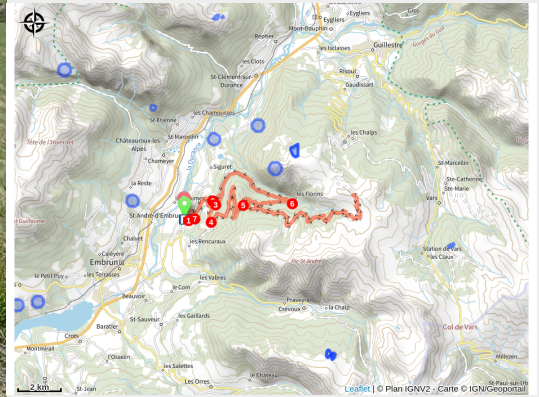


# Loop 56 - Col Valbelle

Hautes-Alpes



(Emmanuel DANJOU)



Less challenging than its cousin, the Parpaillon, the ascent of the Col de Valbelle offers pleasant gravel trails in a setting that speaks for itself.

A mountainous setting for this ascent to 2382m. This unmissable pass is located on the mountain pastures of the Risoul resort. Some of this route can be used for a round trip, and at the Col de la Cloche there's a lovely descent along an old road overlooking the Risoul stream.( Possibility of adding the loop around the Lac de Siguret)

## Useful information

Practice : Gravel

Duration : 3 h 45

Length : 42.4 km

Trek ascent : 2655 m

Difficulty : Bleu (facile)

Type : Loop

Themes : Lac et glacier, Sommet, Col

# Trek

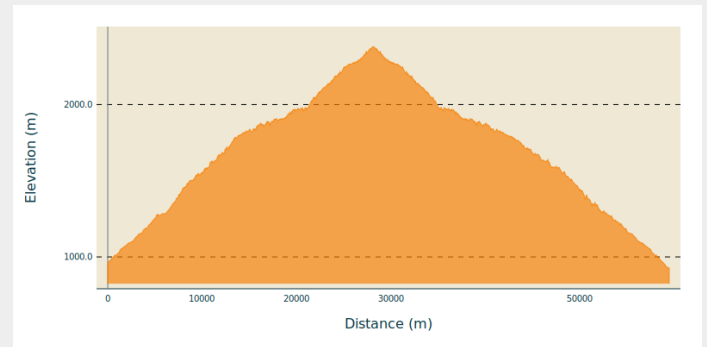
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**Arrival** : Saint-André-d'Embrun

**Markings** : — PR

**Cities** : 1. Saint-André-d'Embrun  
2. Risoul

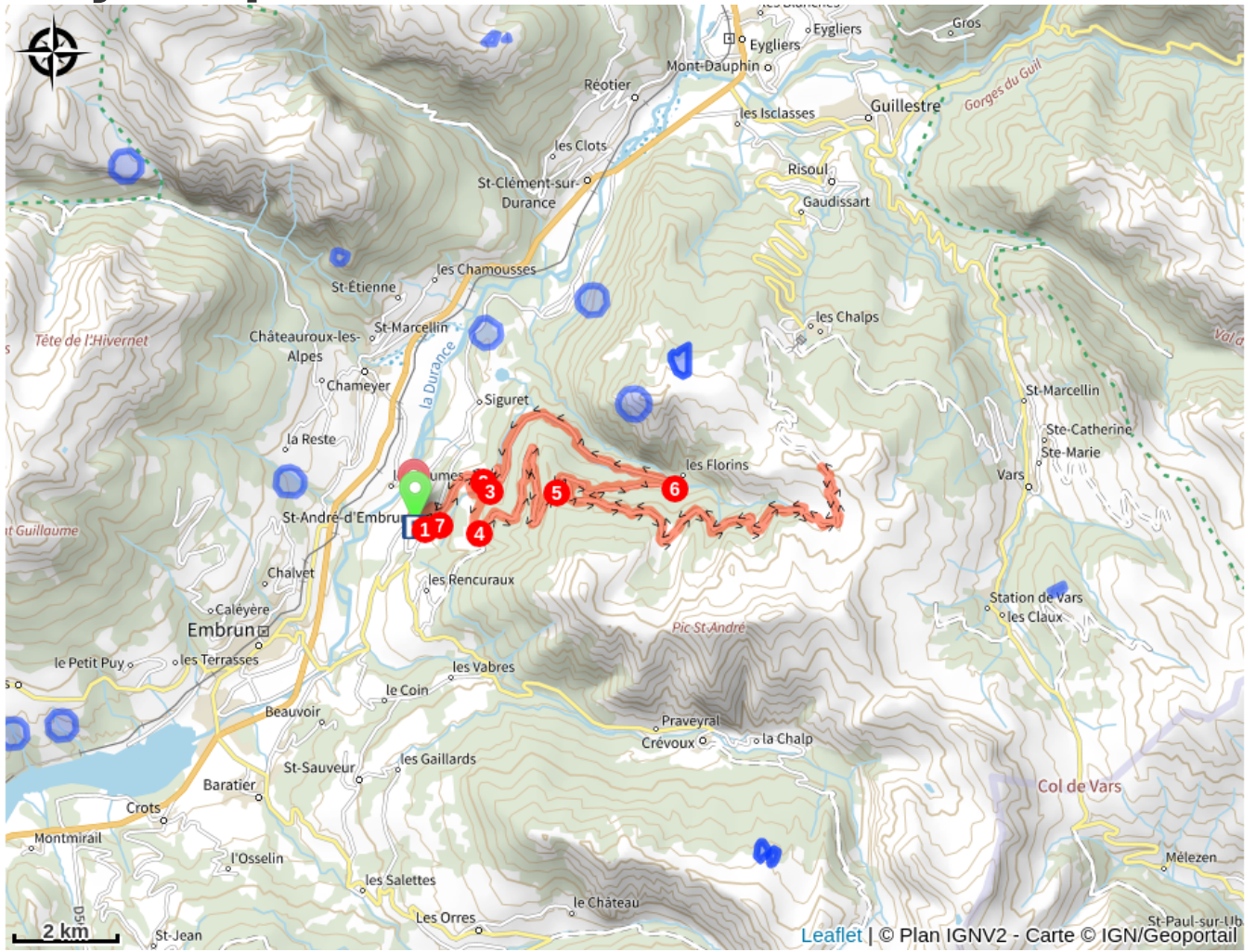
## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 924 m Max elevation 2379 m

