

# Our Hiking Selection in the Ubaye Valley

## **Difficulty: Easy**

Lac Verdet — near Col de la Bonnette

Tour du Parouart

Cascades de Costeplane

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## **Difficulty: Moderate**

Lac du Lauzanier

Lacs de la Cayolle

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## **Difficulty: Difficult**

Lac de Roburent

Lac des 9 Couleurs

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## **Difficulty: VERY Difficult**

Tête de Louis XVI

Les Eaux Tortes

### Our tips to fully enjoy hiking in Ubaye:


- Start early in the morning as thunderstorms are frequent in high mountains in mid/late afternoon.
- Wear good shoes, bring plenty of water, sunscreen, sunglasses, a cap or hat.
- A windproof/rainproof layer and a warm garment are recommended in case of bad weather or breaks at the top of summits!


## Hike: Lac Verdet – near Col de la Bonnette


 From the campsite: 34 km / 42 min 


 Difficulty: Easy



 Dogs: Allowed on leash

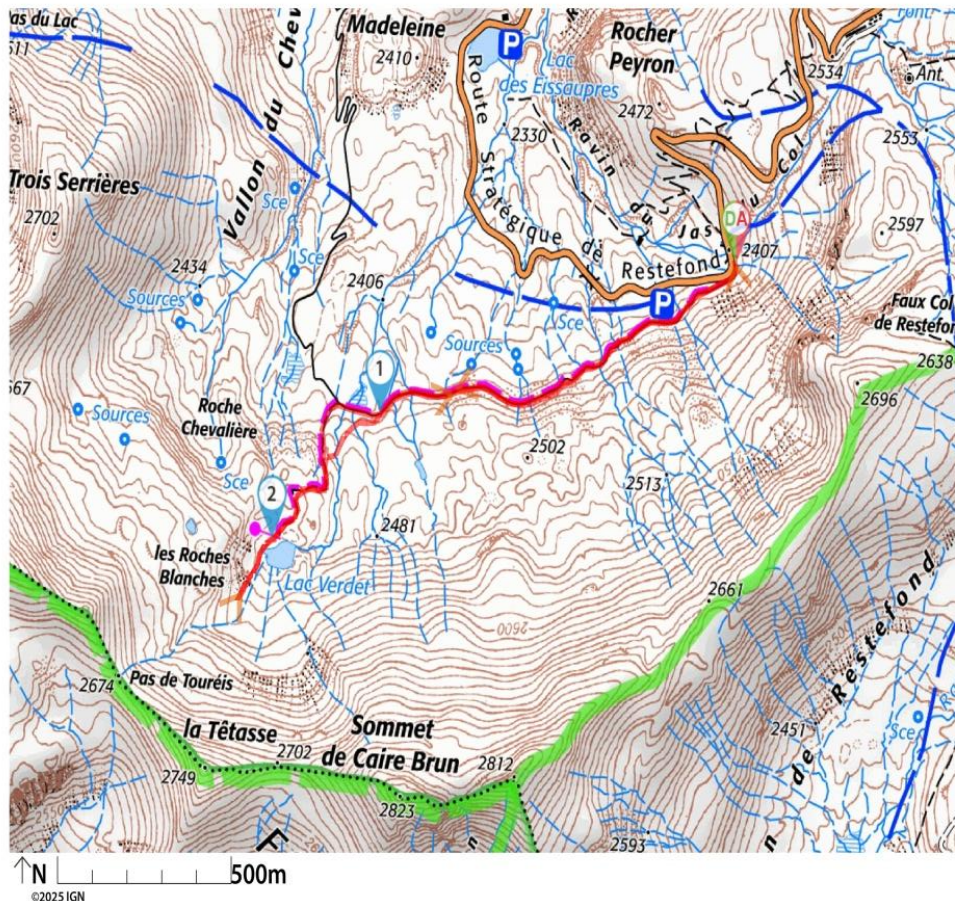
 Type: Out-and-back

 Distance: 3.7 km

 Elevation gain: 123 m

 Estimated duration: 1 h 30


 Marking:  Yellow




### Route from the campsite


Drive to the village of Jausiers. At the exit of Jausiers, turn right towards Col de Restefond, Cime de la Bonnette.


#### Start


 Park about 1 km past Lac des Eissaupres (only a few spots by the yellow hiking sign for Lac Verdet) or at the lake (adds 2 km round-trip).

 Follow a track on the right.

 Then follow the well-marked path,

 Reach a marshy area after crossing several small streams.

 Stay on the path to quickly reach Lac Verdet.

 Return via the same route.

