

The Pic Saint-Michel and le col de l'Arc

4 Montagnes - Lans-en-Vercors



(S&M Booth)



The Pic Saint-Michel at 1,966 metres is an emblematic Vercors summit, dominating the Grenoble valley, with an exceptional panorama over a large part of the Alps.

This pleasant mountain hike will let you discover different environments in a sumptuous setting. You will wander through the woods, alpine pastures and the lapiaz.

Useful information

Practice : By walk

Duration : 4 h 30

Length : 9.8 km

Trek ascent : 706 m

Difficulty : Difficile

Type : Boucle

Themes : Faune, Flore, Géologie, Pastoralisme, Point de vue, Sommet

Trek

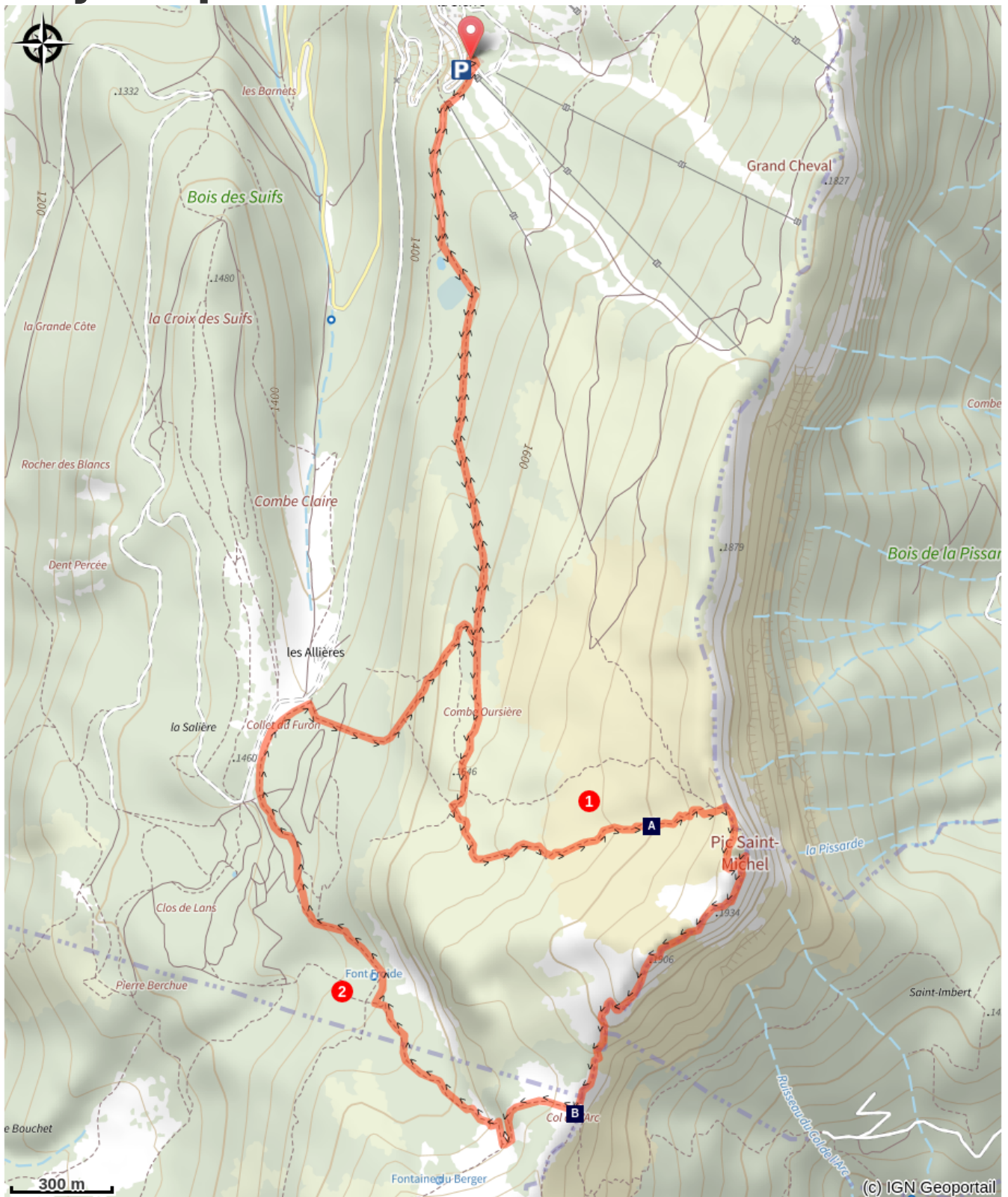
Departure : Barnets car park, route des Montagnes de Lans, Lans-en-Vercors

