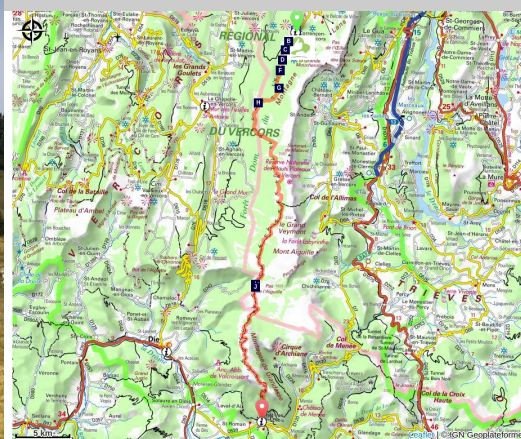


# Walk via the Haut-Plateaux du Vercors

GTV

4 Montagnes - Corrençon-en-Vercors



Randonneurs sur les hauts plateaux du Vercors (Booth)

*No roads, no villages. The scarcity of surface water has prevented a permanent human presence. The main activities that you are likely to meet in the Reserve area are grazing, forestry and walking. Other activities such as scientific research, hunting, etc also take place.*

The Hauts-Plateaux Natural Reserve nestles at the heart of the Vercors Park, in its highest and wildest area. With little signposting, no real refuges but unmanned shelter-cabins. These conditions may seem restrictive at first sight, but they provide the guarantee of total immersion in this rich, preserved natural environment. A luxury in today's "over equipped" society, that this variant lets you discover.

## Useful information

Practice : Itinerant hike

Duration : 3 days

Length : 52.5 km

Trek ascent : 1840 m

Difficulty : Difficile

Type : Traversée

Themes : Faune, Flore, Géologie, Histoire et patrimoine, Pastoralisme, Point de vue, Accessible en transport en commun

# Trek

Departure : Corrençon-en-Vercors (village)

Arrival : Châtillon-en-Diois (village)

Markings :  GR  GTV à pied

A variant to Grand Tour du Vercors, the Hauts-Plateaux crossing is a 55 kilometre trail at the heart of the Natural Reserve.

Created in 1985, the Reserve nestles at the heart of the Vercors Park. With its 17,000 hectares, it is the largest Natural Land Reserve in mainland France.

Whilst the Reserve retains a wild aspect, it requires daily management by the Vercors Park, in collaboration with local institutions (NFO, towns) and the professional users of the land. Work is regularly carried out to preserve the fauna, flora, building heritage; to facilitate the work of the breeders and farmers, tap water sources... Rangers carry out the main tasks on the Reserve: scientific work, welcome, information, environmental education, nature protection...

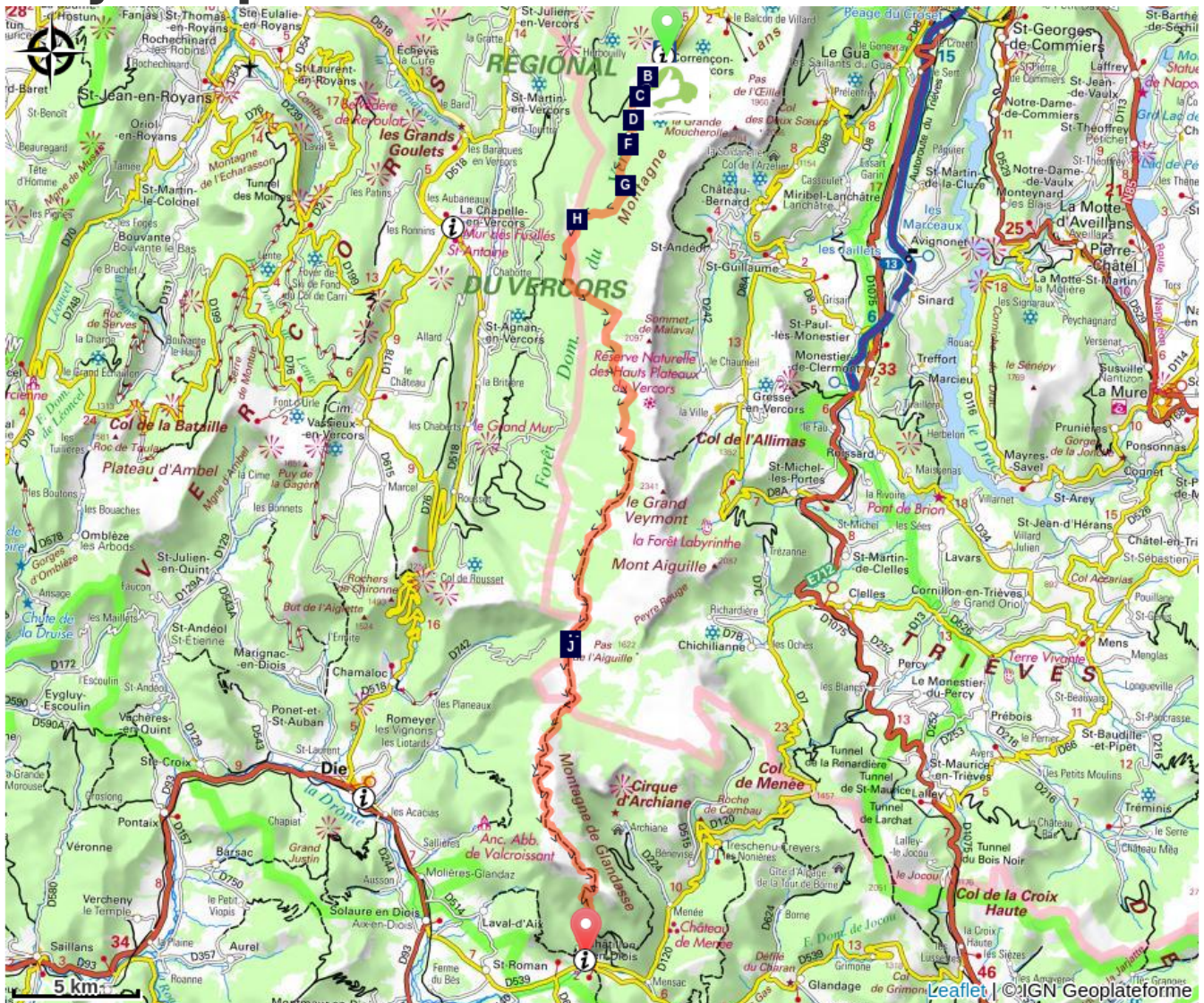
Although it is open to all, the Reserve still needs to be protected, respected and cared for by visitors...

