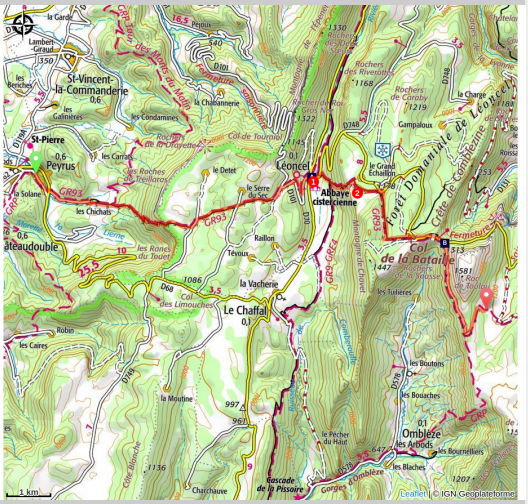
East-West crossing of the Vercors on the GR®93 - Stage 2

Royans-Drôme



Abbaye de Léoncel (©L.Pascale-Drome-Attractivite)

This section will take you to the sublime plateau of Ambel.

Here you can explore the tranquil village of Léoncel with its Cistercian abbey.

Ambiance
Founded in 1137, the building was listed as a historic monument in 1840 by Prospère Mérimée.

Useful information

Practice : Itinerant hike

Duration : 7 h

Length : 17.3 km

Trek ascent : 1330 m

Difficulty : Difficile

Type : Traversée

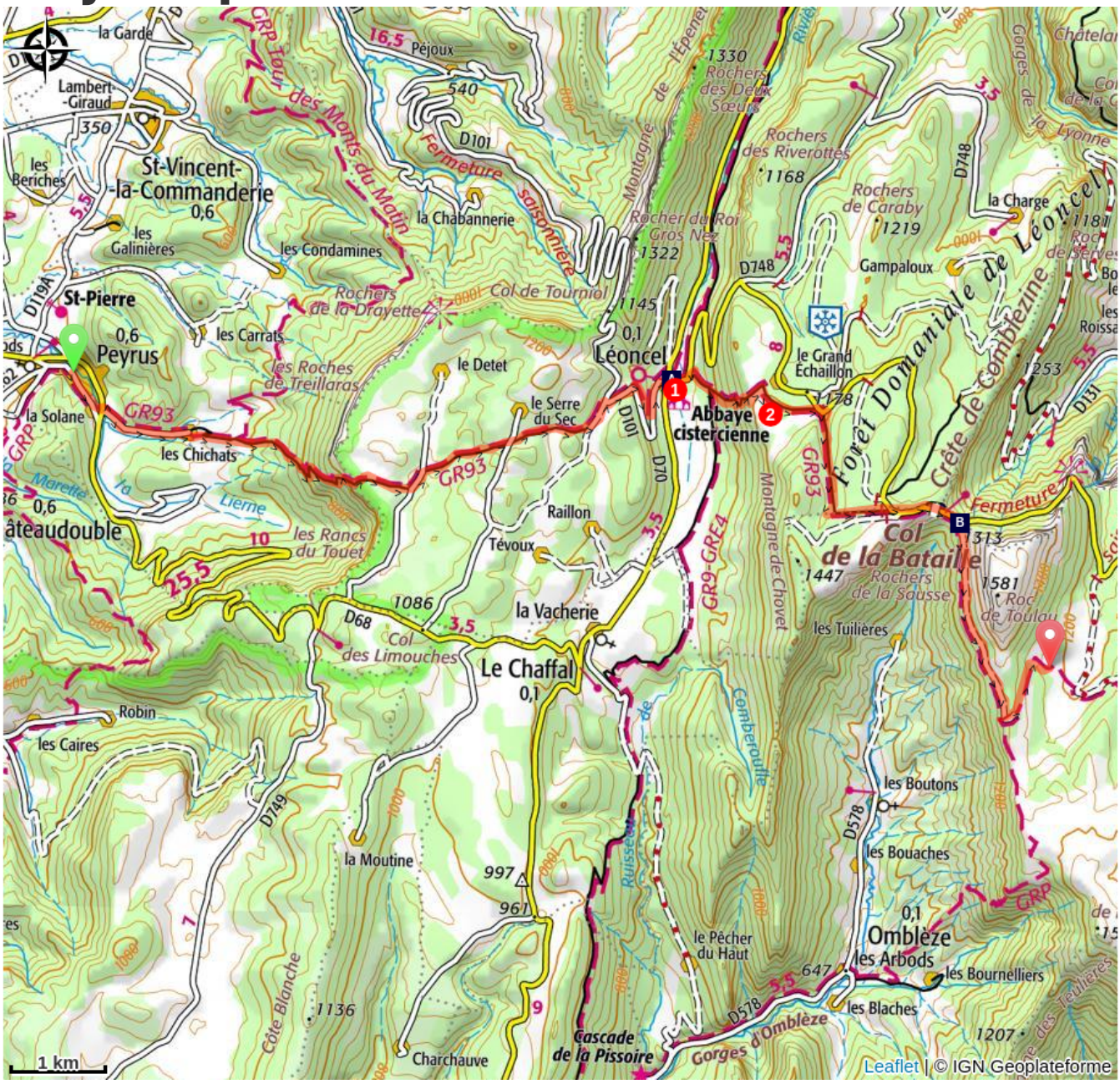
Themes : Faune, Flore, Histoire et patrimoine, Pastoralisme, Point de vue, espaces naturels

