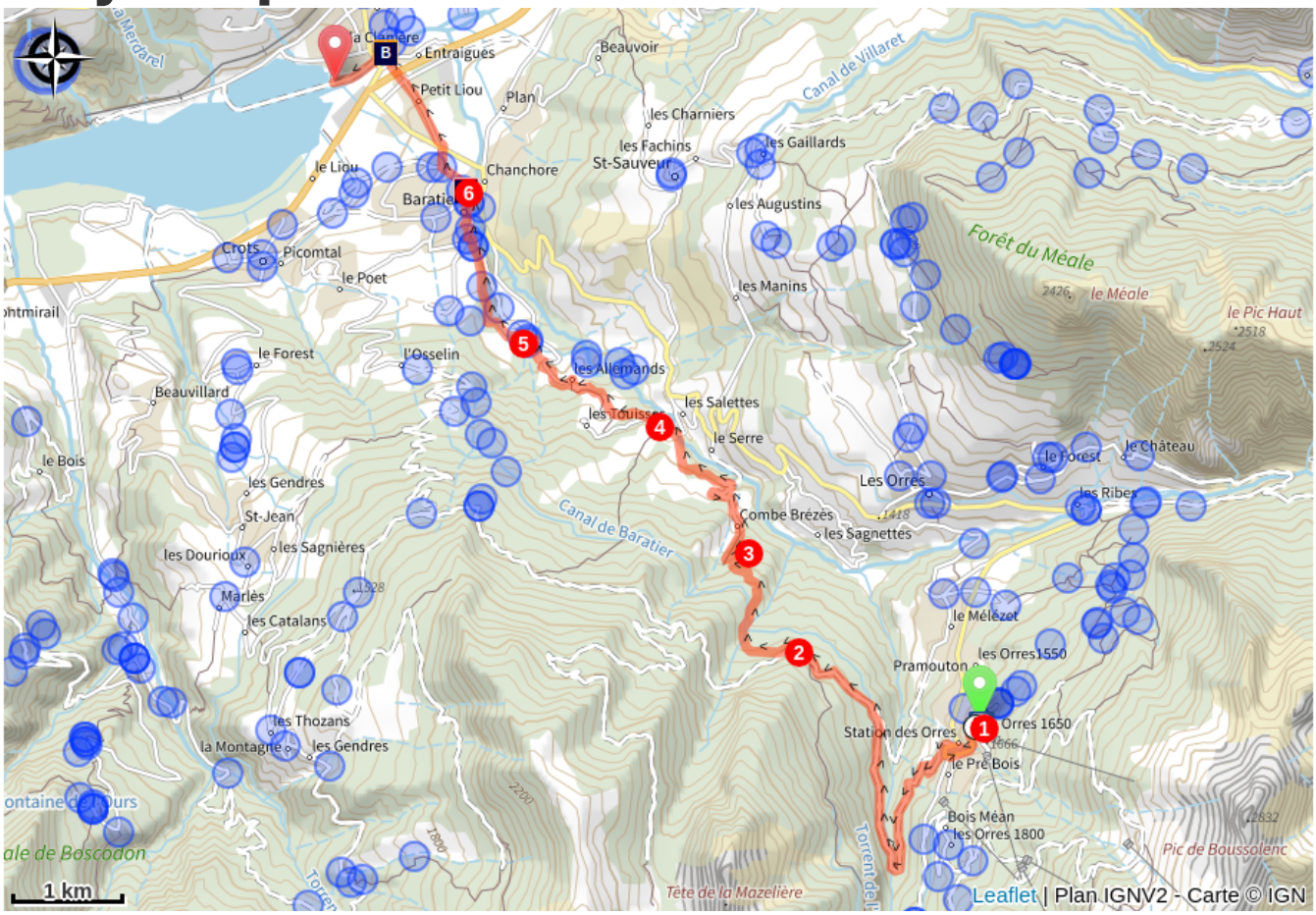
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 781 m Max elevation 1648 m

1. Descend the departmental road then turn left at a place called Pralalègre towards the ranch. Descend the tight hairpin road, then take the path leading to the equestrian centre. Cross the stream and follow a wide path. Cross the bridge over the Eysalettes and continue along the same path. After a few hundred metres, turn left onto the track. Continue straight on to the next intersection.
2. Finally turn right at the next intersection, around a bend, and take a wide path that descends again. Cross a stream. Turn left down a stony slope into the heart of the woods
3. After this stony descent, turn right at a beehive into more open countryside then left on a hairpin 200m below. Join a small hamlet and go 50m down the road. Turn left onto a small road.
4. After about 200m, take a track on the right. The path soon narrows and winds through the woods. Turn left at La Serbie and follow the road down to a hairpin bend, where you turn left under the pines along a winding path. At the end of this path, turn left onto the road and then left again towards the estate of Val Ubaye.
5. At the sign for Vurbaye, take a small path to the right. At the end of the path, take a small road to the right, which is almost immediately followed by a footpath, then join a road and head downhill towards Baratier. Once you reach the village square, go past the town hall then turn right at the exit for the small square and right again onto the road.
6. Then take a path on the left and turn right at the road. At the roundabout, go straight ahead towards Petit Liou. Go down the street then pass under the RN94. Go past the Super U then straight ahead at the roundabout to take the footbridge over the Durance. Then turn left and follow the Durance to the car park

On your path...



Church of Saint-Chaffrey (A)

Footbridge over the Durance (B)

All useful information

Advices

Les chemins sont parfois assez abîmés et d'innombrables pierres forment un tapis assez instable sous vos roues. Adaptez votre vitesse à votre niveau.

How to come ?

Transports

Transports en commun : ccserreponcon.com

Access

From Embrun, follow the D40 to Les Orres 1650.

Advised parking

L'Estomac car park, Pra Mouton

Information desks

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Source

Serre-Ponçon

https://www.serreponcon.com

On your path...

Church of Saint-Chaffrey (A)

This building dates back to the fifteenth century. It has the same architectural style as the Abbey of Boscodon. Like many churches in the area, it has been ransacked on a number of occasions and was set alight by the Army of Savoie. The church was completely restored in 1998. In the sundial, there is a saying: "Poor but proud, and in good heart". Next to it is the village's coat of arms, which is represented by a greyhound.

Attribution : Amélie Vallier

Footbridge over the Durance (B)

This footbridge, which was completed in 2019, links Embrun with Crots and Baratier. Although it is a recent development, it actually boasts a long history. It stands on the exact site of the temporary bridge that replaced the La Clapière road bridge from 1953 onwards, which was destroyed during the Second World War by resistance fighters from the Embrunais area after the failure of an American bombing to do so. The aim was to prevent German forces from sending reinforcements to Gap, whose liberation was imminent. Although the bridge managed to withstand the American bombs, several people were killed and an explanatory panel on the footbridge pays tribute to them today.

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