For Practical information: see "Recommendations".

## Stages :

- 1.** Walk via the Haut-Plateaux du Vercors : Corrençon / Jasse du Play (stage 1)  
19.7 km / 0 m D+ / 5 h 30
- 2.** Walk via the Haut-Plateaux du Vercors : Jasse du Play / Pré Peyret (stage 2 - GTV - GR®91)  
12.2 km / 256 m D+ / 3 h
- 3.** Walk via the Haut-Plateaux du Vercors : Pré Peyret / Châtillon (stage 3 - GTV - GR®91 )  
22.6 km / 745 m D+ / 6 h 30

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# All useful information

## **Advices**

Nature doesn't belong to anyone, and its use is shared by all.

Take part in protecting the Vercors Hauts-Plateaux by complying with the regulations:

- Camping prohibited: bivouacs are authorised from 5pm to 9am.
- Fires prohibited.
- Dogs prohibited, even on leads.
- No flower picking.
- Mountain biking is restricted to certain itineraries.

The trails do not hold any major difficulties in good weather. However, bad weather may make direction-finding very difficult.

In summer, one of the main difficulties in this crossing is managing water resources.

Sources are often dry, find out about their state before leaving on the Vercors Rando website under the Info Source heading.

Don't hesitate to ask the professionals who have perfect knowledge of the sector. Warning, no or reduced mobile phone networks!

Ensure that the fauna is not scared by your presence. Observe it from a distance, especially in winter, when food resources are scarce and animals weak.

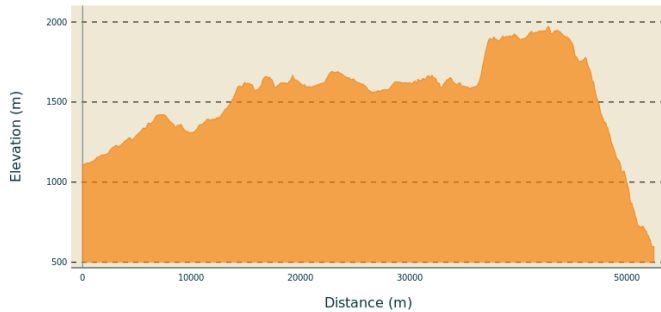
Also respect the work of shepherds by going around flocks: do not enter shepherd cabins, or sheep pens, and keep well away from the dogs that protect the flocks.

Use the installed passages to cross fences, close gates and barriers, stay on the marked trails.

Stay on the marked trails and respect private property.

Have a great stay in the Haut-Plateaux du Vercors!

## **Altimetric profile**



Min elevation 597 m  
Max elevation 1971 m

## Transports

### To the start

#### By bus :

Take the regional coaches [T64](#) by Engins or [T65](#) by Saint-Nizier-du-Moucherotte to go to Corrençon.

### From the end

#### En bus :

[ligne 29](#) Die - Beaurières going through Châtillon-en-Diois until Die city.

The OùRA multimodal route planner provides information about all the connections between regional trains, urban transport and departmental bus lines: <https://www.oura.com/>

**By hitch hiking :** You can get there / get back by hitching a lift with the Rezo Pouce network (you can find all the stops in the Vercors on [www.rezopouce.fr](http://www.rezopouce.fr)).