Trek

Departure : Peyrus
Arrival : Ambel plateau
Markings : PR GR GTV à pied GTV VTT

1. From Peyrus, head for Léoncel via **Pas du Touet** and **Laffrey.**
   Continue in the direction of **Bérangeon**, **Frachelongue** and **Pas du Grand Échaillon**.
2. At this crossroads, turn right along the D199 for 100 meters. Continue as far as **Pelouse de la Sausse**, **Col de la Bataille** and on to **Pas du Gouillat** before heading to the **Ambel refuge**.

On your path...



Abbey of Léoncel (A)

Col de la Bataille (B)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

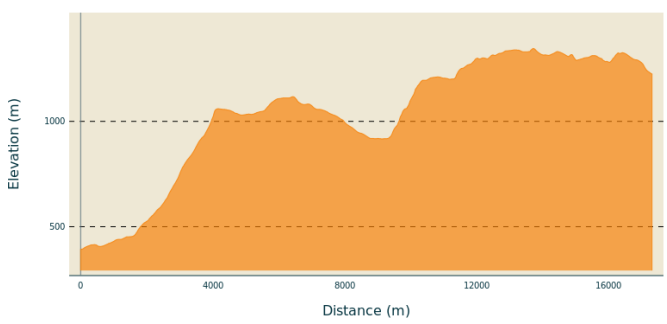
Use the installed passages to cross fences, close gates and barriers.
Stay on the marked trails and respect private property.
The trails can be slippery in rainy conditions!
Do not cross hay meadows or cultivated fields.

Stay alert in spring: snowfields can last late into the season! (Check with the tourist office before setting out).

Important: when the weather is hot in summer, make sure you take ample water with you as well as adequate sun protection, including sunscreen, a hat or other essentials.

Parts of the route are at high altitude and may be covered in snow in winter. These sections may be impassable depending on your mode of transport.

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 392 m
Max elevation 1346 m

Transports

By train :
Valence TGV station
Lus-la-Croix-Haute SNCF station

Transport on demand: A service provided by the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region, open to the general public for journeys connecting with the regional road and rail networks, on presentation of a ticket justifying the connecting journey.
Open Monday to Saturday, 9am to 7pm (except public holidays). **Booking** or cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance (excluding Sundays

Access

From Saint-Jean-en-Royans, follow the D209 then the D532, the D125, the D119a and finally the D102 to Peyrus.

From Chabeuil, follow the D154, then the D143 and finally the D68 to Peyrus.

Advised parking

Peyrus village

and public holidays) on **+334 8000 7000**.

By hitchhiking :
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.

Information desks

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

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On your path...

Abbey of Léoncel (A)

It was under the abbey of Jean de Bonnevaux that Léoncel was created on August 23, 1137, with the arrival of 12 monks. The community was erected as an abbey, and its church was consecrated in 1188 by Robert de la Tour du Pin Archbishop of Vienna, the Pope's legate, the bishops of Die and Valencia. In keeping with the peculiar rules of simplicity, this Cistercian edifice of pure Romanesque style is in perfect harmony with the rigor of the landscape. The abbey church has been listed as a Historic Monument since 1854.
Attribution : S.M Booth

Col de la Bataille (B)

Several hypotheses exist as to the origin of the name of the Col de la Bataille. It could be that the name comes from the conflict between the monks of Leoncel and the monks of the other slope for the supremacy of the breeding Ovin. Another hypothesis evokes the confrontation between the winds of the North and the winds of the South.
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