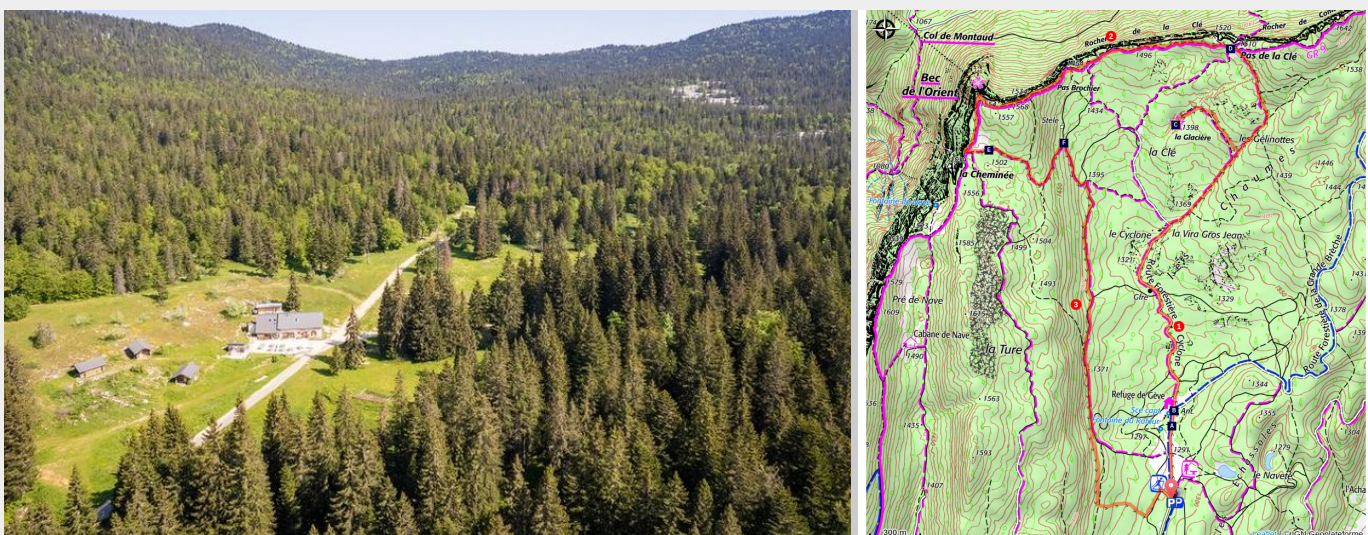


Chemins de la Liberté - The Path to Freedom: The C3 Camp at Gève-les-Cardeaux

4 Montagnes - Autrans



Gève (Focus outdoor)

Go in the direction of Pas de la Clé, which used to be a passageway for the transport of timber between the mountain and the valley.

Hike mainly forest, which leads to a splendid panorama on the valley of the Isère and the massif of the Chartreuse. You will walk in the middle of many lapiaz.

