



Variation GTM Barcelonnette - Stage 1 : Barcelonnette - Bayasse

Vallée haute Ubaye - Barcelonnette



Barcelonnette et Faucon de Barcelonnette en début de printemps, les sommets sont encore bien enneigés, nuages de beau temps. (François Breton - PNM)

The Chapeau de Gendarme, clearly visible from Barcelonnette, is an emblematic summit particularly conducive to ibex watching.

A stage of connection crossing the small family resort of Sauze, making it possible to join the hamlet of Bayasse, in the heart of the Vallon du Bachelard.

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 6 h 30

Length : 20.0 km

Trek ascent : 1624 m

Difficulty : Hard

Type : Longer treks

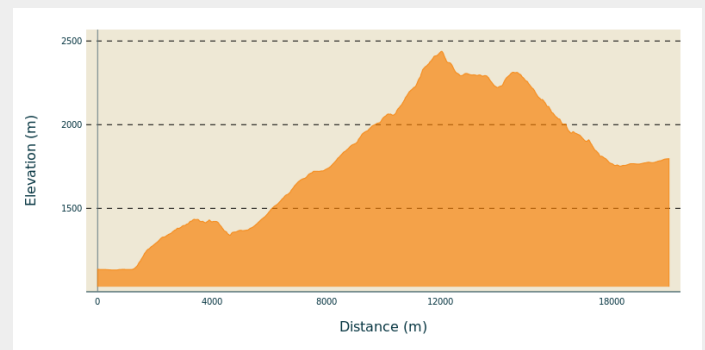
Trek

Departure : Barcelonnette

Arrival : Bayasse

Cities : 1. Barcelonnette
2. Uvernet-Fours

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1132 m Max elevation 2438 m

From Place Aimé Grassier head towards the river Ubaye by the road to Pra-Loup. Cross the Plan bridge. Take the road to the left and after the small bridge take the Chemin des Alpapes. Cross straight on towards "la Gravette" and at N°22 turn right onto chemin des Alpapes. Climb the slope steep enough to reach the road. Turn left on 75m and right on 1km.