Enjoy the drive up to Cime de la Bonnette (top of Col de Restefond) and admire the 360° scener



## Hike: Tour du Plan de Parouart – Vallon de Mary

📍 From the campsite: 45 km / 55 min 🚗

📊 Difficulty: Easy

🐕 Dogs: Allowed on leash

🚶 Type: Loop

📏 Distance: ~7 km

⬆️ Elevation gain: 250 m

🕒 Duration: 3 h 00

📌 Max altitude: 2060 m

🗺 Map: IGN Top 25 no. 3637 OT

🚧 Marking: 🟡 Yellow & 🔴 Red (GRP) + red posts at the ford



### 🗺 Route from the campsite

Drive to the hamlet of Maljasset in high Ubaye. Spectacular but long road!

### 📍 Start

Park on the left at the entrance to Maljasset: Barcelonnette → Jausiers → Col de Vars → Saint-Paul-sur-Ubaye → Maljasset.

### 📖 Description

- 1 From the parking, cross Maljasset with its stone houses and lauze roofs. Pass Maurin Church and continue to Combe Brémont.
- 2 Follow the right bank of the Ubaye to Plan de Parouart.
- 3 Cross the Ubaye on a wooden footbridge, then turn right to cross the Chabrière torrent via red posts.
- 4 Continue on the left bank through forest and meadows, passing a picnic area. Cross the Mary torrent.
- 5 Return via the initial path past Maurin Church and the parking.

⚠️ Depending on water level you may need to remove shoes to cross Chabrière gravel bars.







## Hike: Cascades de Costeplane

📍 From the campsite: 10 km / 12 min 🚗

📊 Difficulty: Easy

🐕 Dogs: Allowed on leash

🚶 Type: Out-and-back

📏 Distance: 3.6 km

⬆️ Elevation gain: 40 m

🕒 Estimated duration: 1 h 30

🌲 Site protected since 9 January 1939



### 📖 Route

Drive to the village of Le Lauzet (12 min from campsite).

🚗 At Le Lauzet-Ubaye exit (toward Gap), turn right towards the Cascades, park near the white-water base.

➡️ Follow signs “les Cascades”, route Le Serre du Moulin,

🌉 Cross the bridge and turn left on Le Pruneiret to the Cascades de Costeplane,

🪨 Notable geological formations.

↩️ Return via the same path.

Don't miss Lac du Lauzet for a refreshing swim before or after the walk!





## Hike: Lac du Lauzanier

📍 From the campsite: 37 km / 43 min 🚗

📊 Difficulty: Moderate

🚫 Dogs: Not allowed

🚶 Type: Out-and-back

📏 Distance: 9.7 km

⬆️ / ⬆️ Elevation: +398 m / -398 m

🕒 Duration: 4 h 30

📌 Max altitude: 2289 m

🏞️ Mercantour National Park

🐿️ Possible wildlife: Marmots



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### 📖 Route from the campsite

Drive to Larche village exit toward Camping des Marmottes. Continue up the only small road along the river to the upper parking—start of the hike.

#### 🚩 Start – Pont Rouge (1907 m)

🚶 Start on the flat track in the valley.

♿ The first 450 m is handicap/pushchair-friendly.

➡ Continue to the “Eyssalps” hut.

1 Eyssalps hut (1970 m)

🚶 Track becomes a trail. Cross 3 footbridges and climb in switchbacks (don't cut corners).

🕒 Leads to Lac du Lauzanier and its small restored chapel (2280 m).

⚠ Caution: persistent snow early season, tricky passage.

2 Lac du Lauzanier (2284 m)

↺ Return the same way.

🕒 Marking: GR (○ ● white & red)