Useful information

Practice : By walk

Duration : 4 h 30

Length : 10.4 km

Trek ascent : 444 m

Difficulty : Moyen

Type : Boucle

Themes : Histoire et patrimoine, Point de vue, Résistance

Trek

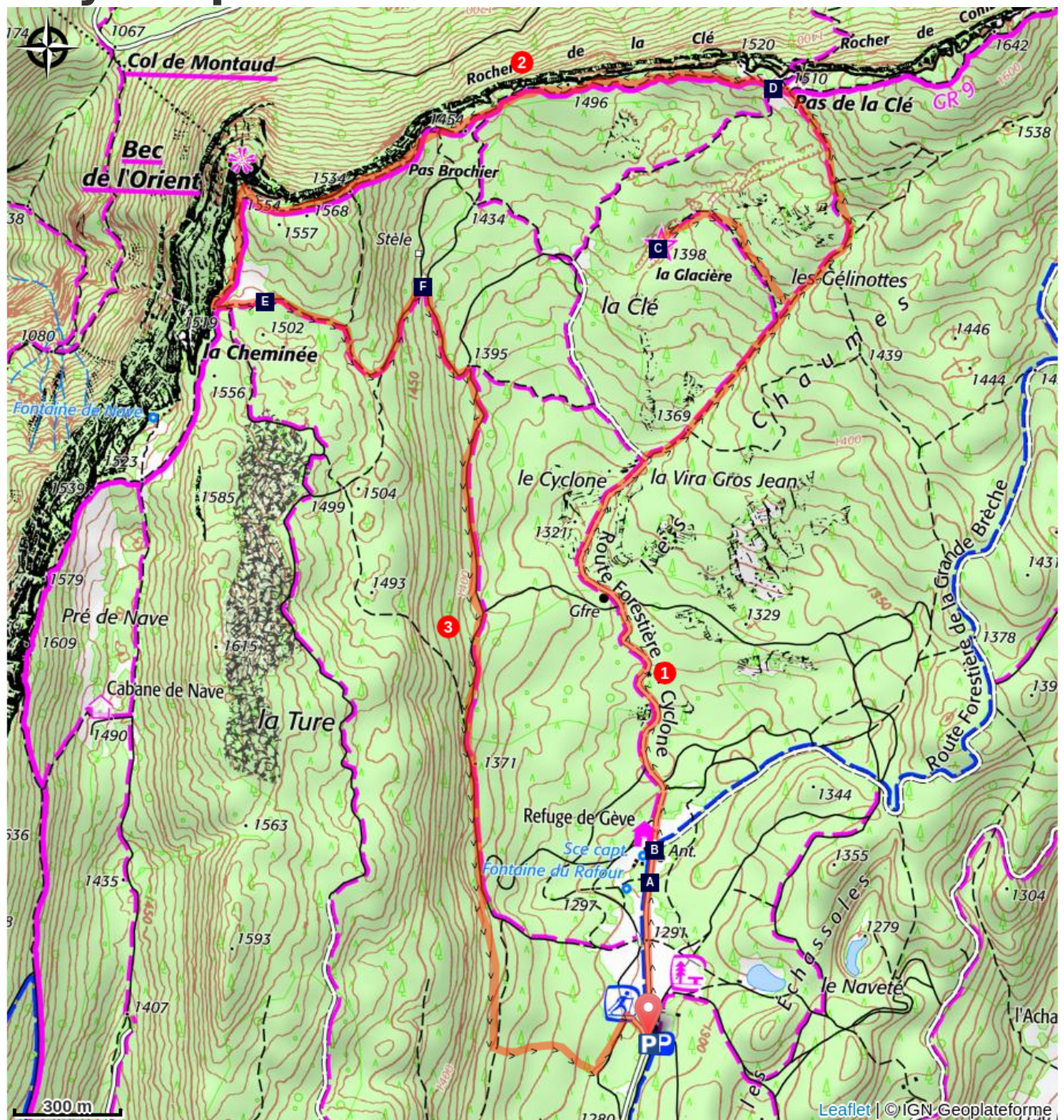
Departure : Gève, Autrans

Arrival : Gève, Autrans

Markings :  GTV VTT  PR  GR  GTV à pied

1. Starting from the **Gève car park**, head towards **Pas de la Clé** via **Le Refuge**, **La Patte d'Oie**, **Le Cyclone**, **La Vira Gros-Jean** and **Les Gelinottes** (with the option of doing a round trip at **La Glacière** at 500 meters).
2. At **Pas de la Clé**, head for **Bec de l'Orient** via **Sous le Pas Brochier** and **Pas Brochier**.
3. After **Bec de l'Orient** head to **La Cheminée**, **L'Avion**, **Charbonnière** and on to **Haut du Canyon**. Walk back to the **Gève** car park via **Le Refuge**.

On your path...