Arrival : Barnets car park, route des Montagnes de Lans, Lans-en-Vercors

Markings :  GR  GTV à pied

Leaving from the lieu-dit Les Barnets (car park), go towards the Pic Saint-Michel by taking the Tour des Quatre-Montagnes itinerary (yellow and red marking). At the Collet du Furon, take the trail that climbs to the Combe Oursière now following the yellow-green markers. This trail meanders amongst the rocks to finally reach the Pic Saint-Michel with its magnificent panorama over the Grenoble valley and a large part of the Alps. After a good rest, even if only to appreciate the beauty of the location, the walk continues close to the ridge, regularly descending to reach the Col de l'Arc, the other highlight of the circuit. To return to the Barnets, follow the marked trail and descend to Font Froide where you meet the GR 91. From there, go to La Salière then the Collet du Furon, from which the Barnets is not far.

On your path...



Les Lapiaz (A)

Le Col de l'Arc (B)

All useful information

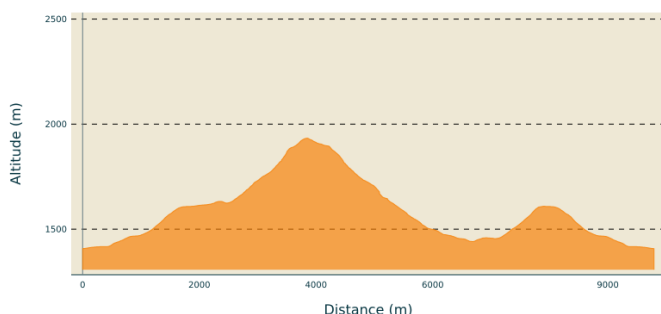
Advices

At certain times of year, you will cross summer pastures, and may meet herd protection and guard dogs (Patous). Always ensure that you go a long way round the animals, calmly so that the dog can identify you, do not pat or threaten them. Keep dogs on leads.

In rainy weather, some technical sections may be difficult and slippery!

Use the installed passages to cross fences, close gates and barriers. Stay on the marked trails and respect private property.

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1407 m

Max elevation 1933 m

Transports

Navettes régulières en bus depuis Grenoble (attention ces dernières ne passent pas aux Barnets, mais au village de Lans-en-Vercors): [Transisère ligne 5110](#)

Access

From Lans-en-Vercors, head towards the Sierre (Montagnes de Lans snow stadium) via the D1061, park in the "Les Barnets" car park.

Advised parking

Barnets car park, (route des Montagnes de Lans)

 **Information desks**

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Les Lapiaz (A)

Les lapiaz résultent du ruissellement de l'eau à la surface des dalles de calcaires. Le calcaire étant soluble à l'eau, des rigoles se forment et dessinent des canyons miniatures (forme karstique), l'eau s'infiltré ensuite dans les fissures pour rejoindre le réseau souterrain.

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Le Col de l'Arc (B)

Juste en contrebas du Pic Saint-Michel, l'érosion du calcaire a dessiné un grand arc de cercle aux formes harmonieuses : le Col de l'Arc. Ce col a représenté jadis un point de rencontre entre les habitants du Val de Lans et ceux du Trièves. Les agriculteurs des Quatre-Montagnes venaient y échanger leurs bêtes contre de l'huile et du vin.

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