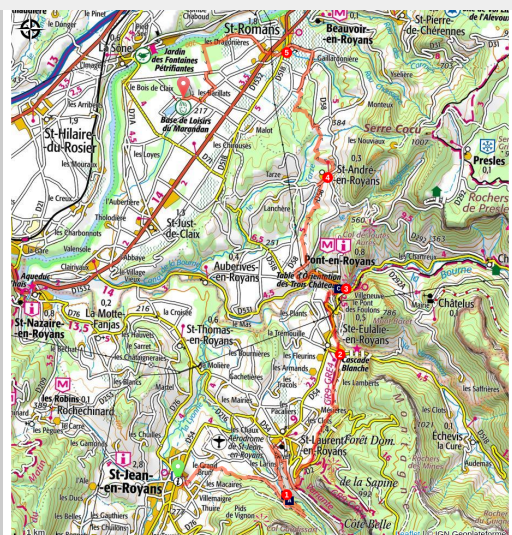


GTV by Mountain bike - Saint-Jean-en-Royans / Saint-Romans (stage 3)

GTV

Royans-Drôme - Saint-Jean-en-Royans



Point de vue sur le Royans (David Boudin-Focus Outdoor)

This flat stage is largely straightforward. A few small uphill sections amidst the walnut trees will take you across the villages of Saint-Laurent-en-Royans, Saint-Eulalie-en-Royans, Pont-en-Royans and Saint-André-en-Royans as you finish up in the small village of Saint-Romans before heading gently towards the edge of the Marandan outdoor activities centre.

From one village to the next, surrounded by walnut plantations, this is a gentle segment in terms of the amount of climbing, meaning you can rest a little and make the most of, and visit, the beautiful villages of the Royans.

