Right bank Serre-Ponçon

Embrunais

(Thibault CHABERT)

This loop takes you from the foothills of the Ecrins massif to the shores of Lake Serre-Ponçon, in a riot of colours.

Bold ascents and fast descents await you. Panoramic views, landscapes of grey marl, torrents and larch forests follow one another along this demanding route. You won't have much time to catch your breath, so make sure you manage your efforts well.

Useful information

Practice : Cycling

Duration : 3 h

Length : 47.5 km

Trek ascent : 1448 m

Difficulty : Hard

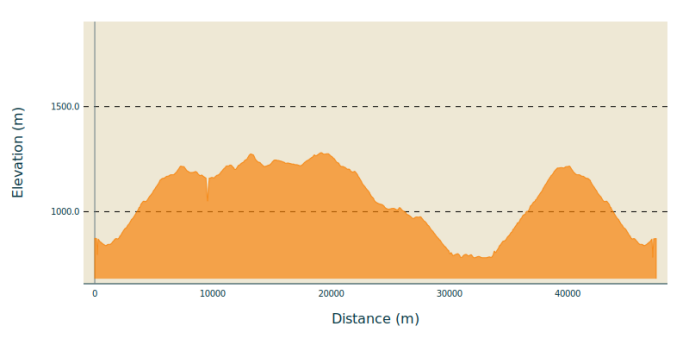
Type : Loop

Themes : Geology, Lake and glacier, Panorama

Trek

Departure : Station car park, Embrun
Arrival : Station car park, Embrun
Cities : 1. Embrun
2. Puy-Sanières
3. Puy-Saint-Eusèbe
4. Réallon
5. Savines-le-Lac
6. Saint-Apollinaire
7. Prunières
8. Chorges

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 781 m Max elevation 1281 m

1. From the station, head down towards Embrun town centre then, at the roundabout, turn right following the signs for "Hôpital -Urgences". Follow this avenue (Alexandre Didier) for 1 km and turn right at an imposing stone wall. Take the D9 towards Puy-Sanières and, after a short warm-up, things start to get serious with a 6km climb and an average gradient of 7%. This route offers beautiful views, while passing through wooded areas and grey marl landscapes.
2. Finally pass Puy-Sanières and now head towards Réallon, still on the D9. The view is unobstructed and offers a lovely vantage point over the Ecrins massif. Rock pillars, streams and marl follow one another in an environment where deciduous and coniferous trees mingle. Then head past Les Méans and, at the next junction, turn left towards Savines-le-Lac (D9).
3. Pass Les Rousses and, at the roundabout, continue towards Chorges (D9) for a lovely, gentle descent to the village of Saint-Apollinaire. Take a short break at the lookout (great view of Lake Serre-Ponçon) before continuing on to Chorges (D9). Continue for 5 km and, shortly after passing under a power line, take a 180° turn towards Prunières (signposted for cyclists). Continue along this pleasant road down to the N94.
4. Now turn right towards Briançon, staying as far to the right as possible (busy road at times). For the next 3 km, enjoy the panoramic views over the turquoise waters of the lake and the surrounding mountains. Finally, approach Savines bridge and turn left towards Puy-Sanières (D41).
5. Pass under the railway line, join a roundabout and head once more towards Puy-Sanières (D641).
6. The very last 7km climb allows you to fully appreciate the panorama all around you. Stick to this road until you reach the D9 at a crossroads. Finally, turn right and follow the same route to Embrun as on the outward journey. A lovely descent awaits you! Then it's back to where you started.

On your path...

RÉSERVE NATURELLE DE LA HAUTE VALLÉE DE LA SÉVERAISSE
RÉSERVE NATURELLE DU CIRQUE DU GRAND LAC DES ESTARIS
Embrun
Lac de Serre-Ponçon
F. Dom. de la Blanche
Forêt de Boscodon
Barcelonnette
Puy-St-Vincent
Les Vigneaux
L'Argentière-la-Bessée
Freissinières
La Roche-de-Rame
Champcella
St-Crépin
Eygliers
Guillestre
Risoul
Réotier
St-Clément-sur-Durance
Châteauroux-les-Alpes
St-André-d'Embrun
Réallon
Orcières
Chaillol
St-Michel-de-Chaillol
St-Jean-St-Nicolas
Pont du Fossé
Buissard
Chabottes
la Haute Plaine
Ancelle
La Rochette
Romette
La Bâtie-Neuve
La Bâtie-Vieille
Rambaud
Montgardin
Chorges
St-Apollinaire
Puy-St-Eusèbe
le Villard
Savines-le-Lac
Crots
St-Sauveur
Baratier
Crévoux
Les Orres
Pontis
Le Sauze-du-Lac
Avançon
St-Étienne-le-Laus
Valserres
Théus
Remollon
Rousset
Espinasses
les Celliers
La Bréole
Ubaye-Serre-Ponçon
St-Vincent-les-Forts
Le Lauzet-Ubaye
Montclar
Station St-Jean Montclar
Méolans-Revel
la Fresquière
Les Thuiles
St-Pons
Faucon-de-Barcelonnette
Uvernet-Fours
Enchastrayes
Seyne
Selonnet
St-Martin-lès-Seyne
Astoin
Bayons
Auzet
Le Vernet
Barles
Verdaches
Col d'Allos
Col de Maure
Grande Séolane
Grand Pinier
Pic de Rocheclaire
Tête de Vautisse
Tête de l'Hivernet
Pointe de Serre
Col de Reyssas
Mont Guillaume
Aiguilles de Chabrières
Pic St-André
Tête de la Mazellière
Pic de Boussolenc
Grand Bérard
l'Aupillon
Tête de l'Estrop
Tête de Chabrières
Sommet de Clot Ginoux ou les Cimettes
les Monges
5 km
Leaflet | Plan IGNV2 - Carte © IGN

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 1310m d'altitude !

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