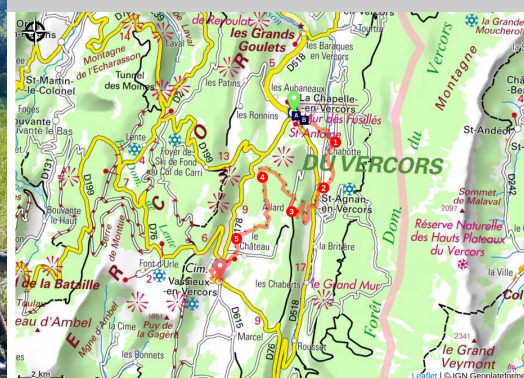


GTV by Mountain bike - La Chapelle-en-Vercors / Vassieux-en-Vercors (stage 1)

Vercors-Drôme - La Chapelle-en-Vercors



Dans la plaine de Vassieux-en-Vercors (Pierre Mayade)

The Grand Tour du Vercors starts in the heart of the Vercors at the village of La Chapelle-en-Vercors before heading towards Vassieux-en-Vercors via Saint-Agnan-en-Vercors.

You set out deep in the Vercors amidst the villages, meadows and forests of the Central Vercors. This wonderful stage starts off along a track, followed by a second section that is a delight to ride along as far as the village of Vassieux-en-Vercors. There are lovely views of the southern part of the Vercors.

