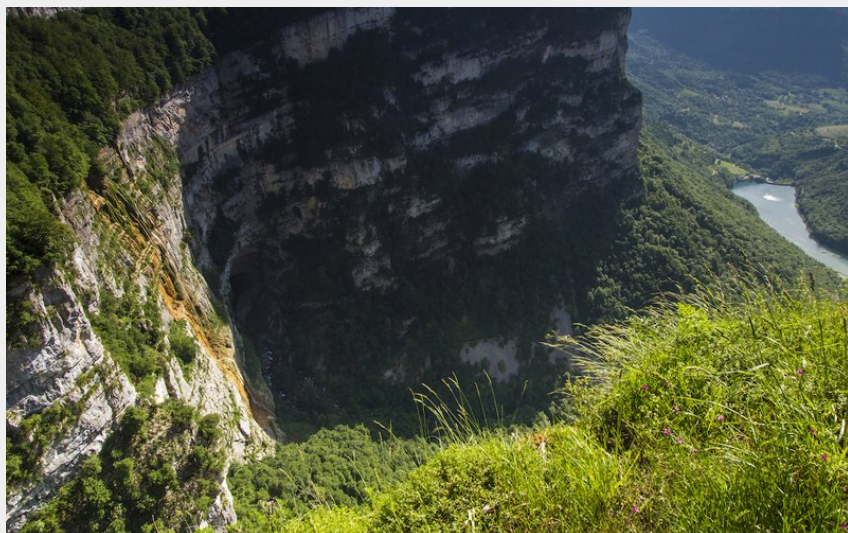


# Pont-en-Royans / Presles (stage 18)

GTV

Royans-Isère-Coulmes - Pont-en-Royans



La cascade de Moulin Marquis (S&M\_Booth)

Not to be missed on this section are the cave system and archway of Bournillon, together with the Moulin Marquis waterfall. And then, of course, there are the incomparable Choranche caves and the old hamlet of the Goulantière, not to mention the Pas du Ranc viewpoint and the charm of the plateau of Presles. A steep ascent takes you from the plain of Royans to the massif of Coulmes.

## Useful information

Practice : Itinerant hike

Duration : 6 h

Length : 17.5 km

Trek ascent : 1330 m

Difficulty : Difficile

Type : Traversée

Themes : Agriculture et Savoir faire, Géologie, Histoire et patrimoine, Point de vue

