The summit of Destourbes

Castellane

Le Destourbes (©Guillaume Pluchon - PNR Verdon)

The climb to the summit of Destourbes is progressive and offers a succession of panoramas on the reservoir of Chaudanne.

The summit of Destourbes is the privileged summit of the Castellanais. The hike is largely covered in the forest. The reward is at the end of this climb which culminates at 1543m, bringing together the main heights of the region. Its ascent back and forth also allows time to visit the town of Castellane.

Useful information

Practice : WALKING

Duration : 5 h

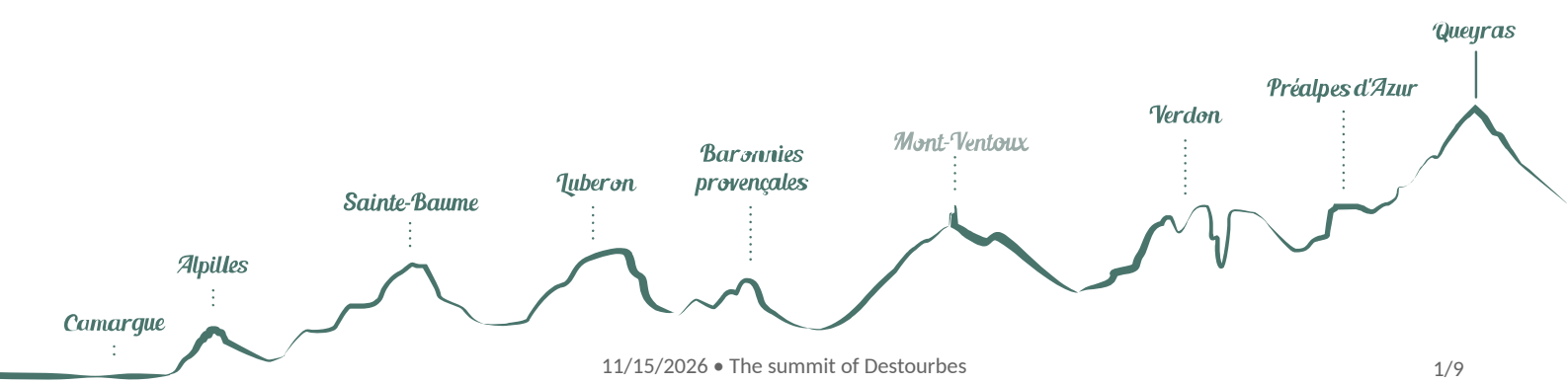
Length : 12.7 km

Trek ascent : 815 m

Difficulty : Difficult

Type : Aller-retour

Themes : A lookout, a viewpoint, Heritage and history



Trek

Departure : From the bridge of Roc, Castellane
Arrival : From the bridge of Roc, Castellane
Markings : PR

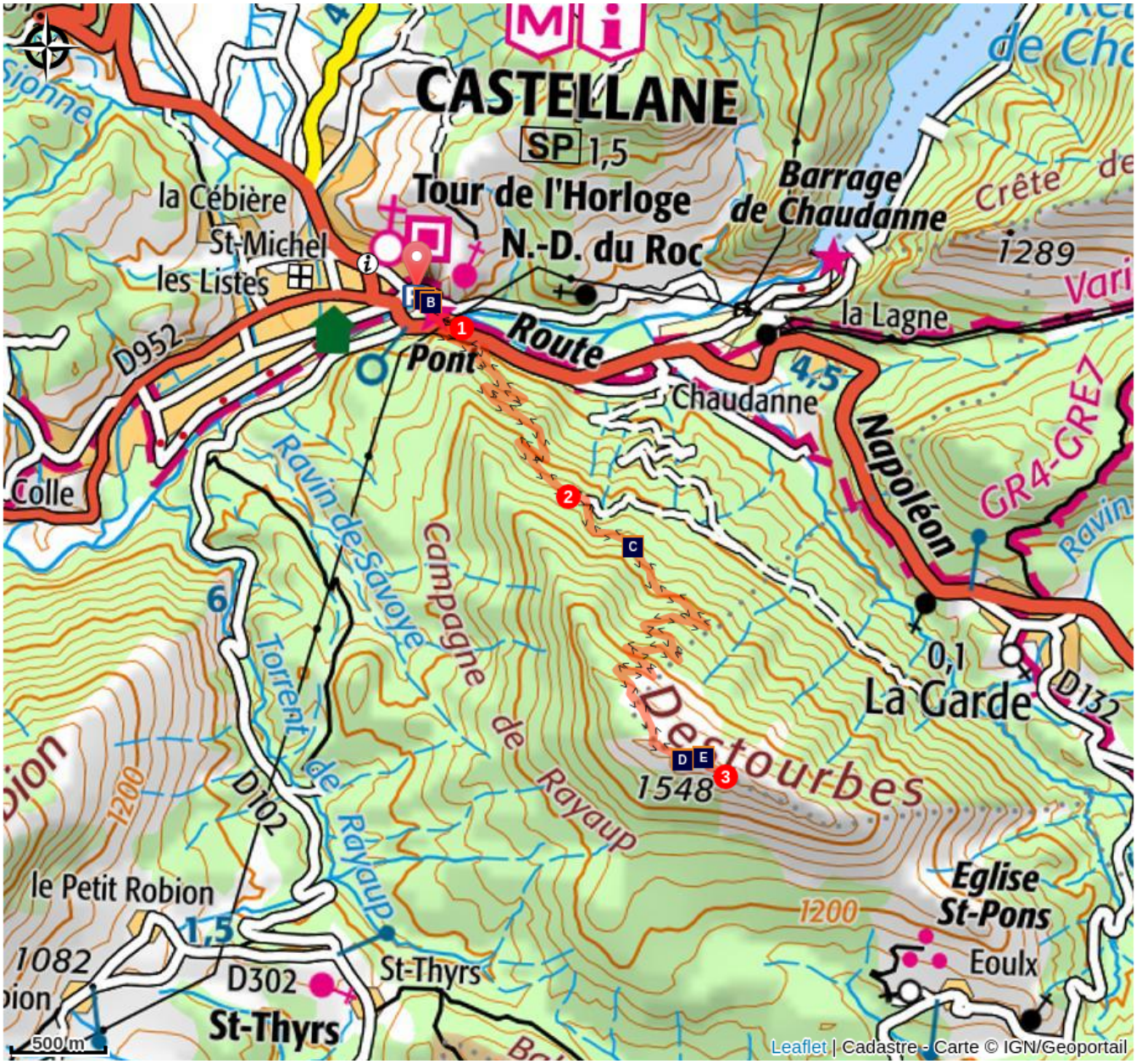
From the parking lot of the Boudousque cross the Verdon by the bridge of the Roc, follow the D4085 for 50m on the left, in direction of Grasse.