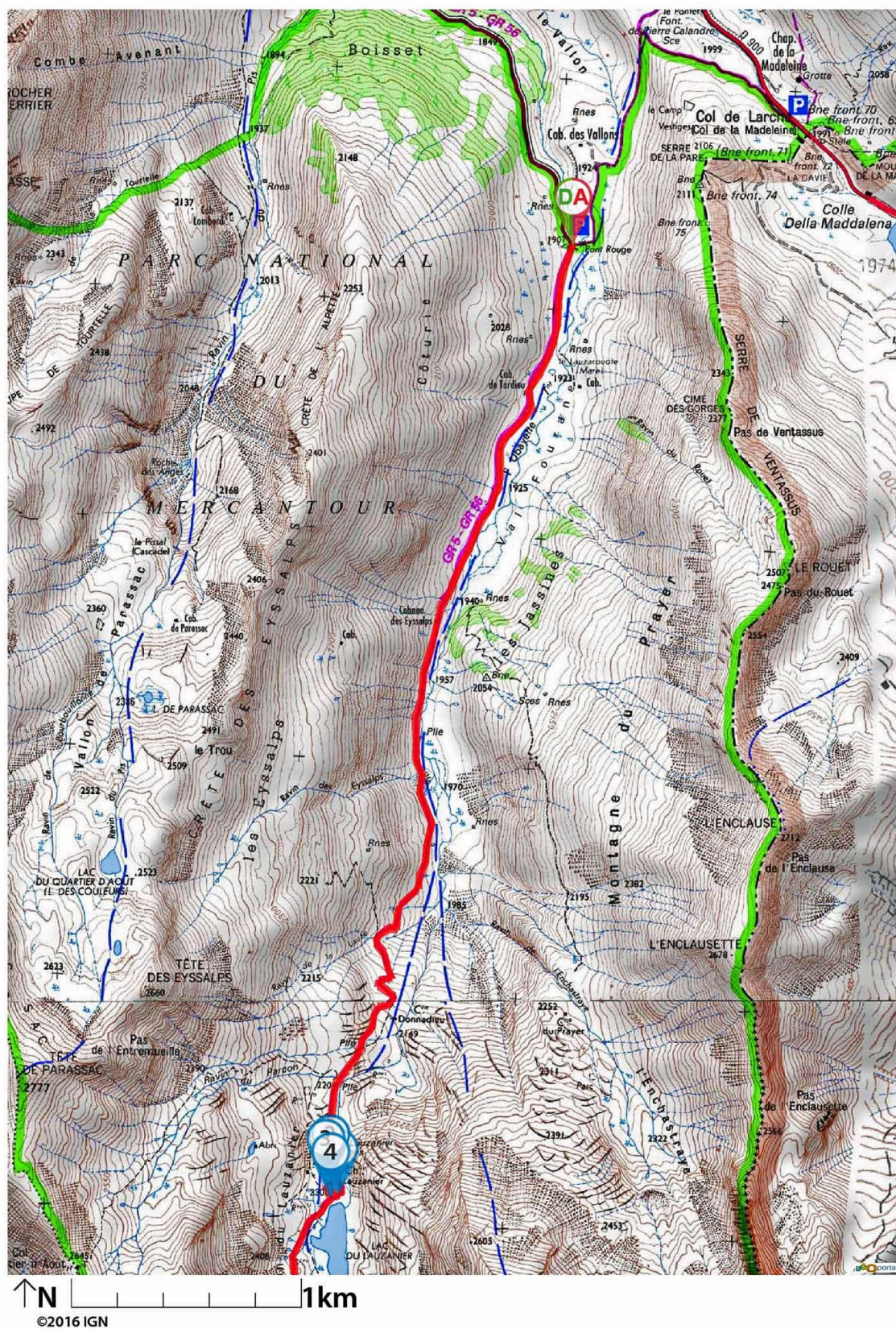
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🚗 In July-August: parking accesses closed (dates to confirm with Barcelonnette Tourist Office) – shuttle every 20 min from Larche.

Alternative: park at Col de Larche along the road, cross on foot and follow trail on the right—approx. 30 min to start. Visit the Italian shop at Col de Larche parking for Italian specialties!



🌿 Mercantour National Park is protected—respect the rules.










## Hike: Lacs de la Cayolle


 From the campsite: 36 km / 52 min 


 Difficulty: Moderate


 Dogs: Not allowed

 Type: Loop


 Distance: 9.89 km

 Elevation gain: +514 m

 Duration: 4 h 20

 Level: Medium


 Max altitude: ~2300 m (summit: 2822 m – Sommet des Garrets)

 Marking: GR®56B   red & white




### Route from the campsite

Exit campsite toward Barcelonnette. At first bridge, turn right to Praloup, then pass through Uvernet-Fours village toward Col de la Cayolle. Park at top of col or near refuge.


 **Start** at altitude sign.





### Description

(D/A) Hike toward Col de la petite Cayolle, turn right onto GR®56B (Tour du Haut Vedron). Look out—the marmots are everywhere .


Trail passes a small unnamed lake before climbing a scree with lovely cornices.


 (297) Cross Col de la petite Cayolle, reach Lac de la petite Cayolle. Lunch on snowfields if you like!

 Continue to Lac des Garrets at the foot of Sommet des Garrets (2822 m). Watch for chamois on the ridge .














 Descend to Pas du Lausson.

 (296/295) Turn left back toward start.

 Optional: continue 250 m to viewpoint on Lac d'Allos + old border marker (1823).

 Stay on the path passing left of the last small lake then back to parking (D/A).

