

# Autrans / Gève (Le Refuge) (stage 21)

GTV

4 Montagnes - Autrans



La prairie de Gève (j\_brunet)

*If you like panoramic views, you won't be disappointed as you follow many of the ridges to the north of Autrans.*

**Not to be missed on this section:**

**Grotte de la Ture (Ture cave) :** This cave, with its straightforward route, has been known to the people living in Autrans since the beginning of the last century. It is used by speleologists to explore the underground world.

**Stele commemorating British aircraft:** On the night of February 2, 1944, an RAF Lancaster Bomber was bringing in supplies for the Resistance fighters at Camp de Gève. Flying at low altitude, the plane was caught in a snowstorm and crashed, killing the entire crew of seven, all of whom were British airmen. The explosion was heard as far away as the village of Autrans.

## Trek

**Plateau de Gève (Gève plateau) :** this is a very popular site for Nordic skiing. It is part of an extensive network of cross-country ski trails around Autrans-Méaudre. In winter, the Gève plateau is one of the snowiest and coldest places in the Vercors.

The Grand Tour du Vercors route leaves the village of **Autrans** to make a detour via the northern extension of the Vercors before heading back towards **Engins**. The path follows the edge of the cliffs for a long time with enchanting views over the valley of the Isère, the Chambarands and the Chartreuse. Stick closely to the path, especially in bad weather!

The path takes you through predominantly forested areas until the **Fayards** as you pass through the crossroads of **Grand Pré (1)**, and **Creusot (2)** followed by **Sous Montbrand (3)**. The trail opens up from **Signal de Nave (4)** as it follows a lovely path along the ridge. At **Bec de l'Orient (5)**, descend slowly **Sous le Pas Brochier (6)** and **L'Avion** (the plane) **(7)** before heading towards **La Vira gros Jean (8)** and **Gève** refuge.

