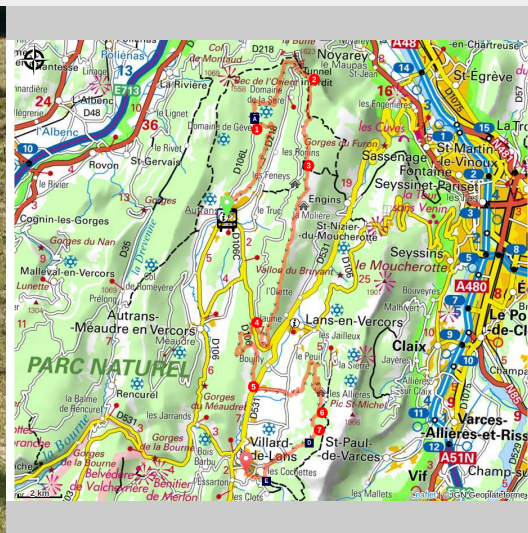


GTV by Mountain bike - Autrans / Villard-de-Lans (stage 6)

4 Montagnes - Autrans

GTV




VTT à Plénouze sur la commune d'Autrans (Pierre Mayade)

From the village of Autrans, the Grand Tour heads towards the plateau of Gève along great forest trails that are used in winter by cross-country skiers. The route then makes its way towards Molière via the Sure with a great view of the Voironnais region. Molière is a nature conservation area, and an iconic site in the northern Vercors. The path navigates between forest and meadows, with a very scenic descent (700 m downhill) taking you to Lans-en-Vercors—but watch out for the many other people using the same track! From Croix Perrin, some really fun paths descend through the forest to the hamlet of la Côte—but be careful: there is a dangerous road crossing here. There follows a long climb up to the Belvédère near collet du Furon. A final scenic descent through the meadow of Machiret takes you to the heart of Villard-de-Lans.

Departure : Autrans

This is a fairly long stage with a mix of forest

Arrival : Villard-de-Lans

marks and  trails but it features a wide

array of landscapes and viewpoints over the

north of the Vercors. The route runs through all

1. From the village of Autrans, the Grand Tour makes its way towards the plateau of Gève along a scenic track that is a great ride surrounded by forests and clearings. In winter these are the Nordic ski slopes!

2. From the meadow of Gève to Molière, this is a rolling route through forest, with some big uphill sections to negotiate (under the Grande Brèche and under the **Sure**). If you have time, don't forget to stop off at the Sure with its incredible view over the Grenoble valley!
3. After crossing the meadow of **Plénouze**, you'll at last reach the plateau of **Molière** with its iconic landscapes. After **Molière**, the route runs through a mix of forest and open spaces near inhabited areas as you follow a highly scenic trail with very smooth, fun sections.
4. A descent of almost 700 m takes you to **Col de la Croix Perrin**.
5. And the route continues in the forest passing through **Croix Servagnet** with a picturesque finale taking you down to the hamlet of **la Côte**!
6. There follows a long climb between the hamlets of **Blancs** and the belvedere of **Allières**.