Gève (A)

The Glacière of Autrans (C)

Les Carteaux (E)

Gève Refuge - Camp 3 (B)

Pas de la Clé (D)

The plane (F)

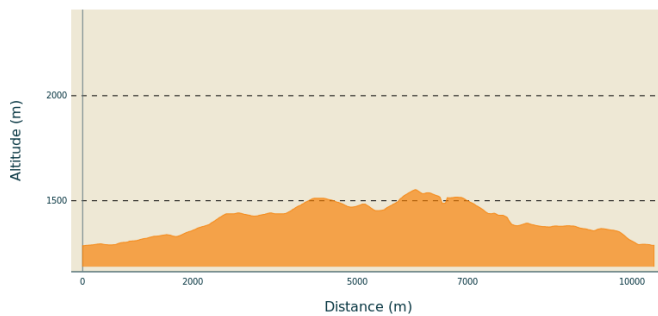
All useful information

Advices

Use the passageways to cross the fences, close the gates and barriers, stay on the marked paths.

Staying on marked paths also means respecting private property.

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1286 m

Max elevation 1553 m

Transports

With Region T65 or T64 coaches for Lans-en-Vercors and then on line T66 to Autrans: please note that line T66 does not go further than Autrans. There is the option of finishing the walk at the car park by hitchhiking or carpooling.

You can get there / get back by hitching a lift with the Rezo Pouce network from Autrans-Méaudre, Lans-en-Vercors, Grenoble and Royans-Vercors (you can find all the stops in the Vercors on www.rezopouce.fr).

From Grenoble, take the D531 to Lans-en-Vercors, then head for Autrans via the D106. In Autrans, make for the Nordic ski area of Gève.

Access

From Grenoble take the D531 to Lans-en-Vercors, then take the direction of Autrans via the D106. In Autrans head towards the Nordic domain of Gève.

Advised parking

Parking at the entrance of the plateau de Gève

 **Information desks**

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On your path...



Gève (A)

The Gève plateau is very popular for Nordic skiing; it forms part of the 200 km network of cross-country ski trails in the Autrans-Méaudre area. In winter, the Gève plateau has some of the highest snowfall in the Vercors.

Attribution : s_fayollat



Gève Refuge - Camp 3 (B)

Now known as the Refuge de Gève, this forest cabin once served as the winter quarters for the Camp 3 Resistance fighters. It was set up by the Franc-Tireur Resistance movement in the spring of 1943. It housed around 30 people who were refusing to undertake the Service du Travail Obligatoire - the forced enlistment of French citizens. Their days were devoted to collecting firewood and keeping watch. They later took part in the fighting in the Vercors and the Liberation of Lyon in 1944. Since Camp 3 was too easy for the enemy to reach in the summer, it moved to the Cabane des Carteaux.

Attribution : Focus outdoor



The Glacière of Autrans (C)

The Autrans cooler is a cavity where snow accumulates in the winter and persists for much of the year. It has been traversed by cave explorers for a long time, since 1936 the speleo club of Paris arrives at the depth of -45 meters and it is in 1988 that the siphon terminal is explored in diving to -221 meters. Its karst network develops thanks to an enormous fault. Its resurgence is the Goule Noire (in the gorges of the bourne) distant of 18,5 km!

Attribution : PNRV



Pas de la Clé (D)

In 1944, following the Normandy landings, the call to arms went out in the Vercors. A watch was kept over the mountain passes across the entire massif to warn about a German attack. The Pas de La Clé was kept under surveillance by eight C3 fighters. In days gone by, the wood from the villages of Autrans and Méaudre was transported to the Pas de la Clé, where it was hurled into a purpose-built corridor before sliding down to Montaud and Veurey. The trunks were collected together on timber rafts on the Isère before being floated towards Beaucaire and the coast.

Attribution : T. Rony



Les Carteaux (E)

Summer billeting of the C3 Resistance members in 1943 and 1944. A makeshift hut built of sheet metal and branches gave the fighters shelter. Their days were made up of physical exercise and weapons training before the first battles of June 1944. The hut fell into ruin before being renovated in 2023 by the Cabane 44 association.

Attribution : Marc Serratrice



The plane (F)

During the night of 2 February 1944, the Lancaster aircraft of the Royal Air Force refueled the resistance of the Camp de Gève. The plane flying at low altitude is caught in a snowstorm, it crashed with its 7 men. The explosion was heard until the village of Autrans. The men still rest today in the cemetery of Autrans.

Attribution : Focus outdoor