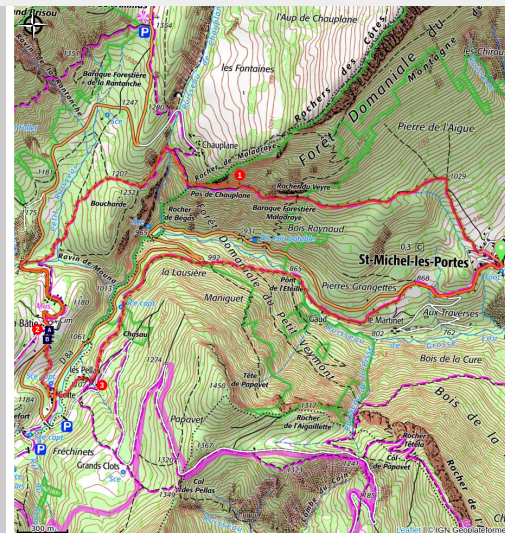


The postman trail

Trièves - Saint-Michel-les-Portes



(P. Conche)



In the beginning of the 19th century, the postman from Saint Michel les Portes used to walk every day on this trail for his daily delivery, enjoying each time this amazing view on Bâtie corrie and Mont Aiguille.

Walk up in forest by the South slope of the mountain to go to a typical Trièves hamlet. Go back down by the North slope.