## Hike: Lac de l'Oronaye & Roburent

-  From campsite: 42 km / 49 min 
-  Difficulty: Difficult
-  Dogs: Allowed on leash
-  Type: Out-and-back
-  Distance: 10.4 km
-  /  Elevation: +555 m / -555 m
-  Duration: 4 h 00
-  Max altitude: 2507 m
-  At the gates of Mercantour National Park
-  Family-friendly if fit
-  Alpine lakes with turquoise waters




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### Route from campsite


Head toward Col de Larche and park at Clapière parking on left, 1 km before col.


#### Start – Clapière Parking (1940 m)


 Head toward Lac de l'Oronaye, following the stream.

 Pass a pastoral hut on the right, go over a small rock barrier.


 Reach a fork.

 1 Oronaye / Col de la Gipièrre fork


 Take right, cross a stream, continue to a small residual lake.


 2 Climb the Oronaye valley (labeled “Orrenaye” on IGN).


 Admire Tête de Moïse (3104 m) as you go.

 Reach another fork.

 3 Lac de l'Oronaye (2410 m)


 Walk along the lake under Tête des Blaves scree, then continue to Col de Roburent.

 4 Col de Roburent (2502 m)

 Italian border. Spectacular view of Lac de Roburent (a beautiful transalpine lake).

↘ Slight descent to Col de Feuillas junction.


 5 Vallon de l'Oronaye (2470 m)

 Continue straight back to Lac de l'Oronaye, then

 Return via same route to parking.

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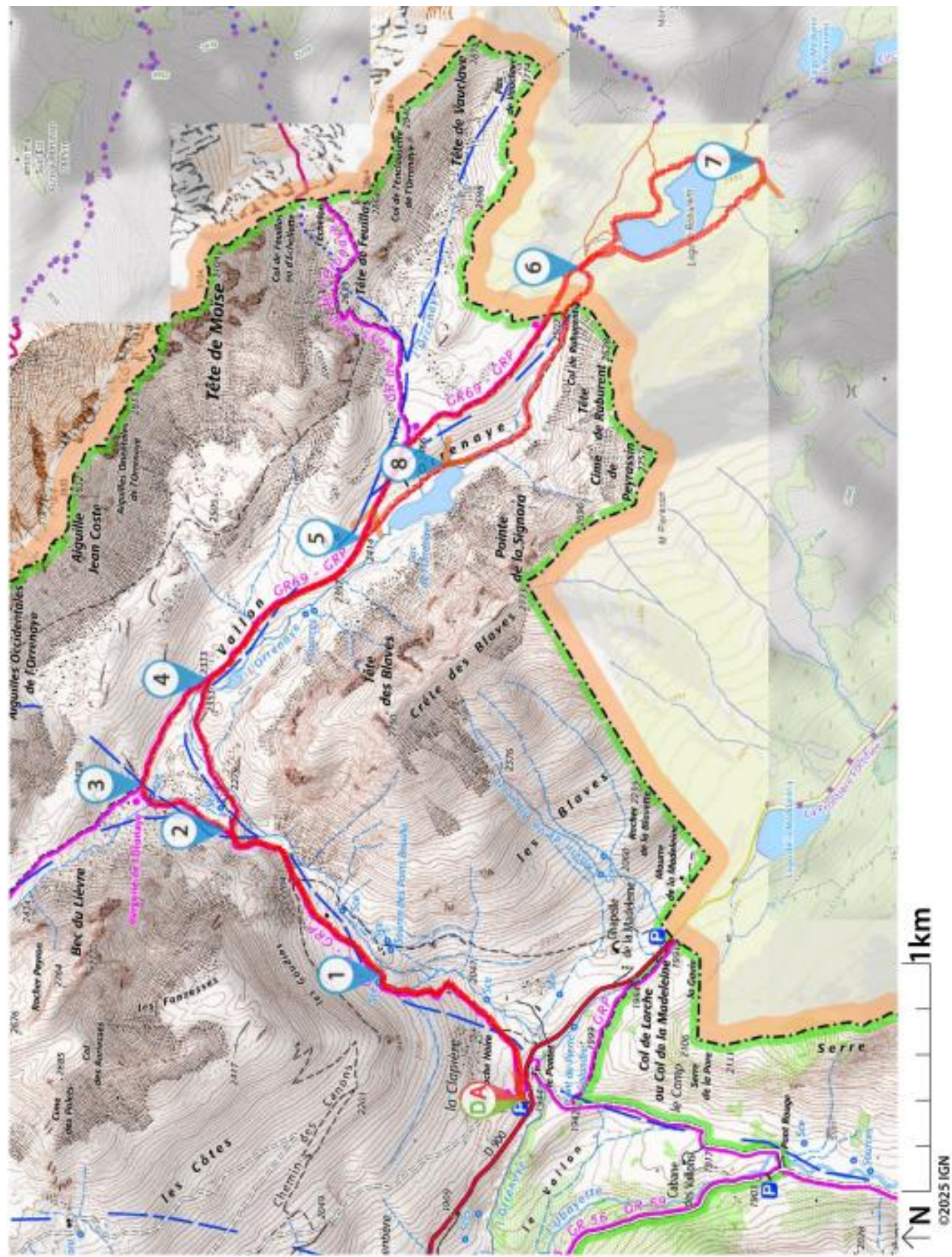
 Marking: follow posted signs

