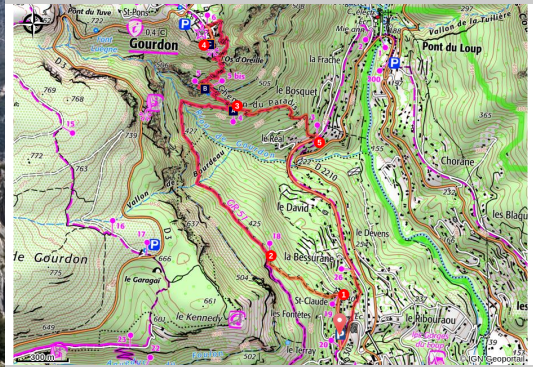


## Chemin du Paradis

Le Bar-sur-Loup



Vue sur le village de Gourdon (Greg Germain)



*When reaching Gourdon, a hilltop village labeled the most beautiful village in France, the hairpin bends more and more aery, increase between terraced crops. The way to heaven!*

"The Chemin du Paradis is an exceptional path, as you move forward it becomes aery while the first roofs of the village of Gourdon are outlined. The view from Victoria Square leaves a memorable mark. " says Julien Lageat - Préalpes d'Azur RNP.

### Useful information

Practice : WALKING

Duration : 3 h

Length : 8.3 km

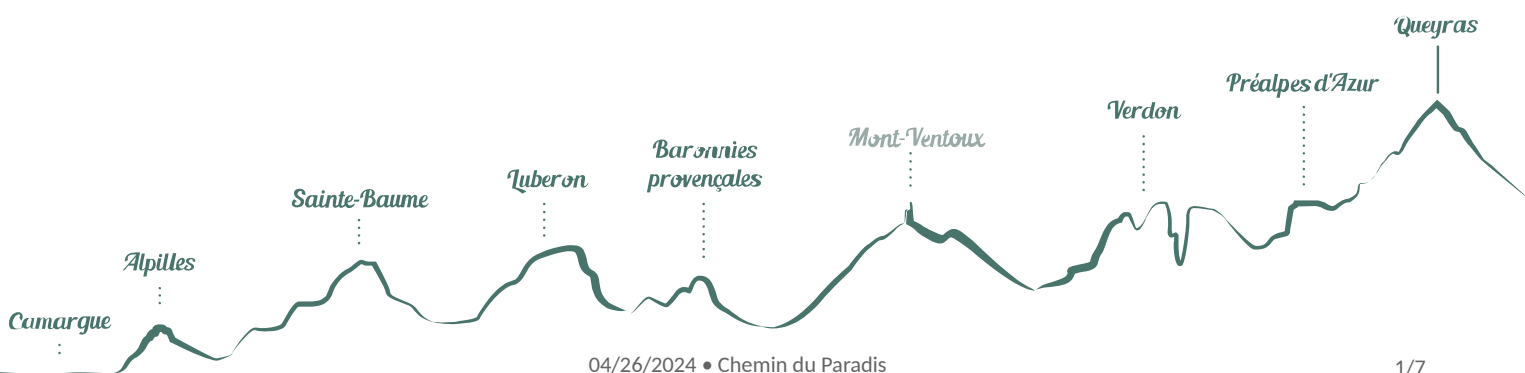
Trek ascent : 552 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Boucle

Themes : Heritage and history

Accessibility : Donkey hiking



# Trek

Departure : Car park of the cemetery, Bar-sur-Loup

Arrival : Car park of the cemetery, Bar-sur-Loup

Markings :  GR®  PR

From the car park, go along the cemetery and continue on the Chemin de Bessurane (GR® 51) until the Saint-Claude chapel.

1- Take a sharp left on a paved road and then engage immediately left on the trail that rises abruptly. Go along the fences and through a woodland until an intersection.

