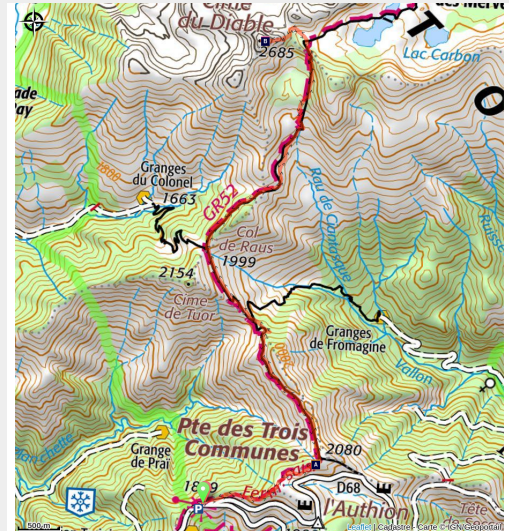




Pas du Diable

Vallée haute Vésubie - Moulinet



Le Grand et le Petit Capelet, la cime du Diable, depuis l'Authion et ses pelouses alpines. (Emmanuel ICARDO)

Take a trip through the history of the Authion mountain on the way to the Pas du Diable, whose name (which translates as "The Devil's Footsteps") is a reminder of the accursed reputation that high mountains used to have. The summit provides a 360° view over several summits such as Mont Bégo and Mont du Grand Capelet.

Au départ du massif de l'Authion, une ambiance militaire sur ce sentier historique portant encore les vestiges de la Seconde Guerre mondiale. La seconde partie, des pelouses d'altitude et leurs parfums floraux printaniers. Au terminus un panorama à 360° sur les vallées de La Roya et de la Vésubie.

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 7 h

Length : 19.4 km

Trek ascent : 1355 m

Difficulty : Hard

Type : Round trip

Themes : Fauna, Viewpoint

Trek

Departure : Cabane de Tuéis, Moulinet

Arrival : Pas du Diable

Cities : 1. Moulinet

2. La Bollène-Vésubie

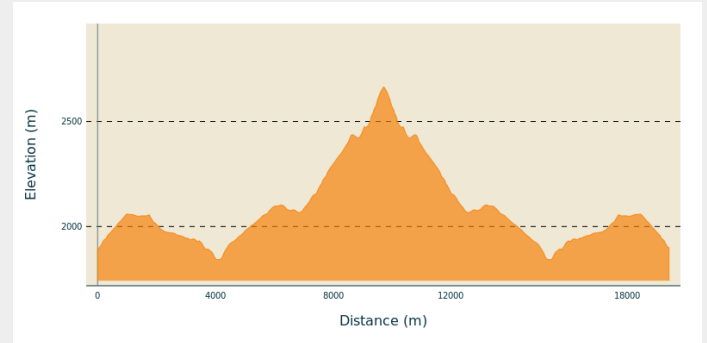
3. Breil-sur-Roya

4. Saorge

5. Belvédère

6. Tende

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1842 m Max elevation 2663 m

From the carpark at the hut at Tueis, follow marker 244 towards La Pointe des Trois Communes, where you will join the GR52 (marker B410).

Turn left and follow the route of the GR, which goes over the Baisse de St Véran (marker 409), the Col de Raus (marker 406), the Baisse Cavatine and finally the Pas du Diable (marker 405).

Follow the same route for the return journey.

On your path...



 Redoute des Trois Communes (A)

 Cime du Diable (B)

All useful information

Is in the midst of the park

The national park is an unrestricted natural area but subjected to regulations which must be known by all visitors.

How to come ?

Access

Go to the Col de Turini, head for Authion and leave your vehicle at the carpark near to the Mercantour National Park information point, at the hut at Tueis.

Advised parking

cabane de Tueis

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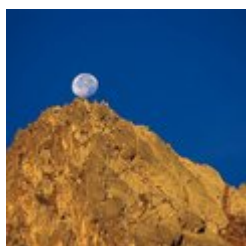


Redoute des Trois Communes (A)

La Redoute des Trois Communes is a French fort which was built in 1898, in the Authion mountain chain under the command of Général Séré de Rivières.

In the 1870s, relations between France and Italy were conflictual. When the Comté de Nice became part of France (24th March 1860), it made Authion even more important as it had become a border chain, the keystone of defending the Maritime Alps. Huge fortification works began to make any possibility of the Italians breaking through impossible. Access to the chain was facilitated by several strategic roads being opened, leading to La Redoute des Trois Communes (1898) and to the forts of La Forca (1883-1890) and Mille Fourches (1883-1890).

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Cime du Diable (B)

Due to its isolated position on the southern border of the Mercantour National Park, Cime du Diable, which rises to an altitude of 2685m, can easily be seen, despite its altitude, from the Mediterranean, with only 40km lying between it and the Côte d'Azur. It watches over the Cirque des Merveilles. Its evocative name recalls the way that high mountains were viewed in the past as being in some way cursed. Le Pas du Diable, located on the slopes of the cime of the same name, provides the link, thanks to GR52, between Vallée des Merveilles and the site of L'Authion.

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