

# Lente / Saint-Jean-en-Royans (stage 16)

Royans-Drôme - Bouvante

GTV



Belvédère de Combe Laval (S&M\_Booth)

*A stage dedicated to contemplation and a chance to catch your breath. Take the opportunity to marvel at the listed site of Combe Laval from the belvedere of the same name. Also worth seeing are the cave and waterfall of Frochet just before you reach the village of Saint-Jean.*

A pleasant forest atmosphere where you can explore and enjoy all the riches of the Royans.

## Useful information

Practice : Itinerant hike

Duration : 4 h

Length : 15.3 km

Difficulty : Moyen

Type : Traversée

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

# Trek

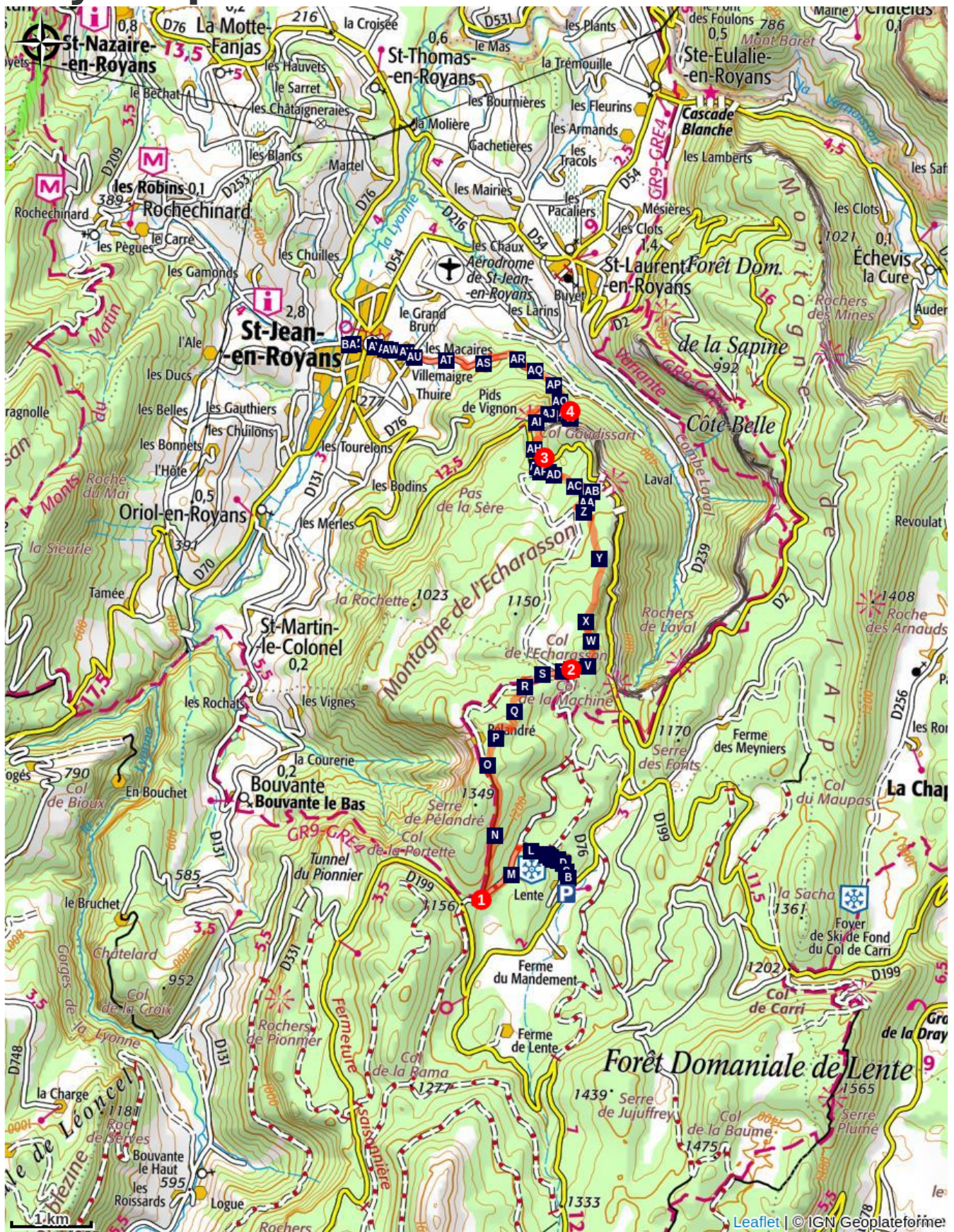
Departure : Lente

Arrival : Saint-Jean-en-Royans (village centre)

Markings :  GTV à pied

The route now ventures properly into the Royans and arrives at **Saint-Jean-en-Royans**. This is a more "relaxing" section that will lead you to the edge of the cirque de Combe Laval, where you can enjoy a mesmerising view of the listed site. The Combe Laval route is the most popular tourist itinerary in the Vercors on account of the beauty of its craggy landscapes. This section is almost entirely downhill, and largely in forest. It passes through **Les Quatre Routes**, **Echarasson** pass, **Gaudissart** and **Frochet** cave.

# On your path...



Cave of Frochet (A)

# All useful information

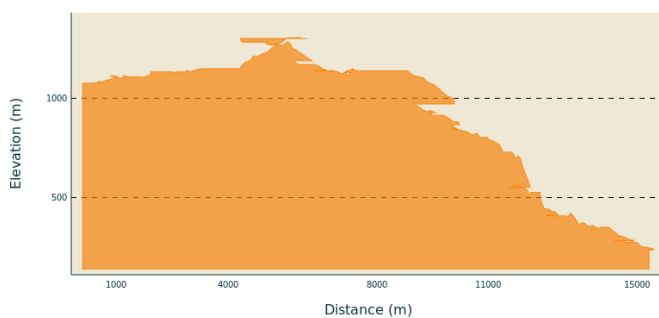
## ⚠️ Advices

**Be careful**, some sections can become tricky in wet weather, especially between Ferme Jourdan and Les Massières before arriving at Saint-Jean-en-Royans (descent into a scree slope).

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 0 m  
Max elevation 0 m

## Transports

### By train :

Valence TGV station