Useful information

Practice : By mountain bike

Duration : 2 h

Length : 22.7 km

Trek ascent : 831 m

Difficulty : Difficile

Type : Traversée

Themes : Agriculture et Savoir faire, Histoire et patrimoine, espaces naturels

Trek

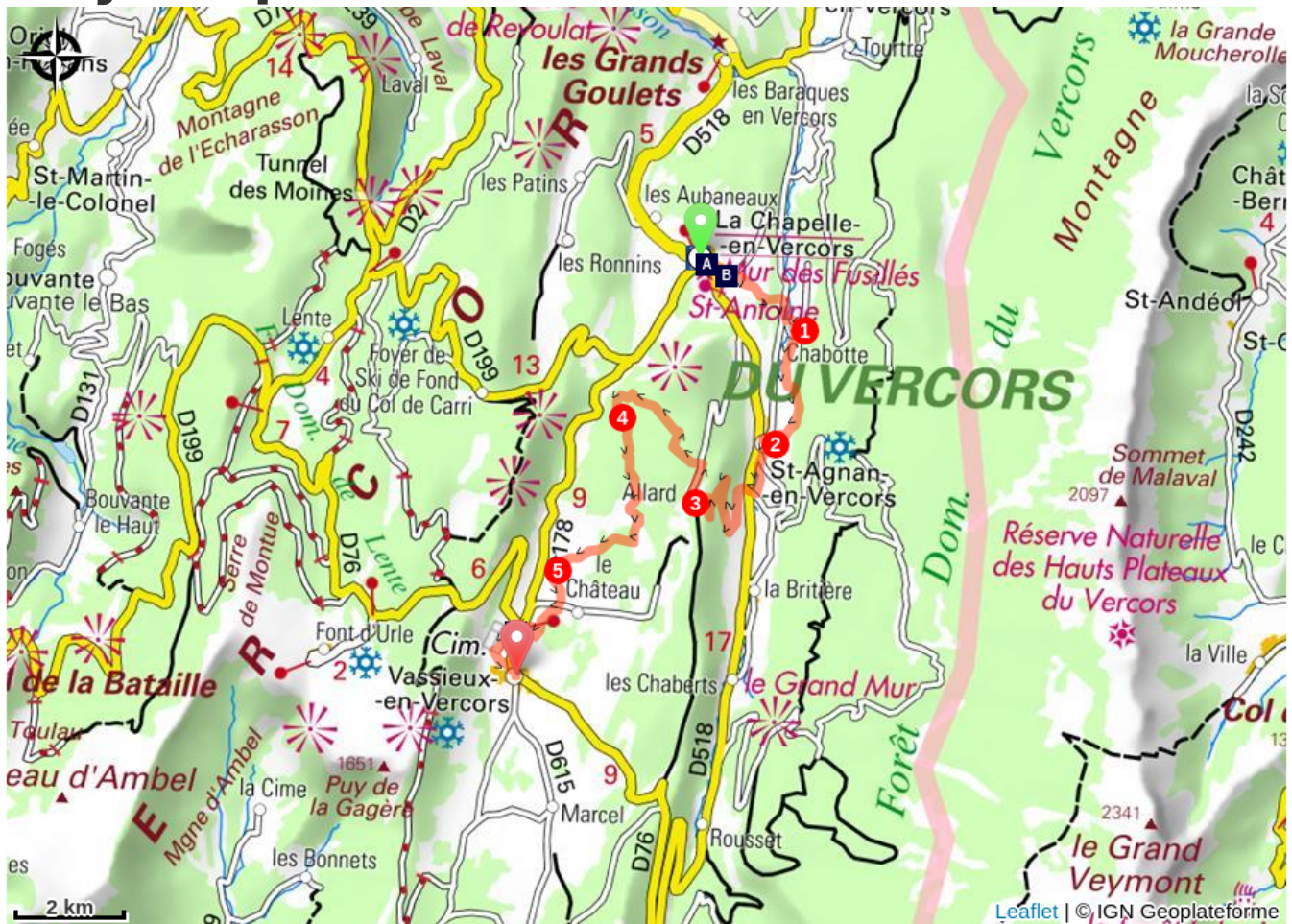
Departure : La Chapelle-en-Vercors

Arrival : Vassieux-en-Vercors

Markings :  GTV VTT

1. The Grand Tour du Vercors begins in Central Vercors in the heart of the village of **Chapelle-en-Vercors**. The itinerary leaves the village on a gentle trail, starting with the short descent through the **Freydière** valley on a beautiful trail that takes you to the hamlet of **Chabotte** in the municipality of Saint-Agnan-en-Vercors.
2. Surrounded by a wild Vercors, the trail climbs up the Vernaison valley amidst meadows and a small clearing along the edge of the forest—with views of Col du Rousset in the background—before making its way to the village of **Saint-Agnan-en-Vercors**.
3. After crossing the charming village of **Saint-Agnan-en-Vercors**, the serious stuff begins with a great climb first on the road and then along a very pretty path to **Le Fouletier**.
4. The route continues through the middle of the forest along a lovely little path that is great fun and that takes you through **Combe Libouse** surrounded by box and beech trees.
5. Near the hamlet of **La Mure**, the path passes next to the old windmill with wonderful views over the Vassieux plain. The stage ends on a tranquil note, crossing the plain as far as the village of **Vassieux-en-Vercors**, once a stronghold of the Resistance.

On your path...



The courtyard of the farm Albert
(A)
Vassieux-en-Vercors Necropolis (C)

The castle Foirevielle (B)

All useful information

⚠️ Advices

When you come across people on foot or horse, slow down, move to one side, and do not make any sudden movements.

In the mountains:

Use the installed passages to cross fences, close gates and barriers.

Stay on the marked trails and respect private property.

The trails can be slippery in rainy conditions!

Do not cross hay meadows or cultivated fields.

Ensure that the fauna is not scared by your presence.

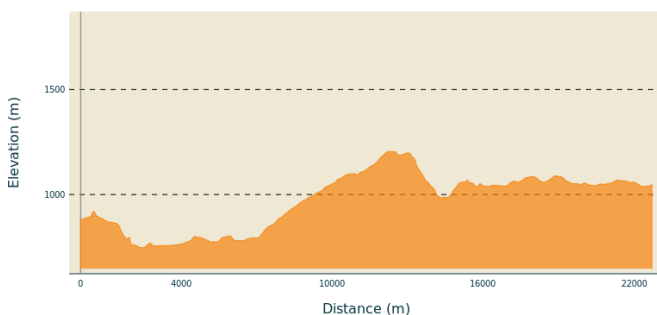
Respect sheep farms, refuges and cabin shelters.

Collect your waste, think nature.

You are in summer pastures, and may meet herd protection and guard dogs (patous). Always ensure that you go a long way round the animals, calmly so that the dog can identify you, do not pat or threaten them.

Important: from between around November 15 to April 15, the mountain biking GTV is totally impassable due to snow and ice!

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 747 m

Max elevation 1205 m

Transports

By train:

Valence or Saint-Hilaire-du-Rosier train station.

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 bus:

From Valence:

Valence-ville or Valence-TGV: [Line D05](#) to La Chapelle en Vercors, via Saint-Jean en Royans, also a stage on the tour.

Access

Plenty of parking spaces in the heart of the village of La Chapelle-en-Vercors

Advised parking

In front of the Tourist Office in La Chapelle-en-Vercors

Information desks

OTI Vercors-Drôme - Bureau La Chapelle-en-Vercors
Place Pietri, 26 420 La Chapelle-en-Vercors

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Tel : 04 75 48 22 54
<http://www.vercors-drome.com/>

Association des Grandes Traversées du Vercors
<https://montourenvercors.com/>

On your path...



The courtyard of the farm Albert (A)

Back in the village, next to the post office, the ruins of the farm Albert are also called "Cour des fusillés". On 25 July 1945, while the non-escaped inhabitants were held hostage in the school and the Waffen SS troops burned down the village, 16 young men and the schoolmaster were shot at this location. To the right of the remains of the surrounding wall, a small memorial recalls these events.

Attribution : E. Charron



The castle Foirevielle (B)

A small detour through the ruins (very discreet) of the castle of Foirevielle offers a beautiful view on La Chapelle-en-Vercors and the surrounding valleys. In the ninth century, this castle motte watched the roads coming from Vassieux or the col de Rousset. The village of Bâtie de l'Orme and then of the Bâtie de Vercors huddled at its feet. It was in the twelfth century that the villagers moved the village to the present location.

Attribution : E. Charron



Vassieux-en-Vercors Necropolis (C)

After the village of Vassieux, you can discover the Necropolis, where all the civilian and military victims of the events in Vassieux lie buried. In addition to the people of the village, the graves show us that the Resistance in the Vercors was a huge civil and military movement that brought together men and women of many different nationalities. On the stone slabs can be read the names of Russian, Polish, Algerian, English and American soldiers and members of the Maquis. The shells of two of the gliders the German soldiers landed are on display beyond the graveyard. The Memorial to the Resistance, which is managed by the Vercors Park and the departmental Resistance Museum, help you learn more about the Vercors Maquis.

Attribution : Focus outdoor