Useful information

Practice : Itinerant hike

Duration : 2 h 30

Length : 28.1 km

Trek ascent : 797 m

Difficulty : Moyen

Type : Traversée

Themes : Agriculture et Savoir faire, Histoire et patrimoine, art et culture

Trek

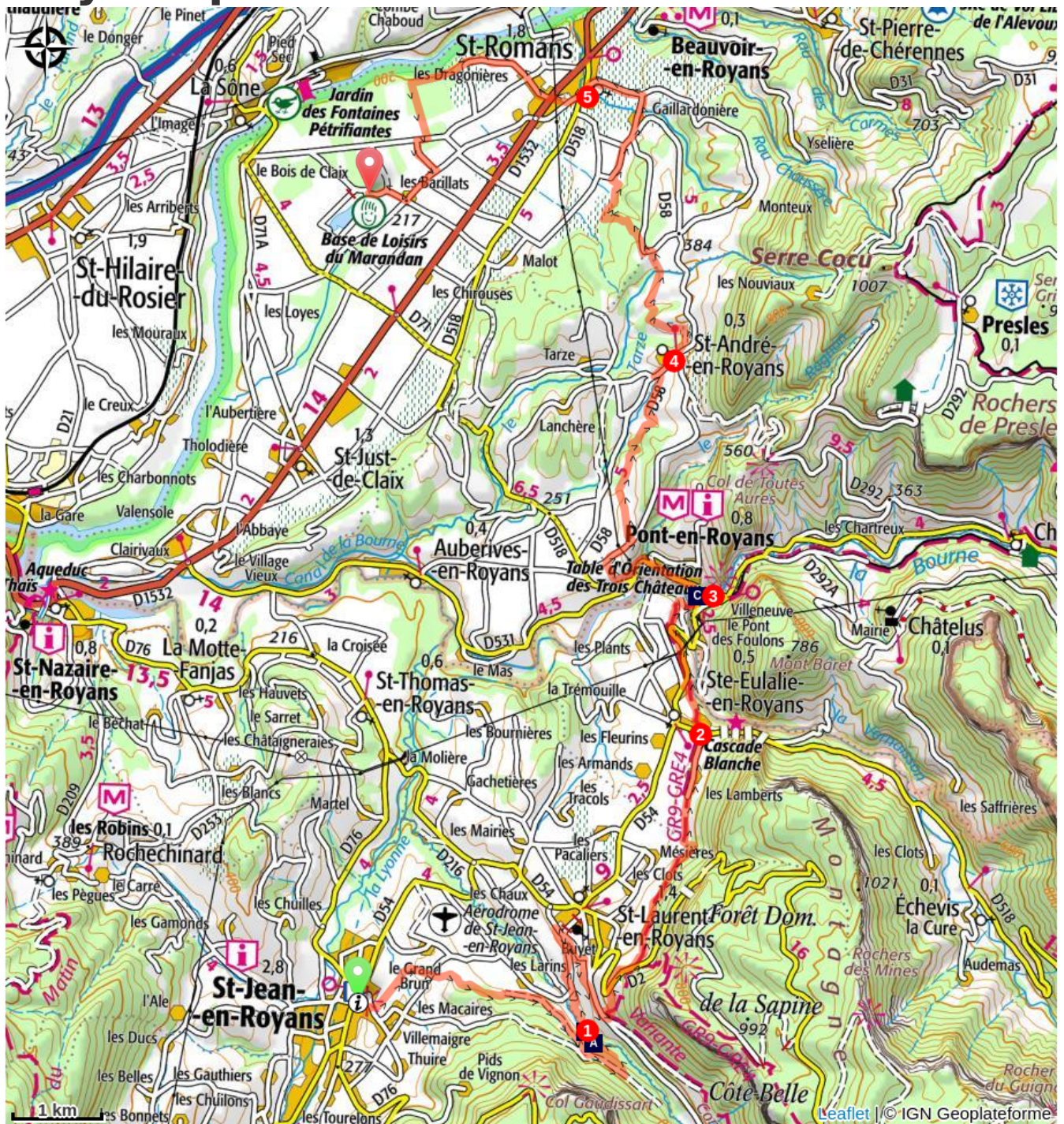
Departure : Saint-Jean-en-Royans

Arrival : Saint-Romans (Le Marandan)

Markings :  GTV VTT

1. After leaving **Saint-Jean-en-Royans**, the GTV passes through **Pont-des-Chartreux** (be careful: it can be slippery here in wet weather).
2. The trail then runs alongside the foothills of the Vercors on a very scenic path above the villages of **Saint-Laurent-en-Royans** and **Saint-Eulalie-en-Royans**.
3. The descent towards **Pont-en-Royans** is along a little path that is steep but that takes you into the very centre of the village by the banks of the Bourne, with a stunning observation point over the perched houses!
4. After crossing the village of Pont, the route climbs a small country road to the village of **Saint-André-en-Royans**. Take some time out to visit these two charming Royans villages with their narrow streets and typical architecture!
5. The GTV descends through walnut trees to **Saint-Romans**, before crossing the village and the main road (be careful here) and following small paths to the lake and activity centre at **Marandan**.

On your path...



Waterfall of Frochet (A)

The Chartreux Bridge (B)

View of Pont-en-Royans (C)

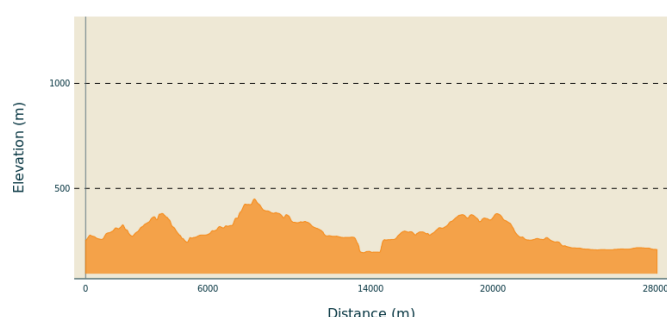
All useful information

Advices

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.

Collect your waste, think nature.

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 194 m
Max elevation 450 m

Transports

By train: SNCF train station: Valence TGV

By bus:
From Valence: [line 05](#) Valence - Vassieux-en-Vercors, stop at Saint-Jean-en-Royans.

Access

From Saint-Nazaire-en Royans, follow the D76 to Saint-Jean-en-Royans.

Car park :
Plenty of car parks available in the village of Saint-Jean-en-Royans.

Advised parking

Near the village square in Saint Jean en Royans, 200 metres before the tourist office.

Information desks

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

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<https://montourenvercors.com/>

On your path...



Waterfall of Frochet (A)

The Frochet waterfall has the characteristic of being a cascade of tuff, also called travertine. Here the environment is fresh and shaded, which is favorable to the development of mosses. Under the action of water, the mosses petrify, and this forms the tuff, which is a calcareous rock.

Attribution : PNRV



The Chartreux Bridge (B)

The Chartreux bridge is built of tufa stone, very present in the area. It allows to cross the Cholet, and has long facilitated exchanges between Saint-Laurent-en-Royans and Saint-Jean-en-Royans. It was also a place of passage for the transport of coal from the Col de la Machine.

Attribution : S. Bossand



View of Pont-en-Royans (C)

It is one of the most famous villages of Dauphiné, thanks to its houses hanging above the Bourne. In this narrow site, surrounded by mountains, one had to gain space. Many houses, built in advance on the rock, are actually suspended in the void, with wooden supports. It was very practical at the time to fish and get water. Today, a water museum is set up in the heart of the village.

Attribution : S.M Booth