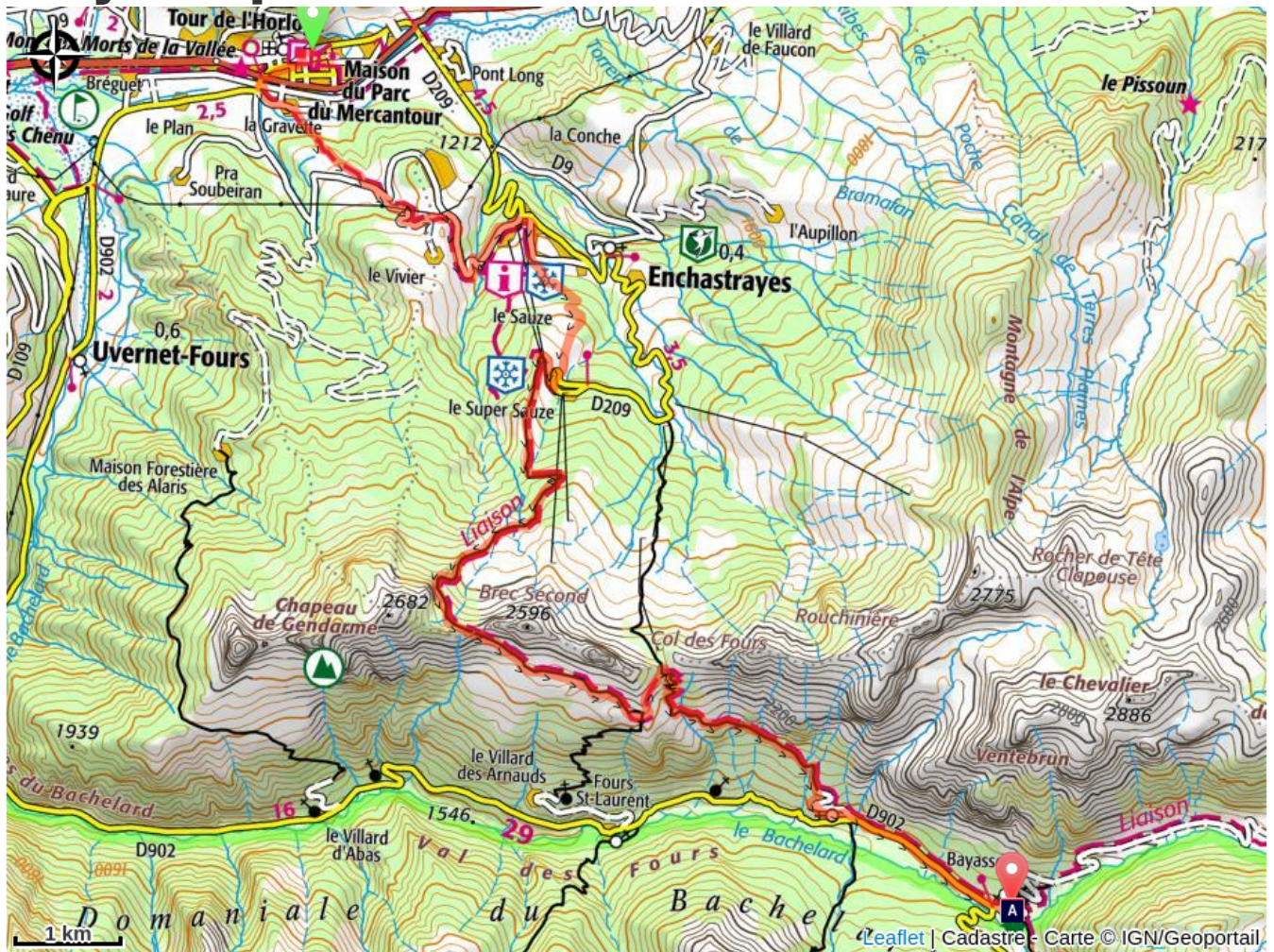
In the 3rd curve, near the reservoir, continue straight ahead along the path. It runs along an old canal and begins a slight descent in bends in the forest. It leads to Sauze. Head south to join the departure of the chairlift Super Sauze and take the small road on the right parallel to the lift. In the turn altitude 1440m take the path direction super Sauze. At the first intersection turn left directly to the station 1700m.

Continue in front of you keeping the buildings on your right. The path rises on the croup dominating the station. Pass near the Pré Adroit ski lift. The path continues its ascent, crossing a wide valley and reaching a flat with huts. Climb across in the direction of the summits facing you. At the pass, go up the path on the left along the cliff and turn left at the crossing to reach the Gyp pass 2448m.

Go down to the other side in the rocky outcrop, cross the boulder-filled flat and continue down the narrow path that leads to a grassy flat. After a few tens of meters turn left following the markings and the cairns, the path being badly traced at this place. The path continues between the rocks and then descends a steep slope before a new flat. At the end, go up a little and reach a crossroads behind a rock. Leave on the left the ascent towards the Col de Fours and take on the right the path in bends in descent which loses altitude quickly and opens after 45 mn approximately on a track at the place known as the Collet.

Join the departmental road 902 and follow it on the left for 1.5km. Before crossing the Bachelard River, on the left marked by the Saint Louis Chapel is access to the hamlet of Bayasse and the Mercantour National Park refuge.

On your path...



 Bayasse Refuge-Hotel (A)

All useful information

Advices

Attention aux troupeaux et aux chiens de défense (Patous). Respecter les consignes. Faire attention au balisage dans la zone de pâturage

On your path...



Bayasse Refuge-Hotel (A)

Mercantour National Park Refuge-Hotel

Refuge open all year

Restaurant open every day from May to September and upon reservation all year

Capacity: 11 bedrooms; 2 dormitories (6 to 8 people), 4 family rooms (2 to 4 people) and 5 double rooms.

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