**Transport on demand:** A service provided by the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region, open to the general public for journeys connecting with the regional road and rail networks, on presentation of a ticket justifying the connecting journey.

Booking on **+334 8000 7000**.  
**Open Monday to Saturday, 9am to 7pm** (except public holidays).  
*Reservations or cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance (excluding Sundays and public holidays)*

### By hitchhiking :

You can hitchhike to and from Villard, Lans and Grenoble with Rezo Pouce (all Vercors stops can be found at [www.rezopouce.fr](http://www.rezopouce.fr)).

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### Car-pooling :

Offer or book your carpool with the regional platform [Mov'Ici](http://Mov'Ici).

## Information desks

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13 Place de l'Eglise, 26190 Saint-Jean-en-Royans

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<http://www.vercors-drome.com/>

## Access

From Valence, take the N532 road towards Bourg-de-péages and continue as far as Saint-Nazaire-en-Royans. Follow the D209 road to Saint-Jean-en-Royans, then the D76 towards Bouvante and park just before the Bouvante-Lente ski resort.

## Advised parking

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## Cave of Frochet (A)

Under the porch a source appears. The waters of this emergence seem to come from the mountain of the Echarasson. The water emerges here because it is at this level that the zone of contact between the permeable Uronian limestone and the impermeable marls is located. The water from this cave is captured and then transported by pipes to supply the inhabitants of Saint-Jean-en-Royans. The cave of Frochet was the object of a campaign of archaeological excavations. The pottery dating from the final Bronze and the flint tools suggest that this shelter was occupied seasonally or even permanently.

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