Chemins de la Liberté – The Path to Freedom: Grange Vauneyre

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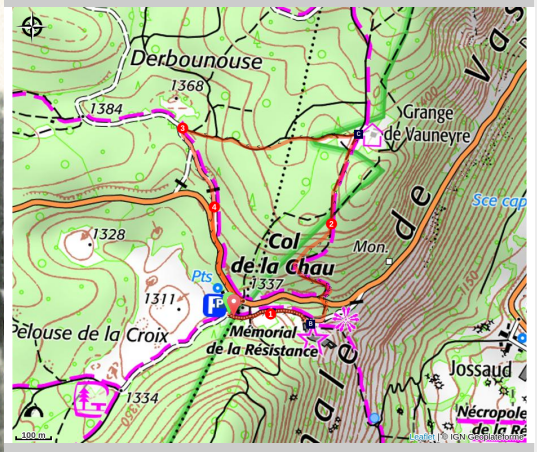


This walk runs alongside the Memorial to the Resistance before leading to the site of one of the Vercors Resistance camps, Camp No. 6, which was set up by Benjamin Malossane in February 1943. The members of the Maquis survived for several months in the Grange de Vauneyre, which was tucked away in a quiet clearing hidden from view by the forest. Here you will be plunged into the day-to-day lives of these men and women who decided to join the underground movement.

After taking in the expansive views of the Grand Veymont and the surrounding peaks, you'll wander through the hushed, mysterious atmosphere of Lente forest.

Useful information

Practice : By walk

Duration : 1 h

Length : 2.6 km

Trek ascent : 136 m

Difficulty : Facile

Type : Boucle

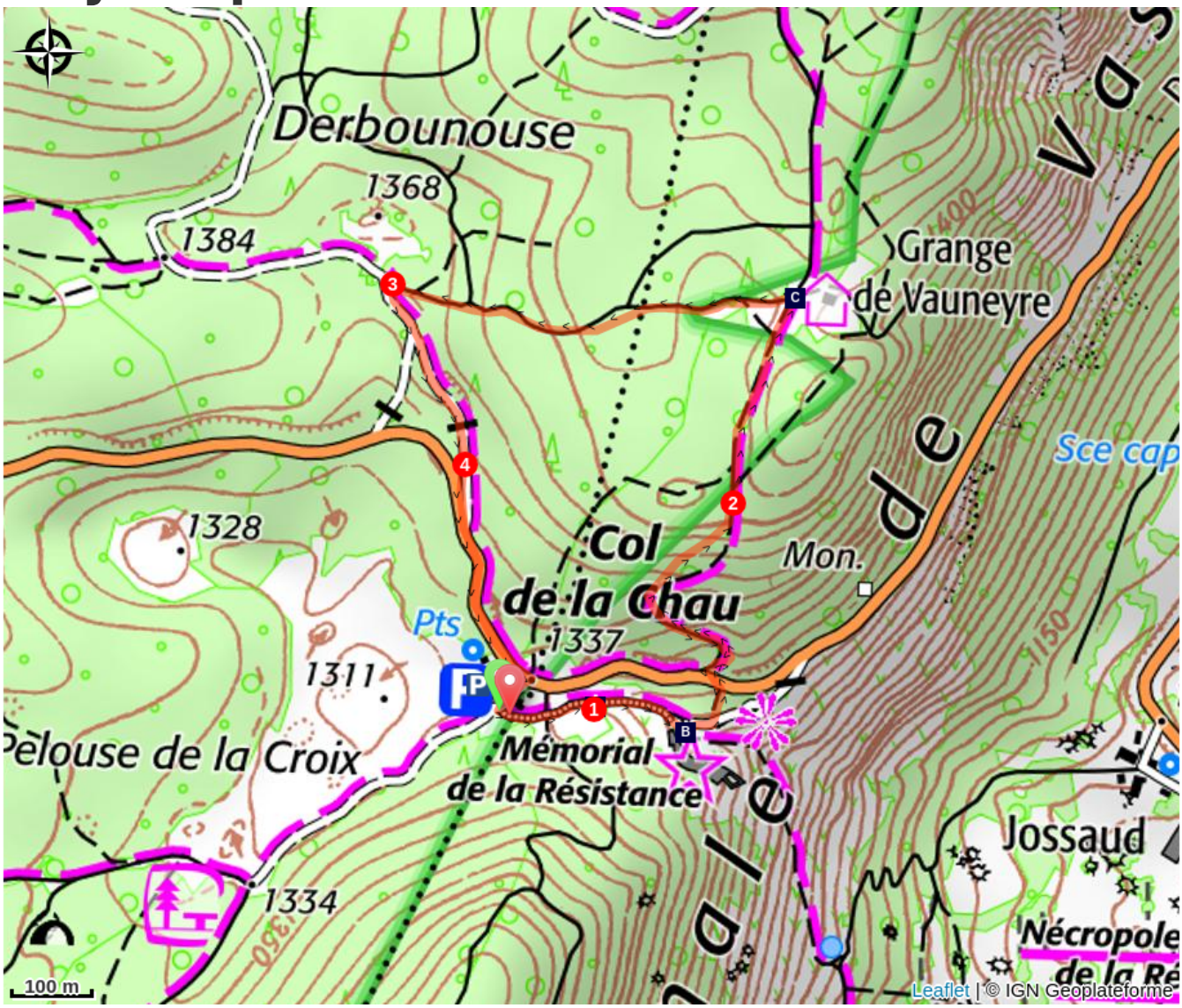
Themes : Résistance

Trek

Departure : the car park at Col de la Chau
Arrival : the car park at Col de la Chau
Markings : PR

