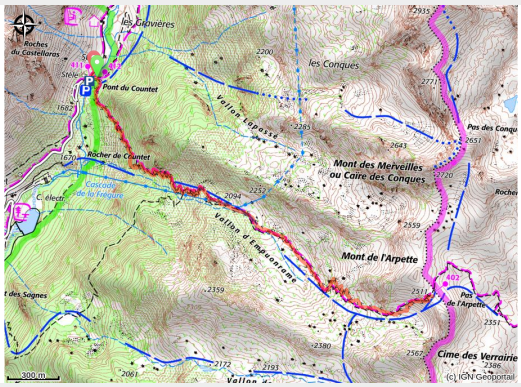
Pas de l'Arpette

Vallée haute Vésubie - Belvédère



Le Pas de l'Arpette, la cîme du Diable, le Capelet supérieur à la fin du printemps, le 16 juin 2005. Temps nuageux. (GUIGO Franck)

A tricky hike (800m of climbing), heading through the valley of Empuonrame. The end at Pas de l'Arpette (2511m) is one of the entrances towards the Vallée des Merveilles, from Vésubie. Plenty of effort and strong emotions are guaranteed from this hike.

Countet Bridge, the starting point for this hike, is located at the foot of Les Gravières and was where the legendary series “Belle and Sebastien” was filmed.

You will also go under the penstock which supplies the hydro-electric plant at Gordolasque.

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 5 h 18

Length : 7.5 km

Trek ascent : 813 m

Difficulty : Medium

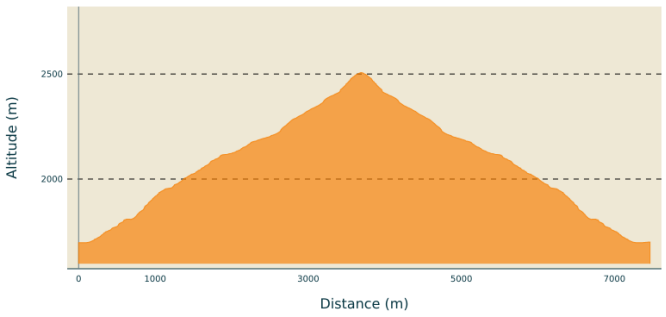
Type : Round trip

Themes : Archeology and history, Fauna, Viewpoint

Trek

Departure : Countet Bridge (Belvédère)
Arrival : Countet Bridge (Belvédère)
Markings : PR
Cities : 1. Belvédère
2. Tende

