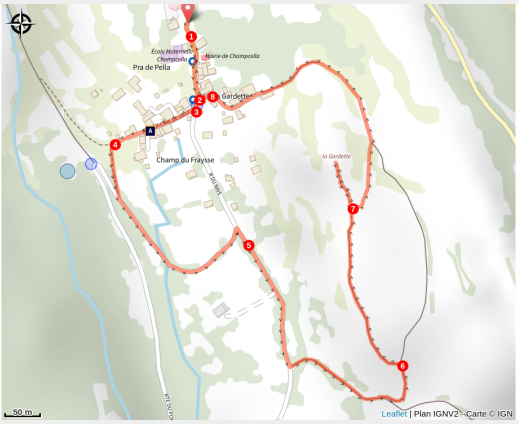
RANDOLAND : Champcella

Vallouise

Panorama sur la vallée de la Durance (Pays des Écrins - Pierre Nossereau)



The village of Champcella appears to have always been close to an important communication route: the Via Domitia; traces of human occupation dating back to the 1st century AD have been found there !

Champcella is made up of 17 small hamlets that stretch across an altitude of approximately 1,150 to 1,630 meters, and its inhabitants are called the "Champcellouires". It is a village with a rich agricultural tradition that is pleasant to live in and filled with walking paths ready to reveal its many stories and legends.

Equip yourself with the "Randoland" leaflet, available for purchase at the Tourist Office, to solve puzzles and observe elements of the local heritage.

Useful information

Practice : By walk

Duration : 1 h 15

Length : 2.1 km

Trek ascent : 78 m

Difficulty : Very easy

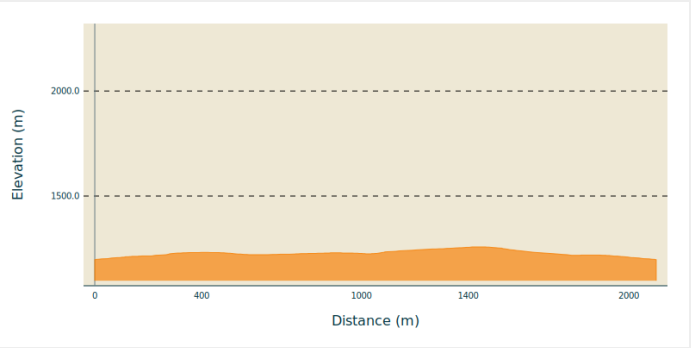
Type : Loop

Themes : Flora, History and architecture

Trek

Departure : Église (church), Champcella
Arrival : Église (church), Champcella
Cities : 1. Champcella

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1197 m Max elevation 1258 m

The walk starts at the church, where you should begin by observing the building to solve the first riddle.provence-alpes-cotedazur

1. With your back to the church, take the road heading uphill and look for the "Mont Analogue" marker on your left after 30 meters.
2. Continue uphill through the village, passing the town hall and the lodge, to reach the Place du Général Guieu, home to the war memorial, a cross, and the communal wash house.
3. Turn right after the wash house onto Rue de la Cime de Ville and observe the house on your left just past number 39.
4. Follow the dead-end street, then take the first path on the left running along a meadow; at the road, turn left, then right at the intersection to reach the Croix des Chapelles.
5. Continue uphill, turn left at the junction toward "les Pasques," and take a break on the bench about 130 meters further along the right side of the path.
6. Stay on the left-hand path that climbs past two large boulders, then continue left after 30 meters until you reach the Croix de la Gardette.
7. Turn back, go about 100 meters, turn left, and walk past the pines, cairn, and two small rocks to join the trail that circles the Croix de la Gardette massif and leads back to the village.
8. At the bottom of this path, walk between the houses to observe the facade of number 54, then turn right at the war memorial to return to the church.

On your path...

The fields of Champcella (A)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

Before setting out on a hike, check the weather conditions. Be especially vigilant with children, particularly in non-pedestrian areas. The route is undertaken entirely at your own risk, and Randoland and the Tourist Office accept no responsibility in the event of an accident.

Mountain rescue: 112

Please respect the work of farmers, operators, and landowners.

Close all gates behind you.

Take all your rubbish with you.

Do not cut across the route through the meadows.

How to come ?

Transports

Public transport >> https://services-zou.maregionsud.fr/fr/
Think car-pooling as well >> www.blablacar.fr

For more information, contact the nearest Tourist Information Office to the starting point of the hike.

Access

From Gap
At the roundabout in Saint-Crépin, take the third exit to join the D138 towards Champcella.

From Briançon
On the N94 road, before reaching La Roche-de-Rame, turn right onto the D38 towards Champcella.

Advised parking

Spaces in between the church and the town-hall

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.

Peregrine falcon

Sensitivity period: February, March, April, May, June

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Un site de nidification est actuellement utilisés par un couple de faucons pélerins dans une falaise équipée pour l'escalade, un secteur est à éviter jusqu'au 15 juin :

Au site dit du Ponteil, le niche dans la partie haute de la falaise, au-dessus de la vire, entre les voies "le grand dièdre" et "rôle en dalles".
Pour préserver leur tranquillité, il est donc préférable d'éviter la partie supérieure de ces voies.
La partie inférieure, jusqu'à la vire, ainsi que les autres voies de la falaise peuvent être grimpées en étant discret. Pour la descente, afin de limiter la fréquentation dans ce secteur à gauche de la falaise, il est proposé de prendre les rappels du "nid d'aigle", de "la fuite enchantée" ou bien le câble à droite de la falaise.

http://www.ecrins-parcnational.fr/actualite/amis-grimpeurs-attention-aux-pelerins-voies?fbclid=IwAR2Z8hX_38vpdW3mS499aRnY08jarhfm-5-eNV8K29k3WB3q3Ik2US_Alec

Merci d'éviter cette zone !

En cas de survol merci de rester au-dessus de 2010m d’altitude à une distance de 300m sol.

Source

Pays des Ecrins

https://www.paysdesecrins.com

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The fields of Champcella (A)

The name Champcella came from champ caché, or hidden field. And it's true that, nestling on a flat ledge, the village cannot be seen from the Durance valley. As you gain height above the village, a number of clues as to its past agricultural tradition are still in evidence. The crops have disappeared, replaced by meadows, but the old walls, canals and stone piles - formed by the patient clearing of stones from the fields - are a reminder of bygone times.

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