

Cadières de Brandis

Castellane



Les Cadières de Brandis (DR)

This dolomitic formation is intriguing, it resembles perched chimneys on a ridge with stunning views.

Dominating the Verdon at over 1545m, the cliffs of Cadières de Brandis mark the landscape (Cadiero meaning chair in the Occitan language, therefore "cadières de brandis" could mean "wobbly chairs"). This walk offers remarkable views of this geological curiosity and the surrounding peaks.

Useful information

Practice : WALKING

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 7.6 km

Trek ascent : 415 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Boucle

Themes : A lookout, a
viewpoint, Fauna, Geology



Trek

Departure : Col des Lèques, Castellane

Arrival : Col des Lèques, Castellane

Markings :  PR

From the car park of the col des Lèques, take the track heading south. You can park a little further away (there's a parking lot at the tennis court or at the small mountain pass at 400m). Follow the track towards Cadières de Brandis.

1 - At the first intersection, leave the Chemin de Taulane on the right (return path) and continue up the forest track on the left. Gradually go up the track for about 1km until the intersection with the path descending on Castellane.

2 - Continue on the rising track. At 100m, leave a descending track on the left. Continue on the rising track for another 300m, then follow the route of the trail at the first turn. Reach to the peak of the Colle Bernaiche and regain the trail coming from Villars Brandis.

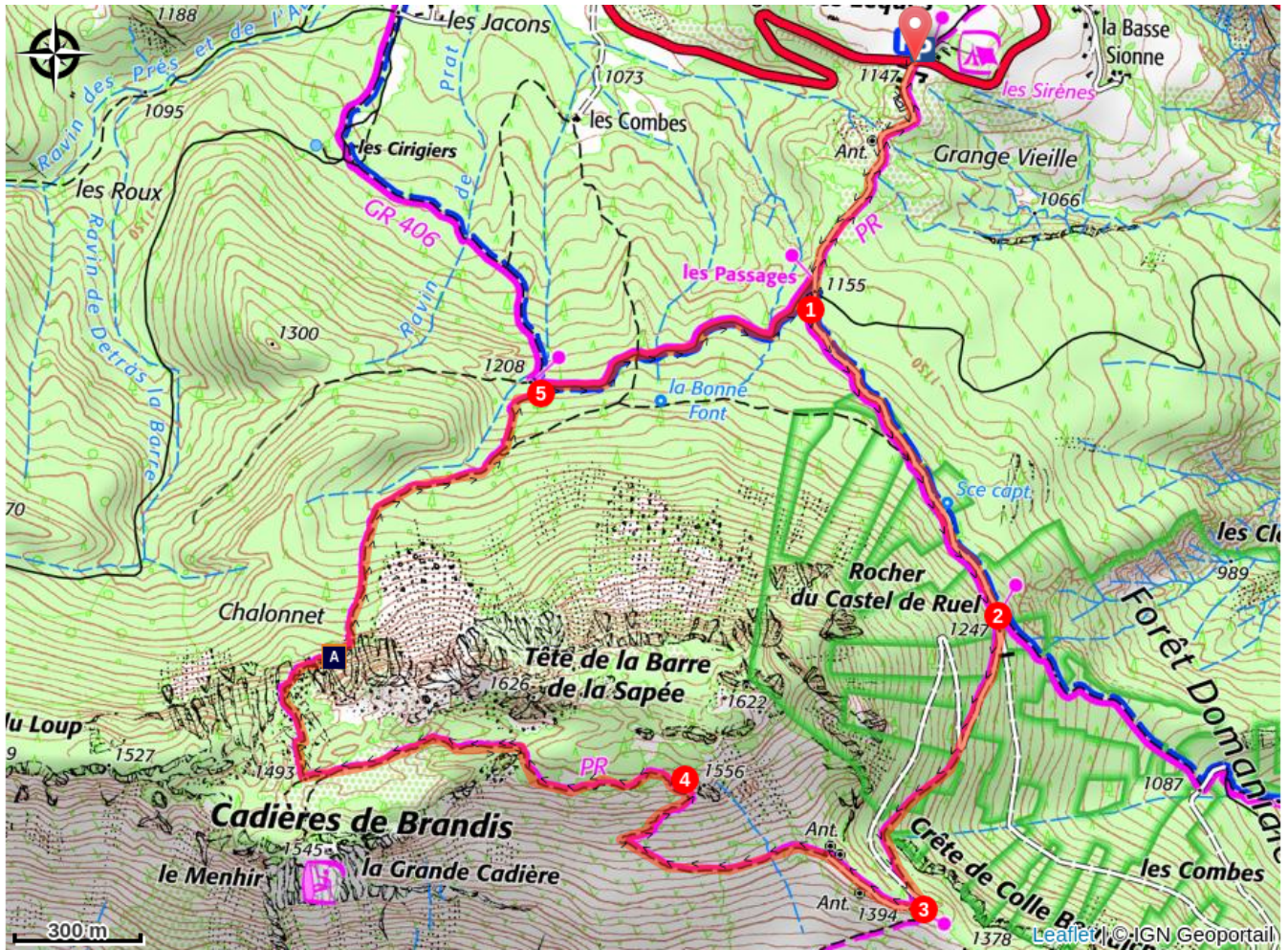
3 - Continue on the track heading towards the pylon and at the end of it, follow the path starting from the hillside and heading towards Cadières. Continue on this route which is relatively flat for 500m then. When you have reached a fruit tree, leave this route in direction of Cadières, which is glimpsed at the back and follow the path that goes right up the hill. Meander between the rocks and under the pine trees, reach the highest point of the trek (1 550m).

4 - Between pines and cleared passages, go down the path leading to the plateau. After about 900metres, turn right at the bottom of a depression (an area where the air pressure is low), then go through the rocky passages (not dangerous, but some steep passages; pay attention to the marking!) and cross a small rock tunnel before starting the descent to the forest. In the woods, (a steep downhill!) continue to pass through until you reach another marked path.

5 - Leave behind the path descending to Taulane on the left and follow the path on the right going towards the col des Lèques. At 900m, regain point (1)

1 - Enter the car park via the route taken initially.

On your path...



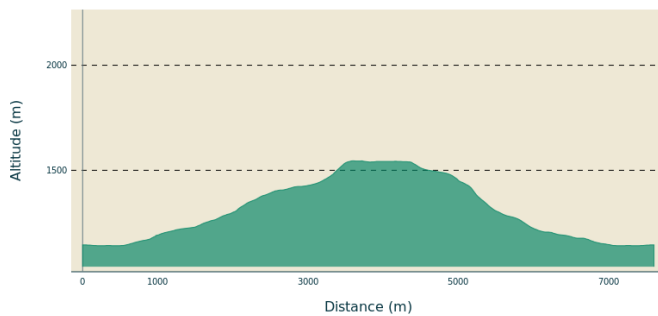
 The Zyaena (A)

All useful information

AdVICES

Avoid high summer temperatures, leave early. We recommend: 2 L of water per person, a hat and proper hiking shoes.

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1141 m
Max elevation 1545 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

D4085 for Castellane

Advised parking

Col des Lèques

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On your path...



The Zygaena (A)

Zygaenas are Lepidoptera insects of the Zygaenidae family. They are divided into several genus. There are nearly 800 species of zygaenas worldwide, including 60 in Europe and 35 in France.

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