## Useful information

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Practice : Itinerant hike

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Duration : 4 h

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Length : 12.4 km

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Trek ascent : 667 m

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Difficulty : Moyen

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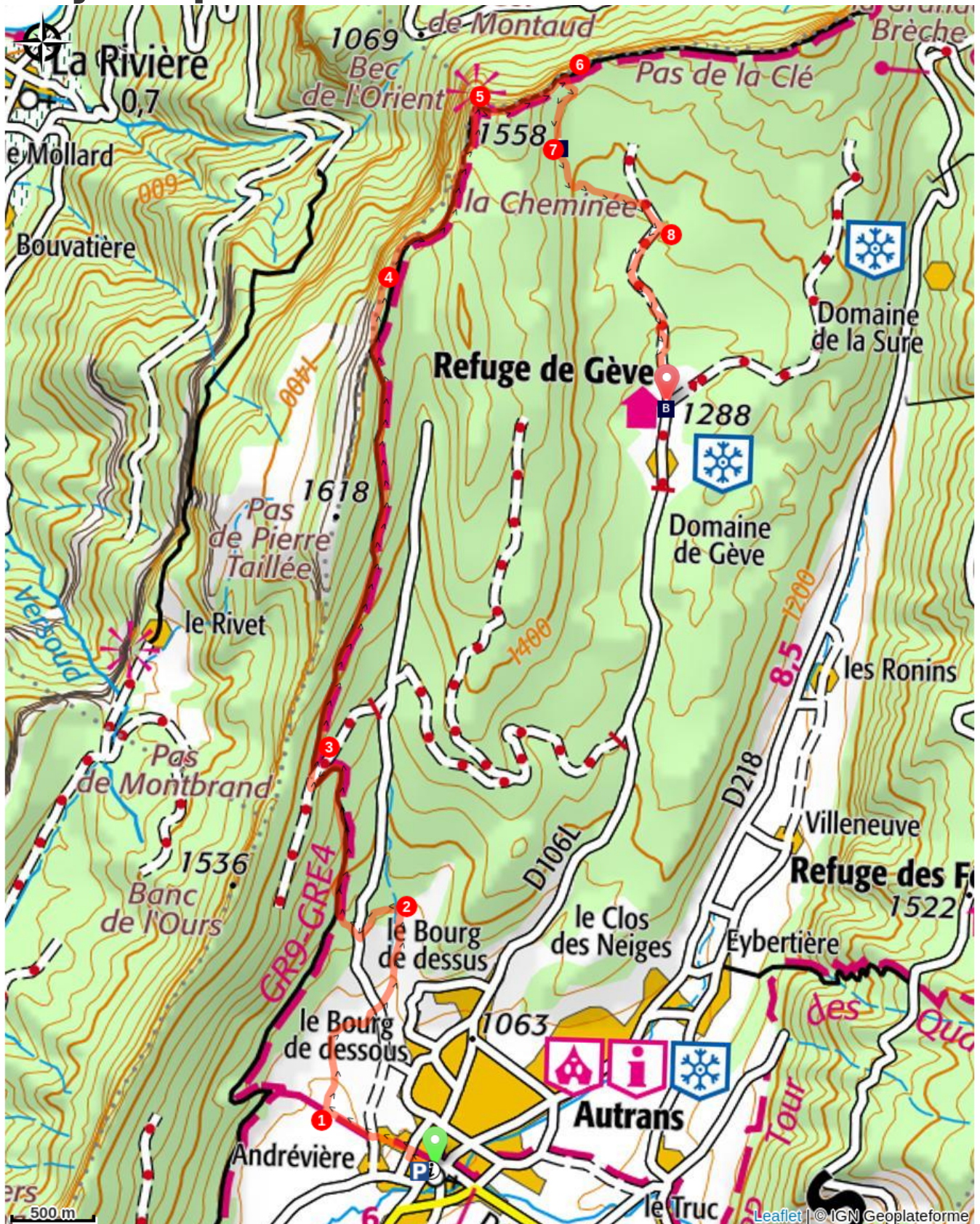
Type : Traversée

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



# On your path...



The plane (A)

Gève Refuge - Camp 3 (B)

# All useful information

## ⚠️ Advices

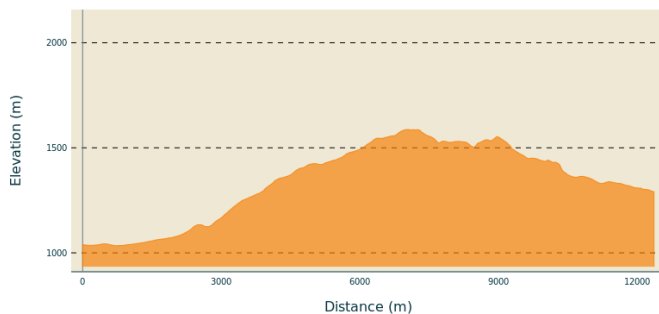
Particularly in winter, this stage can be split by going directly to La Molière, via the Pas de Bellecombe (Bellecombe pass).

Be careful, as there are large cliffs close by for much of the route, and extreme caution is advised, especially in wet and foggy weather!

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

Stay on the marked paths is also respect private property.

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1034 m  
Max elevation 1587 m

## Transports

### By train :

Grenoble SNCF station

Route planner (train and bus): <https://www.oura.com/>

**By bus :** With regional coaches [T65](#) or [T64](#) for Lans-en-Vercors and then on [line T66](#) to Autrans.

**By hitch hiking :** 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](http://www.rezopouce.fr)).

### Carpooling :

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

## Access

From Grenoble, take the D531 departmental road to Lans-en-Vercors, then head for Autrans on the D106.

## Advised parking

Car park in the village centre



 **Information desks**

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# On your path...

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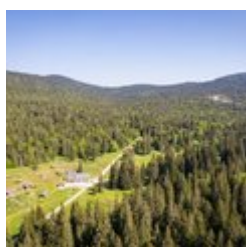


## The plane (A)

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

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## 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 : Inspiration Vercors