 Preserved mountain zone—be cautious and respectful of environment

 Stunning views of Ubaye summits, true high-mountain atmosphere.

Visit the Italian shop at Col de Larche parking for Italian products!







## Hike: Lac des Neuf Couleurs

- Fouillouse
- Type: Loop
- From the campsite: 40 km / 49 min
- Dogs: Allowed on leash
- Difficulty: Difficult
- Distance: 17.0 km
- Elevation: 978 m
- Duration: 6 h 30
- Max altitude: 2846 m
- Mineral landscapes – lake jewels – panorama on Aiguille du Chambeyron (3412 m)



### Route from the campsite

Reach hamlet of Fouillouse in Saint-Paul-en-Ubaye. Cross the beautiful Châtelet bridge—watch for height vertigo!

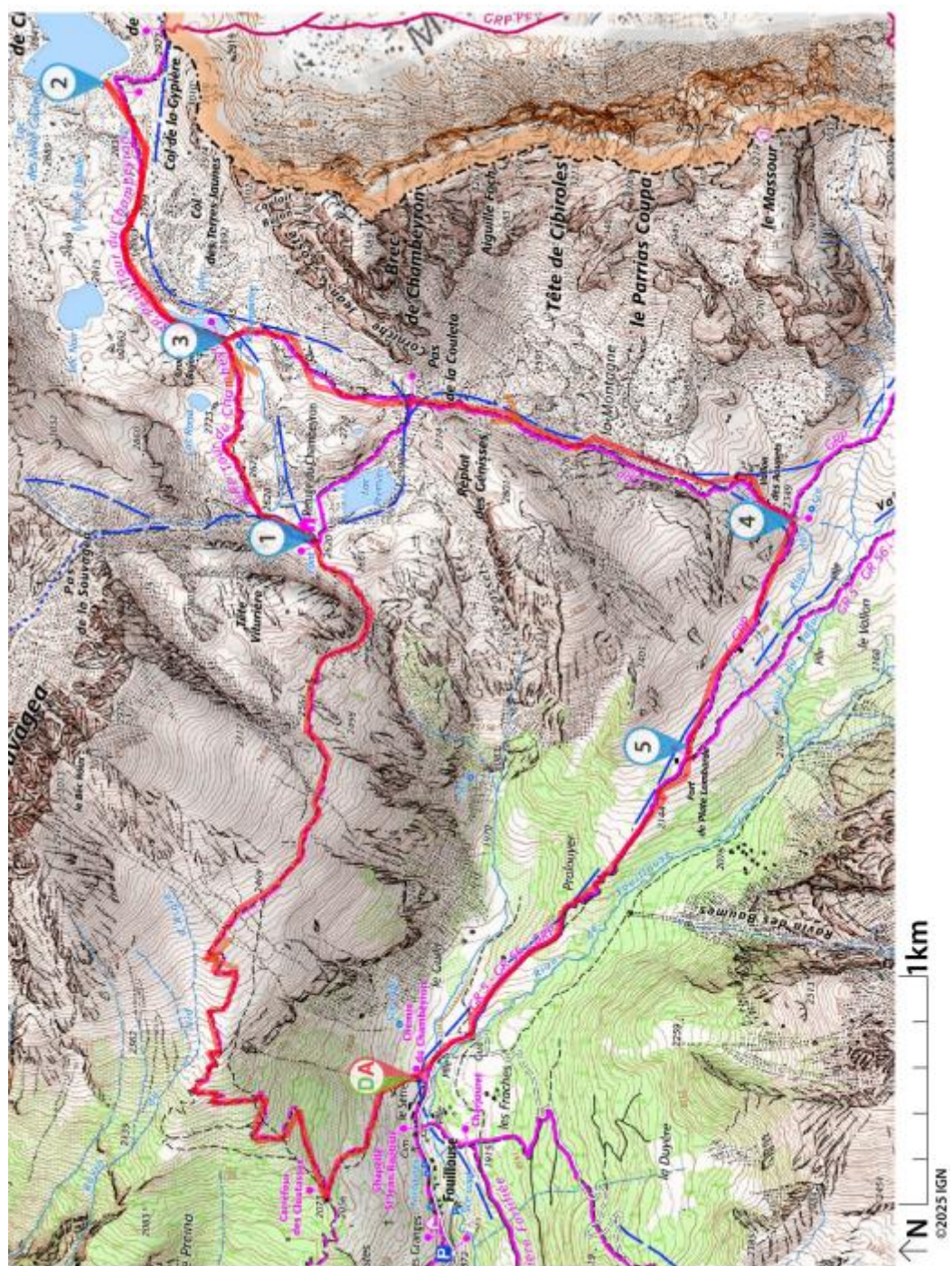
#### Start – Fouillouse Parking (1875 m)