### Carpooling :

Offer your services or book your carpooling on the regional [Mov'Ici](#) platform.

## Access

From Villard-de-Lans, take the D215 towards Corrençon-en-Vercors.

### Advised parking

Car park in the village of Corrençon-en-Vercors.

## **Information desks**

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de-Lans  
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[http://www.villarddelans-  
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# On your path...

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## Les Murgers (A)

The name would come from a Burgundian word. It is true that from Bourgogne to the Ardèche, the stones grow well in limestone fields! These piles of pebbles at the edge of the field are the result of the stoning patient, over time, realized by generations of obstinate peasants to gain arable land. Sometimes, they are mounted in low walls to delimit enclosures and plots. It is also a beautiful refuge for rampant wildlife in search of shelter.

Attribution : PNRV

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## Zecamp (B)

A few months ago, Marie Dorin-Habert, accompanied by her husband, Lois, and the cross-country skier, Robin Duvillard, set themselves an innovative and interesting project, called "Zecamp". Zecamp is an accommodation and restaurant structure at the departure point for the cross-country skiing, golf and Vercors high plateau reserve trails, open to the general public all year round. Created by high level sports people living in the Vercors, the formula is more suited to a sporty public, with healthy food, the provision of maps and GPS indications, a weight room, equipment storage and repair rooms and offers for Vercors activities. The "Zecamp Outdoor Activity Center" should open in Autumn 2018 in Corrençon-en-Vercors. see the video

Attribution : Zecamp

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## Biathlon Stadium (C)

The Vercors is a land of champions. You can see the training facilities for biathletes, including the 5.5 km rollerski trail and its 25-target shooting range.

Attribution : PNRV



## Lapiaz (D)

Along the route, you can admire the lapiaz, which result from the run-off of water on the surface of limestone slabs. The limestone being soluble in the water of the gutters are formed and draw miniature canyons, the water then infiltrates in the cracks to join the underground network.

Attribution : PNRV

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## 45th Parallel (E)

The 45th parallel of north latitude is halfway between Ecuador and the North Pole, which are each 5,000 kilometers away. At the same latitude, there is the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve in Europe, and in Yellowstone National Park, created in 1872 and the first national park in the world.

Attribution : PNRV

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## The CAMP 2 of the maquis of Vercors (F)

It was at the Puits des Ravières that the CAMP 2 of the maquis of Vercors was installed in 1942; Bringing together young people who refrains from the occupation of France. Indeed, here water is rare, it is one of the rare places where shepherds, hunters, woodcutters, speleos and maquisards have drawn water.

Attribution : Focus outdoor

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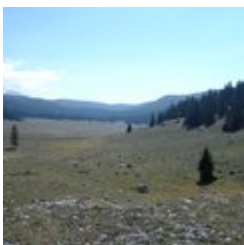


## Cabane of Carrette (G)

The carette hut is an old sheepfold restored by the Parc du Vercors and transformed into an unguarded refuge. This beautiful hut indicates the entrance to the Natural Reserve of Hauts-Plateaux du Vercors.

Attribution : Focus outdoor

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## Prairie of Darbounouse (H)

The prairie of Darbounouse is a so-called cold combe. The accumulation of a semi-continental climate and altitude is aggravated by the nocturnal inversion of temperature (the denser cold air is lodged in the hollows). The weather station installed in the framework of the Vercors eco-climatic observatory recorded a record negative temperature with  $-38^{\circ}\text{C}$  in 2000.

Attribution : PNRV

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## The Vulture Ball (I)

At the dawn of the 2000s, the Regional Natural Park of Vercors participated in an operation to reintroduce vultures fawn on the scale of the Pre-Alps. These birds had disappeared from our mountains in the 19th century. By relying on the population of the Grands Causses, the idea was to exchange (birds, and therefore genes) with the Pyrenean populations. A vast population occupies a space that goes from the Spanish Pyrenees to the Vercors, which the birds traverse freely (the observation of the banded birds proves it to us). The Col de Rousset and the circus of Archiane are two sites of rest and nesting for these great gliders (almost 3m of wingspan). They use the ascending currents along the cliffs to transit from one to the other. A large shadow on the ground, raise your head, a vulture passes over you ...

Attribution : S&M Booth

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## The Nature reserve of the Hauts-Plateaux of Vercors (J)

Unique by its size of 17,000 hectares, the Réserve des Hauts-Plateaux extends over 10% of the territory of the Regional Natural Park of Vercors. Today it is the largest terrestrial reserve in metropolitan France. Between 1050 m and 2341 m of altitude (with the Grand Veymont in climax), it undergoes very contrasted climatic influences, at the hinge between the northern and southern pre-Alps. The strong seasonal human presence has shaped it since prehistoric times. Pastoralism has been practiced there for over a thousand years. Now marked by an alternation of mountain pastures and forests, the Reserve has the largest forest of hooked pines in the limestone Alps and a rich flora of 738 species. Animal life is discreet but abundant.

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