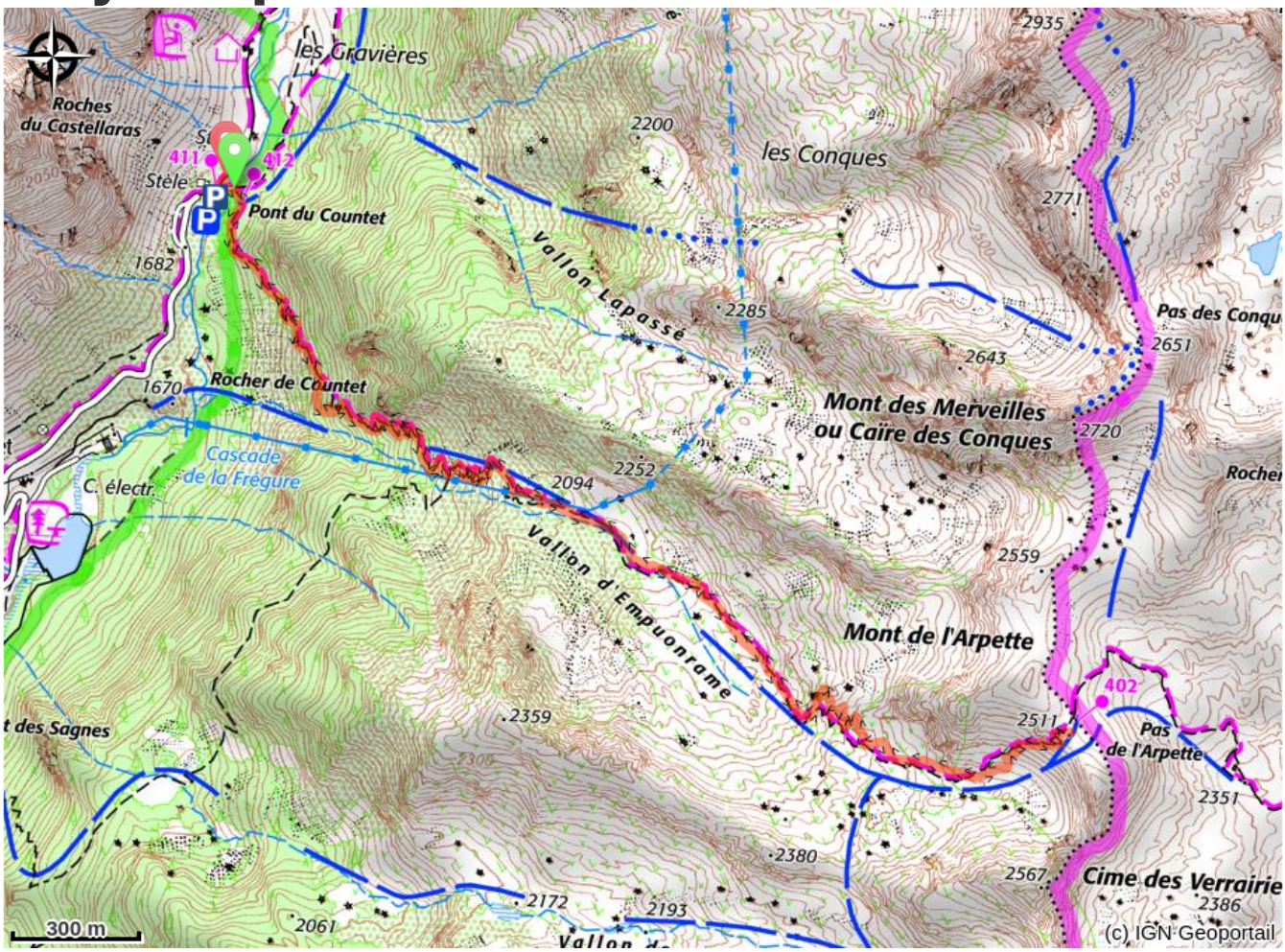
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1697 m Max elevation 2507 m

From the carpark at La Gordolasque, cross Countet Bridge (1692m) and take a right turn at marker 412. This is the way to Pas de l'Arpette (2511m), which you will reach after crossing the valley of Empuonrame.
You can subsequently head into the Vallée des Merveilles, where guided visits in the company of official Mercantour National Park guides to look at the 40 000 rock carvings, the oldest of them dating from the Copper Age and beginning of the Bronze Age. Follow the same route for the return journey.

On your path...


les Gravières
Roches du Castellaras
411
412
Stèle
Pont du Countet
1682
1670
Rocher de Countet
Cascade de la Frégure
C. électr.
2200
les Conques
2935
2771
Vallon Lapassé
2285
2643
Pas des Conqu
2651
Mont des Merveilles ou Caïre des Conques
2720
2252
2094
Vallon d'Empuonrame
2559
Mont de l'Arpette
402
2511
Pas de l'Arpette
2351
2359
2380
2567
Cime des Verrairie
2386
2172
2193
2061
300 m
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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 ?

Transports

En juillet et août, une navette rejoint la vallée de la Gordolasque depuis Roquebillière en correspondance avec la ligne de Bus 90 au départ de Nice Grand-Arénas.
Uniquement du vendredi au dimanche

Ligne régulière depuis Nice

Navette touristique vers La Gordolasque

Access

From Belvédère, take the road towards La Gordolasque for 12 kilometres, leave your vehicle at Countet carpark, the end of the road up the Gordolasque Valley.

Advised parking

Countet Bridge carpark

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