- Pass through Fouillouse, by the chapel, reach Chambeyron path.
- Chambeyron path (1910 m)
- Follow trail left toward the refuge.
- At “carrefour des Cloutasses,” turn right onto main path.
- Turn right and skirt a rock buttress to reach the refuge.
- Refuge du Chambeyron (2626 m)
- Pass the refuge, ignore the Pas de la Souvagea trail. Continue toward Lac Long under Croix Bujon.
- Lac Long (2783 m)
- Don't take right path to Pas de la Couletta (used for return).
- Continue straight into the glacial cirque of Chambeyron, to the lake.
- Lac des Neuf Couleurs (2841 m)
- Spectacular colors shifting blue to green with light.
- Return to Lac Long, then turn left.
- Cross the lake end, climb to Pas de la Couletta.
- Pas de la Couletta (2774 m)
- Descent often snowy early season. Turn back if too tricky.
- Descend Aoupets valley, pass pastor hut, then switchback trail.
- Reach Fort de Plate Lombarde.
- Fort de Plate Lombarde (2190 m)
- Former Maginot Line Alpine fort.
- Follow GR5-56 back down the valley
- Cross Fouillouse again to return to start.












#### Note:

- Snowfields common into July.
- Trail sometimes exposed under Pas de la Couletta.
- Marking: GR (white/red) + GRP (yellow/red) + PR (yellow)





## Hike: Tête de Louis XVI

-  Méolans-Revel
-  Difficulty: Very Difficult
-  From campsite: 7 km / 15 min
-  Dogs: Allowed on leash
-  Type: Out-and-back
-  Distance: 9.8 km
-  /  Elevation: 1103 m / 1104 m
-  Duration: 5 h 30
-  Max altitude: 2362 m
-  Iconic summit of Ubaye






















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### Route from the campsite

From the campsite, turn left toward Méolans-Revel. Cross Méolans-Revel / “La Fresquière” via D900. 650 m after the village exit, after a sharp bend under a large rock, leave D900 onto the right road up to the hamlet of Chaudon, continue to Les Clots start.