Useful information

Practice : By walk

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 9.1 km

Trek ascent : 600 m

Difficulty : Moyen

Type : Boucle

Themes : Histoire et patrimoine

Trek

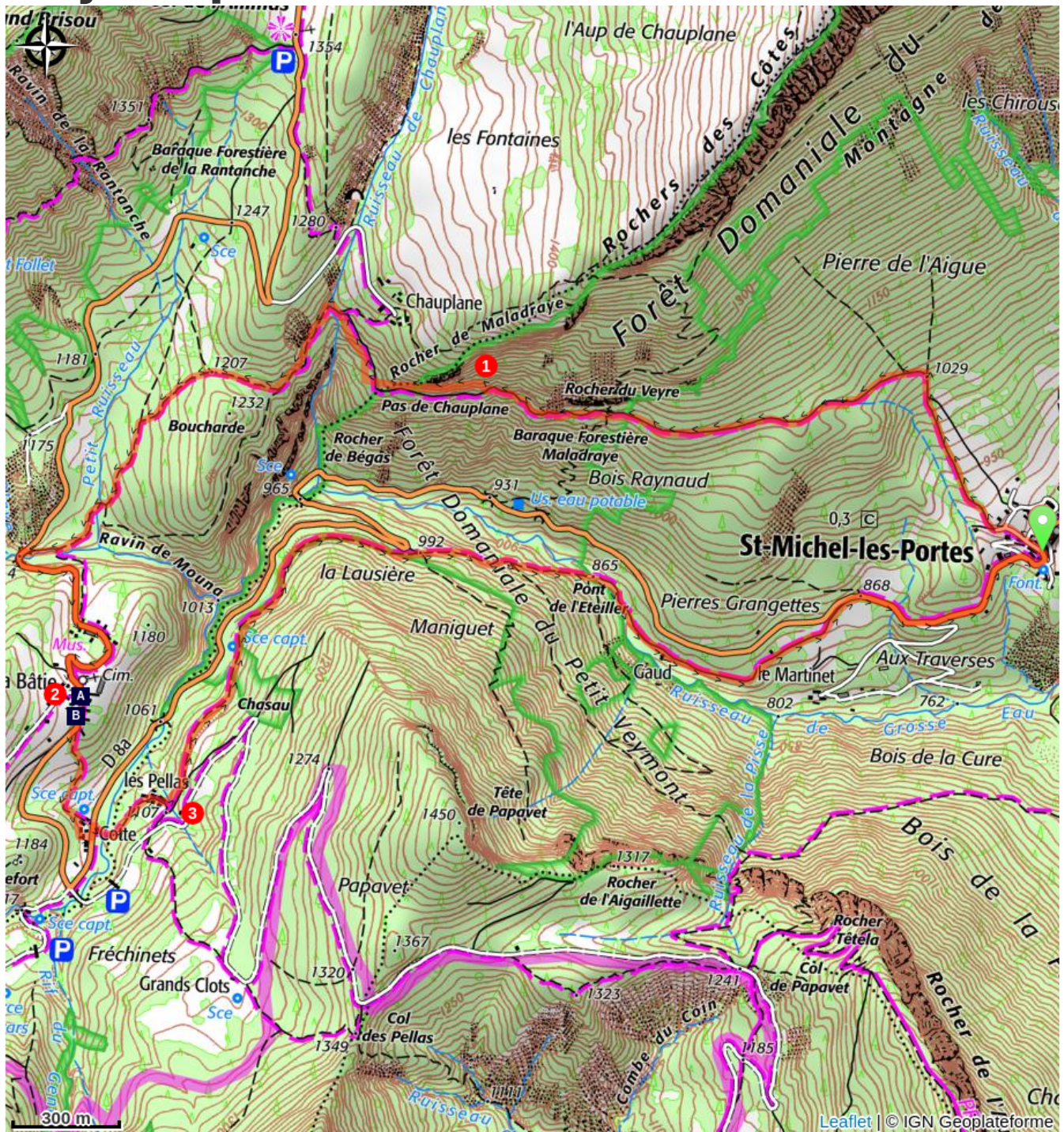
Departure : Saint Michel les Portes

Arrival : Saint Michel les Portes

Markings :  PR  GTV VTT  GTV à pied

1. From Saint Michel de Portes take a trail above the village which snake between meadows in the direction to La Bâtie, passing by Blanchard and Chauplane stream.
2. From La Bâtie, take the direction to Saint Michel des Portes going through Chez Cotte and Les Pellas.
3. At the intersection Les Pellas, take the direction to la Lausière and then Pont de l'Eteiller. You follow a stream during 1km, walk past the "Moulin de Gaud" (water-mill), now renovated, to reach back the road at Darreire. From there you will come back quickly to Saint Michel de Portes village.

On your path...



La Bâtie (A)

Freydier and Maurice houses (B)

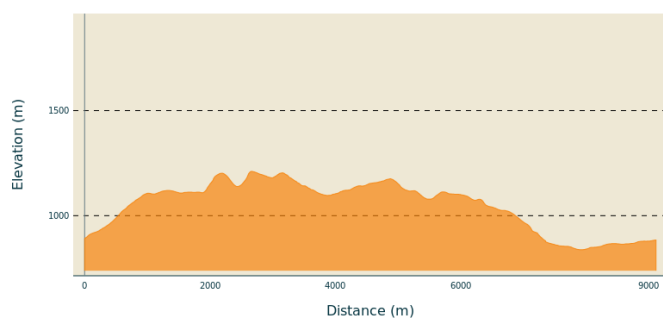
All useful information

Advices

Use the purpose-built throughways to cross fences; shut gates and barriers behind you.

Keeping to the signposted paths means you'll respect private property.

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 838 m
Max elevation 1211 m

Access

From Grenoble take the highway A51 to col du Fau. Then follow the departmental road 1075 and the road D247 going to Saint Michel les Portes.

From Lus la Croix Haute follow the departmental road RD1075 going to Michel les Portes.

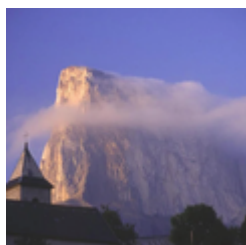
Advised parking

In the village

Information desks

Office de tourisme du Trièves
300 chemin de Ferrier, 38650
Monestier-de-Clermont
Tel : 04 76 34 33 40
<http://www.trieives-vercors.fr/>

On your path...



La Bâtie (A)

The hamlet of La Bâtie between Mont Aiguille and Grand Veymont is lodged at an altitude of over 1,100 m. Only a handful of residents lived here all year round, grouped together around the chapel. Until 1858, when it was attached to Gresse-en-Vercors, La Bâtie was a parish in its own right. The hamlet was home to 22 families – around 100 inhabitants – in the 17th century. The chapel, which was rebuilt in the late 1800s, faces south-east. With its thick walls, half-buried porch and small openings, it is a typical example of a mountain chapel.

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Freydier and Maurice houses (B)

On July 4, 1944, two houses in the hamlet owned by Madame Freydier were destroyed by the occupying forces following the ambush carried out the previous day by the Font Rousse Resistance at the Allimas pass. The first, here on the side of the road, had recently been repaired in 1938. It was clad in corrugated iron and consisted of four rooms, cellar and barn. The second, which was very close by, had a thatched roof and two rooms, a cellar, barn and stables with all the agricultural tools used at the time.

On July 21, 1944, the sheepfold belonging to Léon Maurice was burned down during the attack in the south-east of the Vercors as part of the general offensive by the 157th Reserve Division under the command of General Pflaum.

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