Useful information

Practice : Itinerant hike

Duration : 5 h

Length : 52.9 km

Trek ascent : 1823 m

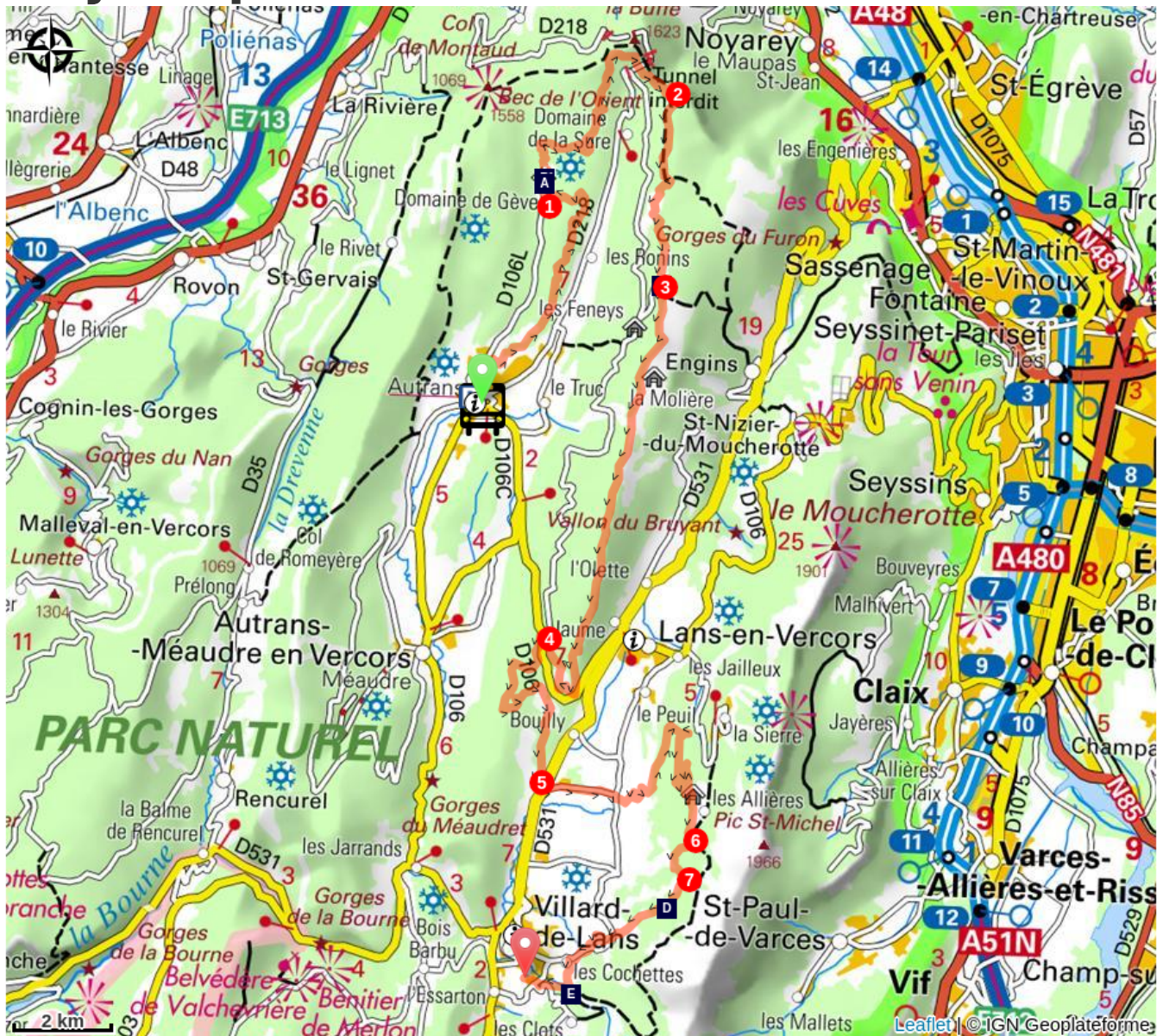
Difficulty : Difficile

Type : Traversée

Themes : Point de vue, espaces naturels

7. To finish the tour off, you take a big descent via the **prairie de Machiret** towards the **cochettes** (Villard de Lans). You can avoid the long climb of Blancs (400 m) and shorten the stage by cutting through the Bois Noir as far as Ville Vieille by following the ViaVercors.

On your path...



Gève (A)

Viewpoint of the Molière (C)

Pont de l'Amour (E)

Gève Refuge - Camp 3 (B)

Machiret (D)

All useful information

⚠️ **Advices**

You are crossing a Conservation Nature Area (ENS) with specific regulations to be respected (information panel at the entrance to the site).

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.

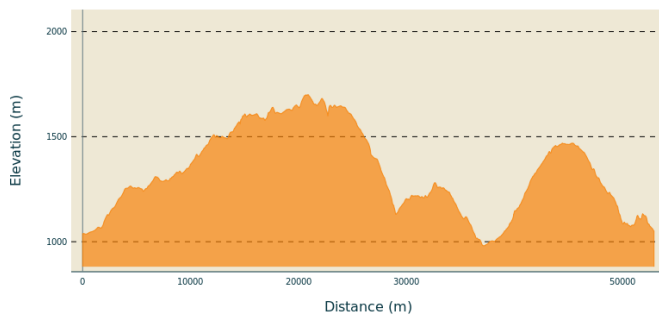
If you have a dog, make sure you keep it on a lead!

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

Stay on the marked trails and respect private property.

Remembering to close the gates properly also means thinking about the shepherds and their flocks.

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 981 m

Max elevation 1700 m

Transports

By train : Grenoble train station

By bus : With regional coaches [T65](#) or [T64](#) for Lans-en-Vercors and then on [line T66](#) to Autrans. Please note that the line T66 stops in the village of Autrans, so you will have to make your own way to the start.

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/>

Access

From Grenoble, take the departmental road D531 towards Villard-de-Lans as far as Lans-en-Vercors.

Then head for Autrans on the D106.

Parking : Car park in front of the Maison des Sports.

Advised parking

Car park in front of the Maison des Sports of Autrans

Information desks

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On your path...



Gève (A)

The Gève plateau is very popular for Nordic skiing; it forms part of the 200 km network of cross-country ski trails in the Autrans-Méaudre area. In winter, the Gève plateau has some of the highest snowfall in the Vercors.

Attribution : s_fayollat



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



Viewpoint of the Molière (C)

The viewpoint of the Molière offers one of the most beautiful panoramas of the Vercors. A large part of the Alps is offered to you as far as Mont Blanc, passing by the Chartreuse, Belledonne or Oisans.

Attribution : S.M Booth



Machiret (D)

At the foot of the Black Combe, on the site of the fountain of Machiret, several thousands of objects in flint were discovered following the erosion of the path of the Col de l'Arc. The site was frequented during the Mesolithic period (9,500-6,500 BC). Some of the objects are shaped from the flint present on the slopes of the Cornafion. However, some of these pieces are made of flint from the south of the Vercors. Others are made of hyaline quartz and come from the crystalline Alps. This shows the great mobility of the last hunters of Prehistory, who found here a propitious place to stay during their hunting expeditions at altitude.

Attribution : R. Picavet



Pont de l'Amour (E)

The Pont de l'Amour (Bridge of Love) takes its name from the romantic stories of young high school students. It is a bridge of wood that allows to cross the Fauge, a torrent taking its source upstream of the Vallon of the Fauge.

Attribution : PNRV