### Start – Les Clots (1410 m)

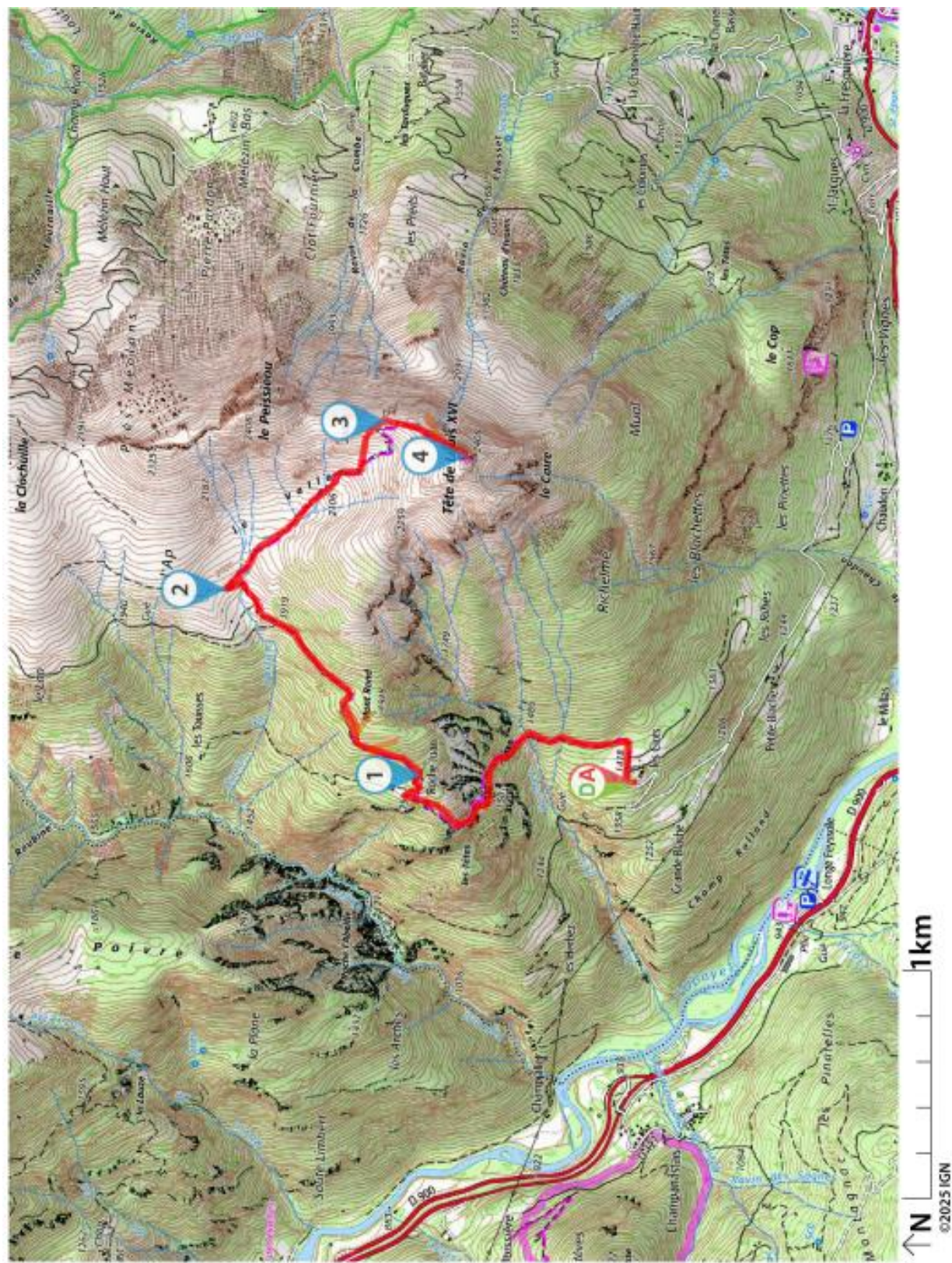
-  Cross Les Clots plateau on a lovely tree-lined path.
-  Leave houses on the right, ascend through pine forest.
-  Trail climbs over high rock walls with nice dry-stone walls in the curves.
-  View of the Ubaye river.
-  Arrive at Roche Juan barns and wooden fountain.
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-  Continue climb, exit larch forest.
-  Pass a pastoral hut, stay right.
-  Reach Ravin du Vallon stream.
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-  Do not cross the stream.
-  Climb right along it.
-  Reach main trail climbing to a col (view on Rioclar).
-  Short but steep climb reaches summit.
-  Tête de Louis XVI (2408 m)
-  Summit marked by large wooden cross.
-  360° view on la Blanche, Ubaye, Écrins massifs, and Serre-Ponçon lake.
-  Return by same route (  don't cut corners).

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 Wild atmosphere and majestic panoramas.

 Physical hike for experienced hikers only.







## Hike: Les Eaux Tortes

📍 Méolans-Revel / Abbaye du Laverq

📊 Difficulty: Very Difficult

📍 From campsite: 13 km / 23 min

🔄 Type: Loop

🐕 Dogs: Allowed on leash

📏 Distance: 18.4 km

⬆️ / ⬆️ Elevation: 705 m

🕒 Duration: 6 h 30

📍 Max altitude: 2275 m

🌿 Exceptional wetland – wild torrent – panorama on Trois Évêchés & Estrop glacier



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### 📖 Route from the campsite

Exit campsite via D900 toward Méolans-Revel / La Fresquière. After Fresquière, continue 2.5 km on D900; after crossing the Ubaye bridge, take the first left to Le Martinet. Continue toward Route de Laverq / Abbaye du Laverq, passing Clarionds hamlet to Audemard parking (500 m before Gîte du Laverq).

### 🚩 Start – Parking Audemard – Gîte du Laverq (1580 m)

➡️ Follow GR6 toward Abbaye du Laverq, along Blanche du Laverq torrent.

🌲 After forest switchbacks, reach Plan Bas.

1 Plan Bas (1820 m)

🏠 Turn left toward the nursery, pass the forester's house, continue to a junction.

2 La Pépinière (1870 m)

⬆️ Take PR toward Les Eaux Tortes; gradual climb in forest, emerging into alpine pasture to a new fork.

3 La Lambresc (2190 m)

↩️ Leave Petite Barre path left; continue right with Estrop and Trois Évêchés views.

💧 Cross several streams before reaching Les Eaux Tortes flat.

