The balconies of Embrun

Embrunais

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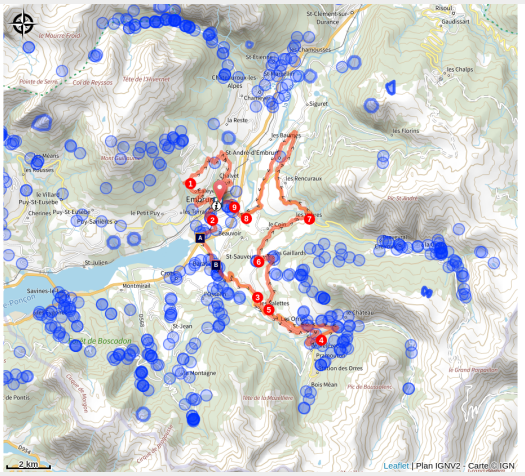


From one bank of the Durance to the other, this route takes in the most beautiful views around Embrun.

At the foot of Mont Guillaume, this route takes you to Caléyère and its breathtaking panorama of the Embrunais valleys, before crossing to the other side of the Durance and climbing up to the resort of Les Orres and its larch forests stretching as far as the eye can see.

Useful information

Practice : Cycling

Duration : 4 h

Length : 54.8 km

Trek ascent : 1616 m

Difficulty : Medium

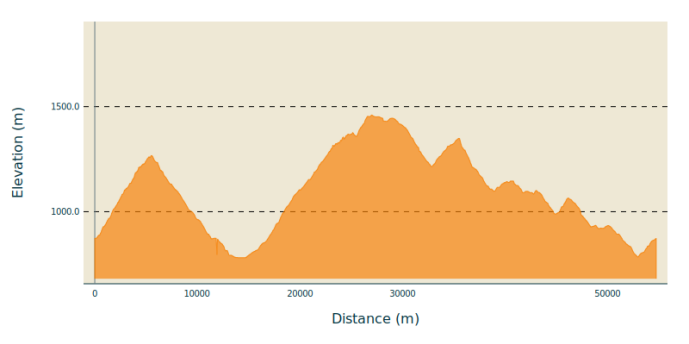
Type : Loop

Themes : History and architecture, Lake and glacier, Panorama

Trek

Departure : Station car park, Embrun
Arrival : Station car park, Embrun
Cities : 1. Embrun
2. Baratier
3. Saint-Sauveur
4. Les Orres
5. Saint-André-d'Embrun

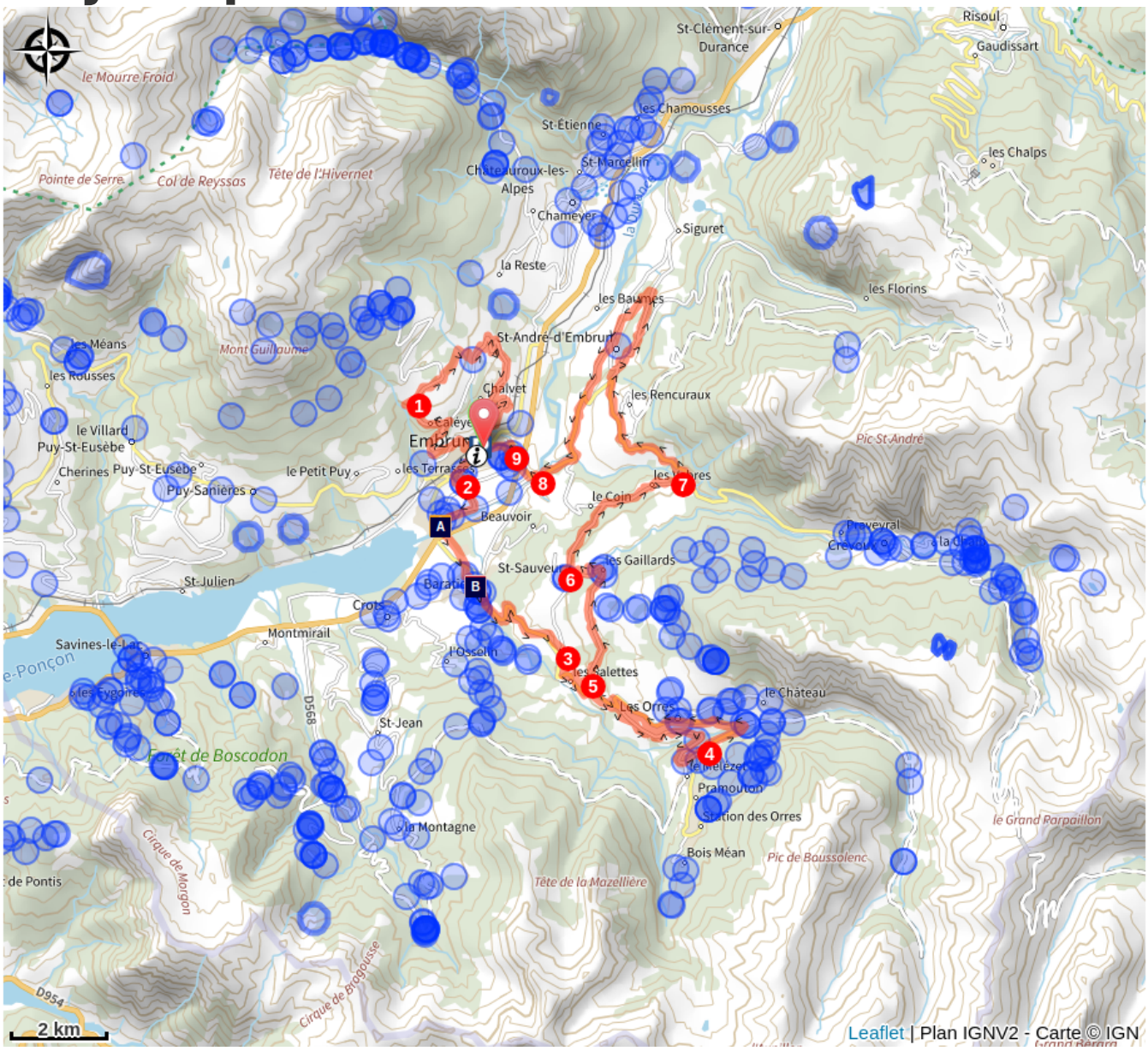
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 781 m Max elevation 1460 m