# Trek

Departure : Pont-en-Royans village

Arrival : Presles village

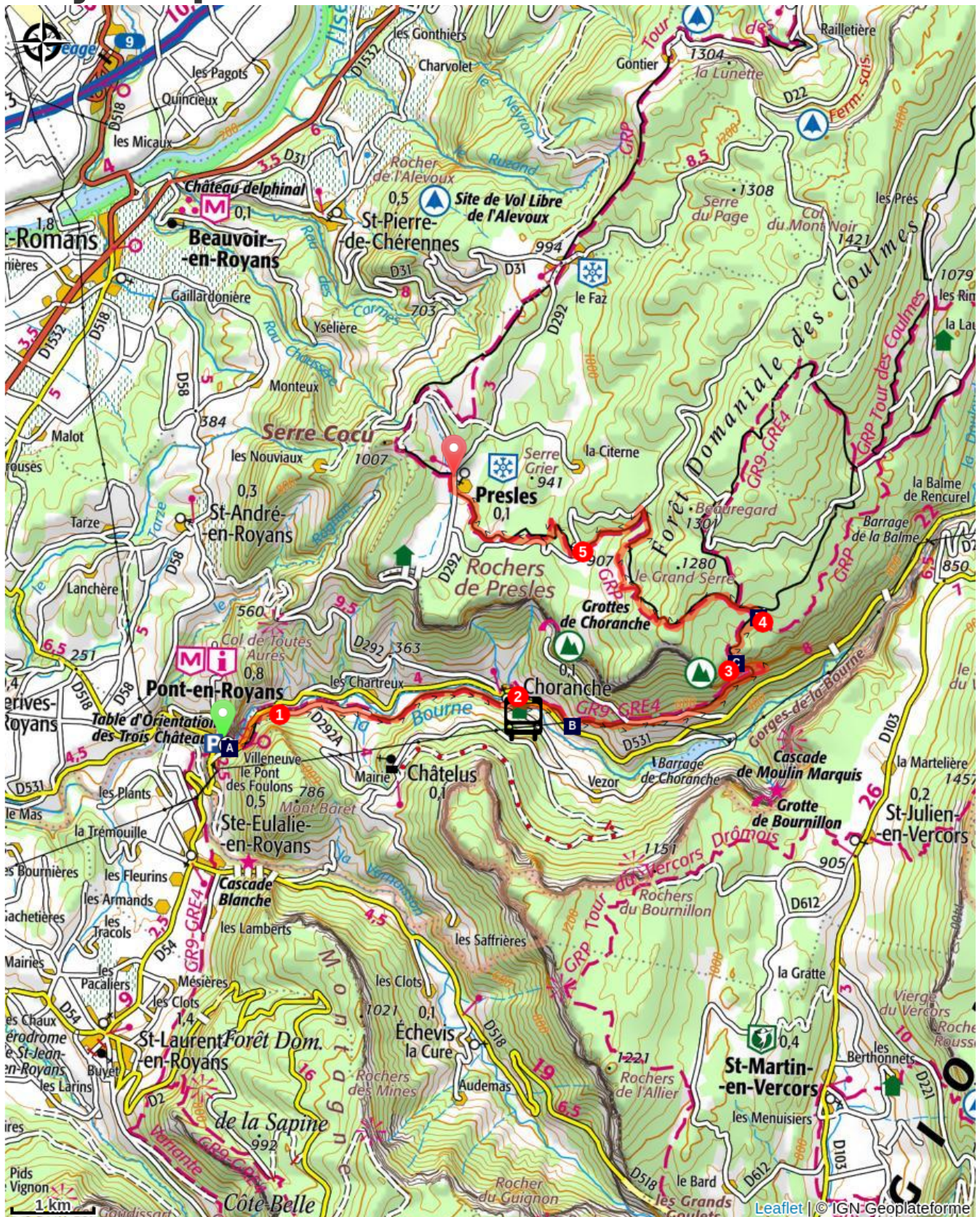
Markings :  GTV à pied

As you leave **Pont-en-Royans**, make your way towards **Pont Picard**, all the while paying close attention to the markers. The GR follows a passage with a narrow staircase on the right side of the road along the edge of the houses to reach the **Pont Rouillard (1)**. It then climbs back towards **Choranche (2)**, first by road and then along a track above the Bourne (the left bank) to the village.

After **Choranche**, the Grand Tour du Vercors winds its way between the rocks of Presles via the **Pas du Ranc** lookout **(3)** before entering the massif of Coulmes. The climb between the Cuilleriers and the Ranc belvedere is quite steep. The path is narrow, and there are some tricky sections, especially in wet weather. The forest opens up at times, presenting captivating views of the cliffs. From the **Abri de la Goulandière** (Goulandière hut) **(4)**, head towards **Presles** along the Tour des Coulmes route, crossing via a delightful path through beautiful beech forests.



# On your path...



View of Pont-en-Royans (A)  
Circus of Bournillon (C)

Gorges of the Bourne (B)  
The Goulantière (D)



# All useful information

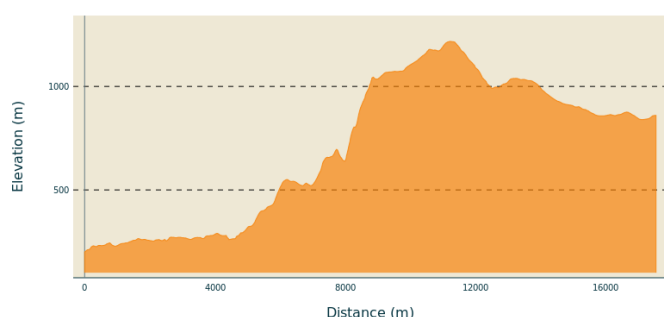
## ⚠️ **Advices**

Use the passageways to cross the fences, close the gates and barriers.

Stay on the marked paths is also respect private property.

**Be careful on the path leading to the Pas du Ranc, as some sections can be tricky, especially in wet weather!**

## **Altimetric profile**



Min elevation 200 m

Max elevation 1218 m

## **Transports**

### **By train :**

Saint-Hilaire-du-Rozier SNCF station

### **By bus :**

[Line T60](#) Grenoble - Pont en Royans and

[line T61](#) Saint-Marcellin - Pont en

Royans

The OÙRA multimodal route calculator gives you access to all the connections between regional trains, urban transport and departmental bus routes:

<https://www.oura.com>

**By hitchhiking:** Find all the stops to go to or from [www.rezopouce.fr](http://www.rezopouce.fr) by hitchhiking.

**Carpooling:** Share or book your carpool with [Mov'ici](#), the regional carpooling platform.

## **Advised parking**

Car park in the village centre

## **Information desks**

Office de tourisme de Pont-en-Royans  
Grande rue, 38680 Pont-en-Royans  
ot.pontenroyans@gmail.com  
Tel : 04 76 36 09 10  
<http://vercors-pontenroyans.com/>

# On your path...

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## View of Pont-en-Royans (A)

It is one of the most famous villages of Dauphiné, thanks to its houses hanging above the Bourne. In this narrow site, surrounded by mountains, one had to gain space. Many houses, built in advance on the rock, are actually suspended in the void, with wooden supports. It was very practical at the time to fish and get water. Today, a water museum is set up in the heart of the village.

Attribution : S.M Booth

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## Gorges of the Bourne (B)

The Bourne is the main river of the Vercors, which drains all the rainwater, make snow, but also all the waters that have circulated in the kilometers of galleries and caves. These subterranean waters recover the open air by resurgences which form periodic majestic cascades emerging as if by enchantment of the rock and coming to dress up the great limestone cliffs, symbols of the landscapes of the Vercors. This torrential river also marks the territory as a way of communication between the top and the bottom. It stimulates the passions, like a magnet in this relatively dry territory, since a large part of the water circulates in the subsoil. She quietly finishes her race at St Nazaire-en-Royans in a lake located at the confluence with the Isère. For the fishermen this river is still a myth in front of the richness of its aquatic ecosystem which is home to a large population of trout and other fish. We must ensure that uses (hydropower, irrigation, agriculture, development) do not degrade this vital vein for the territory, in an uncertain future subject to the vagaries of climate change.

Attribution : m\_rocheblave

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## Circus of Bournillon (C)

From the path, a belvedere allows you to admire the waterfall of Moulin Marquis and the Cirque du Bournillon. With its 400 m of fall, it is one of the most important waterfalls in France. At its foot stands the cave of Bournillon with its magnificent porch. This cave is today the temporary emergence of the largest karst basin of the Vercors.

Attribution : M. Rocheblave



## The Goulantière (D)

The ruins of Goulantière tell the story of men who came to cultivate the land in this hamlet lost in the heart of the forest of Coulmes, without any water, as a challenge to nature. The houses are built on the rock, not to reduce the fields gained on the forest. The recent rehabilitation of the hamlet makes it possible to imagine this rude existence. Theme circuits invite you to discover the lifestyles of the Middle Ages.

Attribution : OTSI Pont-en-Royans