4 Les Eaux Tortes 1 (2250 m)

📖 Interpretation panel on ecological richness.

🚶 Circumambulate lake on left to next fork.

5 Les Eaux Tortes 2 (2255 m)

📖 Second educational panel.

➡️ Head toward Pied des Dalles; admire Tête de l'Estrop (2969 m) and small residual glacier.

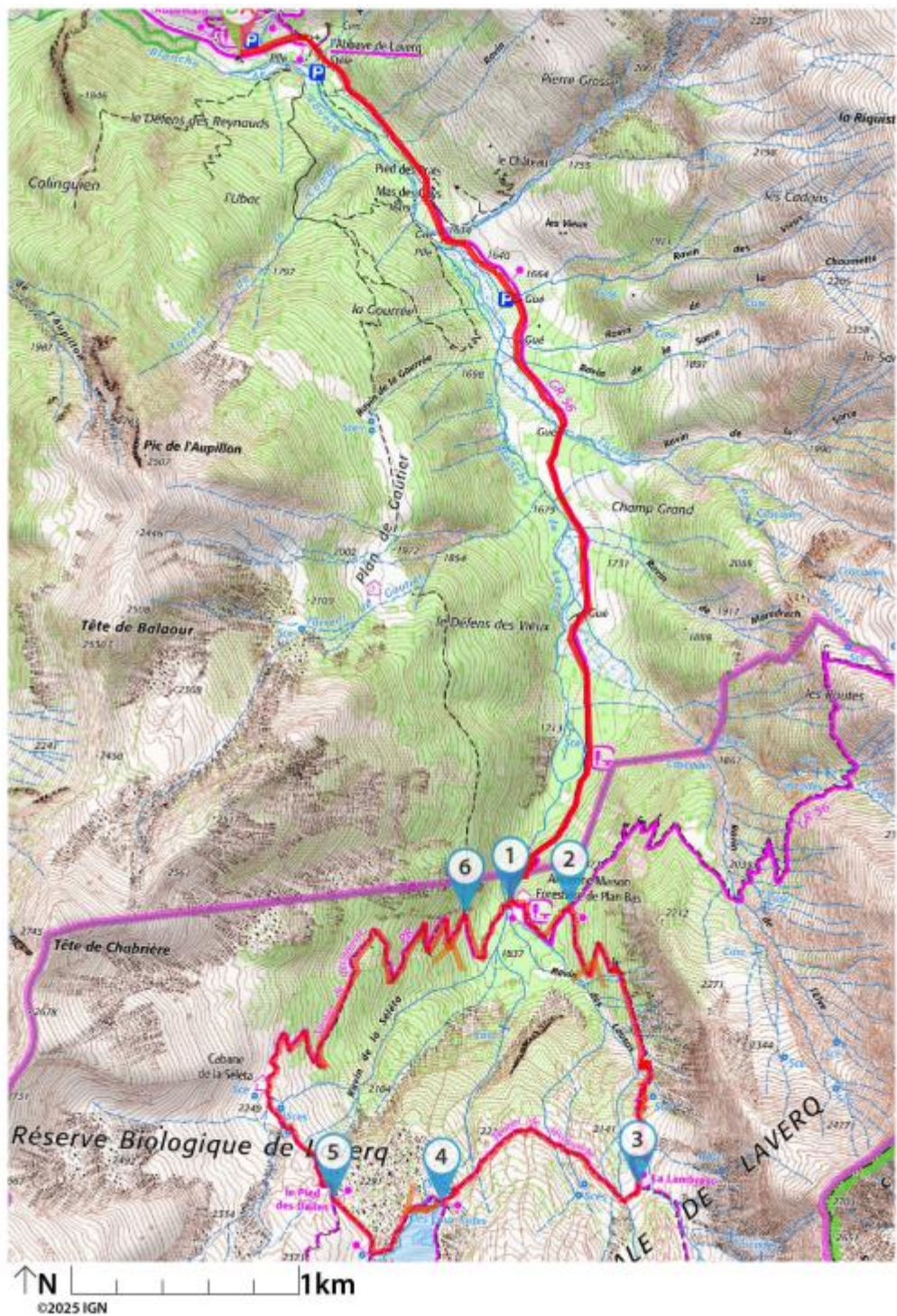
🔄 Descent on rocky trail back to departure track.

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### 🌿 Points of interest

- 🌿 Remarkable wetland
- 🏞️ Séolanes, Estrop, Trois Évêchés
- 🏔️ Impetuous torrent & varied alpine scenery
- 🗺️ Marking: GR (white/red) + PR (yellow)





*Be always cautious and well-prepared. Camping Rioclar cannot be held liable for accidents on these trails.*