1. From Embrun station, turn right and go over the railway line. Take the "Route de Caléyère", which rises very quickly. The climb lasts almost 5 km, before reaching the Château de Caléyère. Shortly afterwards, you can enjoy a moment's rest and a beautiful view of Lake Serre-Ponçon, the surrounding peaks and the various valleys.
2. Continue on a small road then descend towards Embrun, after passing through the hamlets of Les Barthelons and Les Maures as well as other residential areas. Follow the railway line, cross it at the level crossing, then turn right. Continue for 600m before turning left and leaving the D994h. Stay on this road until you take a left fork, then immediately right to join the route de la digue.
3. Go along the river veering right, with views over the citadel of Embrun. When you reach a footbridge, cross over the Durance. Follow the cycle path towards Baratier (short section under the N94) and head towards a roundabout. Take the third exit towards Les Orres (D40) and climb for 8 km before reaching an intersection.
4. From here, take the tarmac lane that heads off to the right towards Le Pont (D540). Join the Mélézet and then a much wider departmental road (D40).
5. Stay on this road going left, past a hairpin bend then downhill for 5 km.
6. Slightly after the hamlet of Rabast (sign near a bus stop), at the start of a curve, keep your eyes peeled for a right turn towards Les Gaillards. Then head to the church of Saint-Sauveur for a short stop to admire the breathtaking panorama.
7. Continue towards Crévoux for 4 km and join the D39 at a hairpin bend.
8. Then head towards Saint-André-d'Embrun and, 1 km before the village (on the D139), choose the small route that climbs to the right towards Les Lagiers. Continue for 2 km until you come to a hairpin bend, then turn left onto the D994d. Follow the signs for Embrun for 4 km and turn right at the STOP sign. Cross the Durance on a metal bridge (wooden floor) towards the citadel of Embrun.
9. Finally, take the last ascent back to the starting point.

On your path...



Footbridge over the Durance (A)

Church of Saint-Chaffrey (B)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

- Respecter le sens de circulation des parcours.
- Respecter les autres usagers de la route.
- Le port du casque est obligatoire
- N’hésitez pas à consulter info route 05 avant de partir

How to come ?

Transports

From **Gap**:

- Zou! network : Line 69 / Frequency : 5 times a day

From **Briançon**

- Zou! network : Line 69 / Frequency : Every 4 hours

For more information: https://zou.maregionsud.fr

- SNCF bus

For more information: https://www.sncf-connect.com

Access

Follow the N94 from Gap or Briançon towards Embrun, then the town centre and station.

Advised parking

Station car park, Embrun

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.

Short-toed snake eagle

Sensitivity period: March, April, May, June, July, August, September

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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 un distance minimale de 300m sol quand vous la survolez soit 1470m d'altitude !

Information desks

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Serre-Ponçon

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Footbridge over the Durance (A)

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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Church of Saint-Chaffrey (B)

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.

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