



Le lac de l'Oronaye

Vallée haute Ubaye - Larche



Le lac de l'Oronaye, 2411 m), et le Bec du Lièvre, (2770 m), en fin d'été. (François BRETON)



Ancienne vallée glaciaire, le vallon suspendu de l'Oronaye abrite un lac aux nuances bleu turquoise, dominé au loin par l'imposante Tête de Moïse (3104m).

A hanging valley, formerly part of a glacier, which houses a turquoise lake. Close by, at the Col du Roburent, engraved stone bollards mark the former frontier with Savoie.

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 5.1 km

Trek ascent : 562 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Round trip

Themes : Archeology and history, Lake, Viewpoint

Trek

Departure : Col de Larche

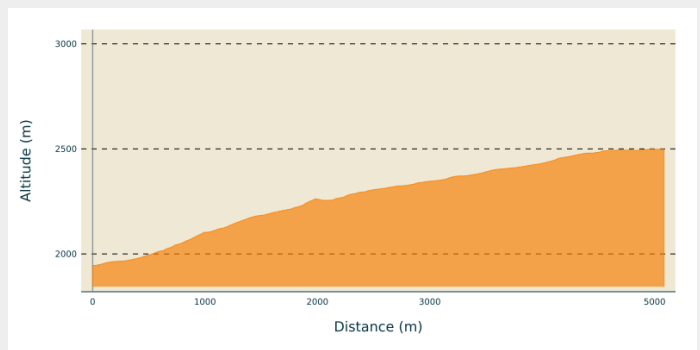
Arrival : Col de Larche

Cities : 1. Larche

2. Val-d'Oronaye

3. Argentera

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1944 m Max elevation 2498 m

From the car park, head into the Alpine pastures along a wide path. It starts off with a gentle upwards slope before climbing the right bank of the Orrenaye mountain stream and passing close by modern sheep folds. The path then passes over a rock cliff face.

Pass by the right turning which would take you downhill. Continue opposite and pass by a slope on the left which heads up to a pastoral hut.

At the junction between itineraries, head to the right on the upward path.

When you reach a small crossroads, continue straight on, passing by the path for the return journey which is on your right. After a small residual lake, you will reach Lac de l'Orrenaye. Keep climbing on the left of the lake and cross a brook before there is a fork in the path.

To reach the border mountain of Le Roburent (2502m) and to admire its Italian namesake, continue along the path with the gentler slope in the same direction.

Head back down via the same route. At the residual lake, take the path on the left to re-join the path taken on the outward journey in order to get back to the car park.

On your path...



All useful information

Advices

Do not head into the valley on day when visibility is low/Keep dogs on their leads in pastoral areas/Don't forget to bring a water bottle and binoculars.

Since summer 2015 at Lac de l'Oronaye, a programme for monitoring vegetation has been set up. Please respect the fencing and the posts which have been placed there.

How to come ?

Transports

Consulter les disponibilités de transport en commun sur [Zou.maregionsud](https://www.zou.maregionsud.fr/) et les navettes dans la vallée de l'Ubaye <https://www.ubaye.com/telechargements/brochures/horaires-navettes.pdf>

Access

Col de Larche (1960m), 32km east of Barcelonnette on the D900.

1km before the montain, take a track on the left to reach the carpark, close to the former customs post, downstream of the Orrenaye mountain stream.

Advised parking

Track on the left close to the former customs post, downstream from the Orrenaye mountain stream, where there is a flat area.

Information desks

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