1- Cross the D4085 and climb the path opposite in the forest towards the summit of Destourbes. The trail rises windingly and gradually under the pines. Several passages are still walled. The road is well marked. Reach and cross a forest trail above. Climb on the wide, winding path in the northeast slope of the mountain. A further kilometer will find an end-of-trail turn-around area.

2- Take the trail above and go back down slightly. Follow a long crossing. Continue the ascent through a series of turns before going to the ridge. Follow it towards the summit (grand cairn). Follow the markup!

3- Arriving at point 3, return to the starting point by the same route.

On your path...



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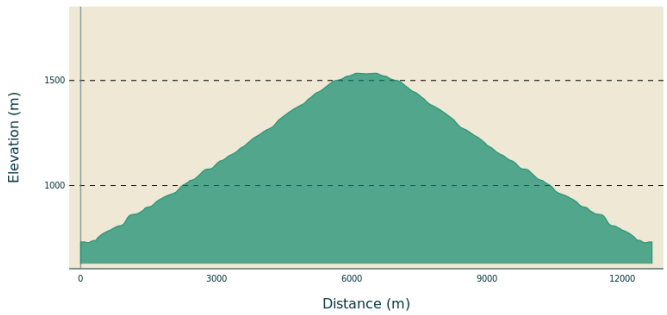
All useful information

⚠ Advices

Avoid the strong summer heat, leave early. We recommend: 2L of water per person, a hat and proper hiking shoes. Preferred seasons: Spring, autumn (fall). IGN map: 3542 OT

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 728 m
Max elevation 1535 m

Transports

« Limitons les déplacements en voiture, pensons aux transports en commun ! Prenez la ligne régionale BV1bis entre Riez et Castellane du 1er Juillet au 11 octobre. Depuis Riez, départ 8h35, retour 16h00. Depuis Castellane, départ à 7h30, retour 16h20 et 19h30. Retrouvez tous les horaires sur https://zou.maregionsud.fr/ ».

Access

53km southeast of Digne-les-Bains, by the N85 and D4085

Advised parking

Parking of the Boudousque

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On your path...

The parish church of the Sacré Coeur (A)

The Church of the Sacré Coeur dates from the mid-19th century. It was built between 1869 and 1873. It then became the parish church of Castellane. The construction of the new church took place under the leadership of Father Pougnet, a priest and an architect. This priest officiated in Western Africa for several years in the course of the 19th century. Thus, the Church of the Sacré Coeur presents the characteristic of being built like churches in Western Africa.

Attribution : DR

Roc Bridge (B)

The bridge is located on an ancient road, Via Vintinia, that connected Vence to Digne. A ford or a bridge allowed to go across the Verdon. Historians refer to a bridge built over the river in 1052. In 1300, a new bridge was built, and was destroyed less than a century later by the Vicomte de Turenne who devastated the region. The bridge you can see today, one of the oldest bridges remaining in Provence (1407), was built by the community of Castellane in the beginning of the 15th century.

Attribution : DR

The dam of Chaudanne (C)

Climbing on top of Destourbes you will enjoy a breathtaking view of the dam of Chaudanne. It is an arched dam built from 1950 to 1953. Located immediately downstream of the dam of Castillon, it limits the variations in flow at the entrance of the Verdon Gorges.

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The Summit of Destourbes (D)

The Summit of Destourbes (1,545m) is the favorite peak of the inhabitants of Castellane. It provides a series of views over the Reservoir of Chaudanne.

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But what can we see from up there? (E)

To the north, Lake of Castillon, an artificial reservoir of water, looks like a small puddle in the middle of the first hills that announce the Alps. Its creation dates from 1948, but the construction of the dam began in 1929. It was given the name of the village which was submerged by water. Following the bar of Destourbes, you can view the hamlet of Eoulx dominated by its heavy square castle, typical of the 16th century castles to be found in the region.

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