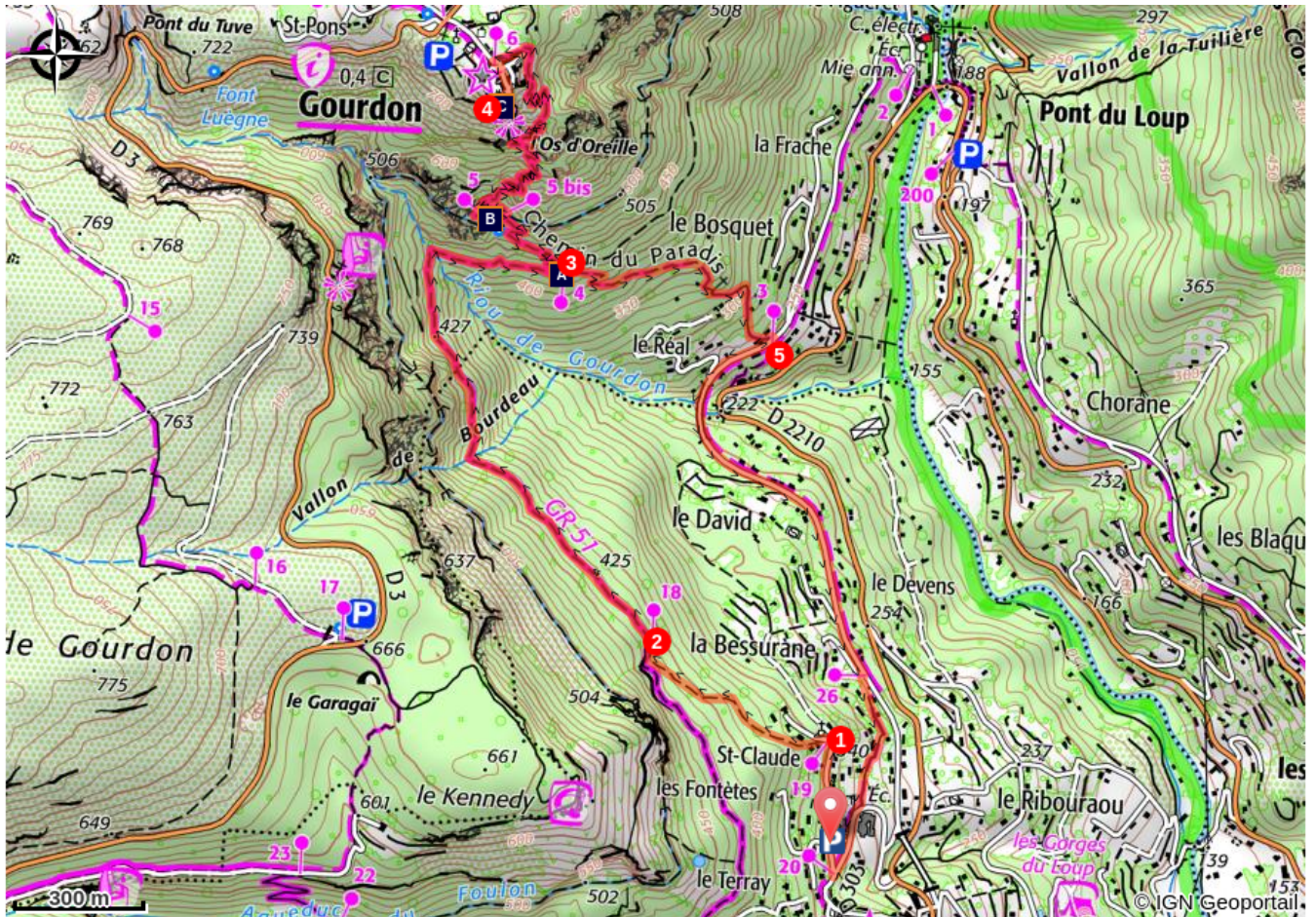
2- At the sign-post 302, take the right path that leads to the Canal du Loup. Walk on the mountainside on a large platform and cross the small bridge of the Gourdon valley. Remain on the flat area and come out on the Chemin du Paradis.



3- Follow it to the left (GR® 51). Reach the Foulon aqueduct, then climb many aery switchbacks and reach Gourdon.

4- Visit the picturesque streets of the village, then go back down until the canal du Loup by the same route. In point 3, turn left and continue down the Chemin du Paradis. Come out on the road of the old railway.

5- Make a sharp right and return to Bar-sur-Loup. 1km further, take the Chemin des Fontaites to the right. And return to the car park of the cemetery.

# On your path...



-  The last ascent (A)
-  The Victoria Square (C)

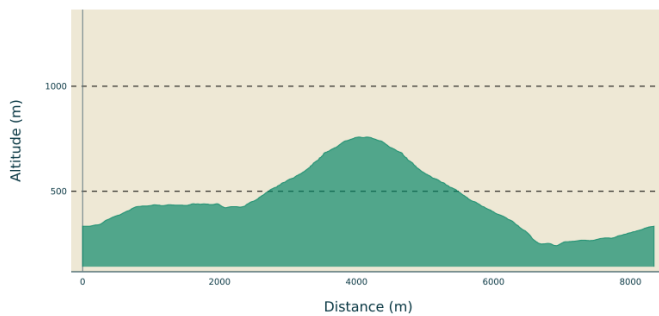
-  Aqueduct of Foulon (B)

# All useful information

## **Advices**

Upstream of point 3, be careful on some rocky sections of the Chemin du Paradis, which can be wet.

## **Altimetric profile**



Min elevation 241 m  
Max elevation 758 m

## **Transports**

En venant de Nice : Bus 400 ou 09 jusqu'à Vence, puis 511 jusqu'à Bar-sur-Loup

## **Access**

At 9km East of Grasse, through the D2285 and D2210 or 25km North of Cagnes-sur-Mer, through the RD2210.

## **Advised parking**

Car park of the cemetery

## **Source**



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## **Information desks**

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# On your path...

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## The last ascent (A)

Because there was no cemetery at Bar-sur-Loup, the inhabitants had to climb with the dead to the village of Gourdon. The only access was by this road. Hence its name "the way to heaven".

Attribution : DR

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## Aqueduct of Foulon (B)

Before 1885, the town of Grasse got its water supply from the Source of La Foux. But the flow was insufficient, especially because of the establishment of factories and perfumeries. In 1874, the town of Grasse became the owner of the Source Foulon. In 1878, the plans were approved. The canal was inaugurated on 21 July 1889; it has several civil engineering structures above void spaces and 22 tunnels with a total length of 2,600m throughout the entire network. This is a classic aqueduct structure that was replaced in the 50s by the imposing pipeline currently in place.

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## The Victoria Square (C)

Queen Victoria went to Gourdon in 1891 and in her honor, this large place enjoying an exceptional panorama and an admirable depth, was given her name.

Attribution : DR - OT de Gourdon



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