1. Setting out from the car park at **Col de la Chau**, head up the steps that lead to **the Mémorial de la Résistance**, getting the most out of the trail about the Memorial's architecture. Now leave the Memorial footbridge on your right and carry on for a couple of minutes before taking the path that rises to the left, signposted by three steps.
2. Cross the D76 (be careful: it's a busy road) to the information panel on the other side and head in the direction of **Grange de Vauneyre**. A forest path climbs abruptly until you get to the **Grange de Vauneyre** meadow, which is where the men from Camp No. 6 were stationed.
3. Take the forest path that goes to the left and walk along it for around 800 m until you arrive in front of a wide forest track.
4. Turn left to go down the track via the GR95 that leads to the D76 in the direction of **Col de La Chau**. Staying on the same track, walk for a few meters along the secondary (départementale) road and head back to the car park where you started from.

On your path...



Memorial architecture walk (A)

The National Memorial of the Resistance in Vercors (B)

Camp C6 (C)

All useful information

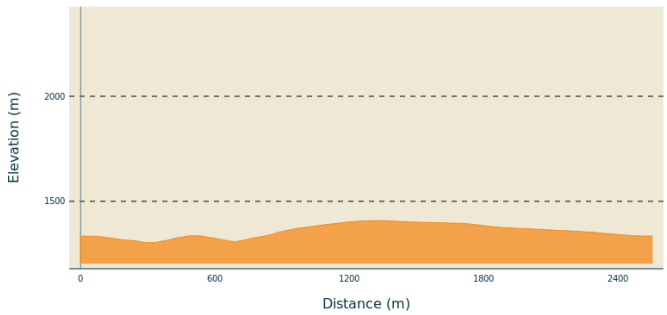
⚠ Advices

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.

Take care when crossing the main road.

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1303 m
Max elevation 1408 m

Transports

By train :
Valence train stations
OùRA multimodal route planner : https://www.oura.com/

By bus :
From Valence : Line D05 to Vassieux-en-Vercors

By hitch hiking : You can get there / get back by hitching a lift with the Rezo Pouce network from Autrans-Méaudre, Lans-en-Vercors, Grenoble and Royans-Vercors (you can find all the stops in the Vercors on www.rezopouce.fr).

Carpooling :
Offer your services or book your carpooling on the regional Mov'Ici platform.

Access

From Villard-de-Lans or Pont-en-Royans, head for La Chapelle-en-Vercors and then Vassieux-en-Vercors along the D178.

From Col de Rousset, take the D518 and then the D76 towards Vassieux-en-Vercors. Follow the signs for the Mémorial de la Résistance. The car park is located at Col de La Chau.

Advised parking

car park at Col de la Chau

Information desks

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On your path...

Memorial architecture walk (A)

From the car park at Col de la Chau, various information points explain the aims and ideas of the architects who designed the building that houses the Mémorial de la Résistance.

Information point 1: The geography of Vassieux; why choose to build the Memorial here?

Information point 2: The look-outs: chimney stacks on the roof of the Memorial

Information point 3: The different phases of the project

Information point 4: The potency of the architecture

Information point 5: The link with Camp 6
Attribution : M. Rocheblave

The National Memorial of the Resistance in Vercors (B)

The National Memorial of the Resistance in Vercors is managed by the Park of Vercors, it allows to better understand the movement of the resistance and the maquis of the Vercors in particular. Integrated into the national network Mémora, its mission, in the face of the inevitable disappearance of the witnesses of this era, to perpetuate the memory of the maquis, the fighting but also the martyr villages of the last world war. A film projected in the last room of the museum, opens up the significance of the acts of resistance by more recent examples throughout the world. The memorial is built near the Camp6 of the maquis of Vercors.
Attribution : Focus outdoor

Camp C6 (C)

Camp C6 was originally set up by Benjamin Malossane and Michel Weber from the Combat movement before coming under the authority of the Franc-Tireur Resistance organisation. It was located first in Laragnole, in the municipality of Rochechinard, and subsequently on the Montagne de Musan and Col de la Chau. The Grange Vauneyre in this clearing reflects the atmosphere of the camp to this day. It was close by, at Col de la Chau, that the Memorial to the Resistance was erected in 1994 in memory of the Vercors Maquis.
Attribution : Focus outdoor