1. At the school in Saint-André d'Embrun, at the washhouse turn right and follow the Chemin de Clotinard uphill. At the road, turn right and then left onto the forest road (DFCI track H33).
2. Just after the fork in the road with route 55 blue, climb the track on the right at the edge of the field and forest, then the more rolling path on the left. At the crossroads of 5 tracks, take the 2nd turning on the left. /!\ Steep, rocky section.
3. At the carriageway, turn right then ride for 1 km before turning left at the house.
4. Join the Col de la Coche, staying on the Eaux Pendantes forest road.
5. At Chalet de la Coche (fountain) turn right onto the uphill track (the least steep and clearest). Reach the Col by passing the 2 mountain restaurants and staying on the main trail.
6. Returning to Chalet de la Coche, head down the road to the right. /!\ A rapid descent with steep gradients and potholes.
7. At the exit of the municipal forest, descend the road to the right towards Saint-André then to the left at a hairpin bend on the stony path to reach the finishing point.

# On your path...



# All useful information

## Les chiens de protection des troupeaux

### **Advices**

Avant de partir vérifiez l'état de votre vélo, surveillez la météo et équipez vous selon la saison et la durée de votre randonnée.

Vous évoluez en zone de montagne, privilégiez des pneus de Gravel large, des freins à disque hydraulique et maîtrisez votre vitesse.

Prudence dans la descente du Hameau de Vière et pour rejoindre la vallée de la Durance.

Pour plus de confort faites appel à un moniteur de cyclisme

Secours : 112

### How to come ?

#### Transports

SNCF: Chorges station, Embrun <https://www.sncf-connect.com/>

Bus : Valserres, La Bâtie Neuve, Chorges, Puy Saint Eusèbe, Puy Sanières, Embrun Baratier, Les Orres, Remollon, Theus, Espinasse

Marseille-Briançon : (LER29)

Marseille, Nice : Lignes Express Régionales (LER) +33 (0)809 400 415

Grenoble : Transisère +33 (0)4 26 16 38 38

Gap-Barcelonnette (LER535)

Carpooling area : Rond point des Orres - 05200 Baratier

Plane:

Marseille Provence Airport (188km) - +33 (0)820 811 414

Grenoble Alpes Isère Airport (158km) - +33 (0)4 76 65 48 48

Lyon Saint Exupéry Airport - (203km) +33 (0)826 800 826

Turin Caselle Airport - (178km) + 39 011 567 63 75

#### Access

From Marseille, Montpellier A51 to La Saulce, continue towards Tallard (D942) and Briançon (RN 94).

#### Advised parking

Place de la Mairie car park, Saint-André-d'Embrun

### Source