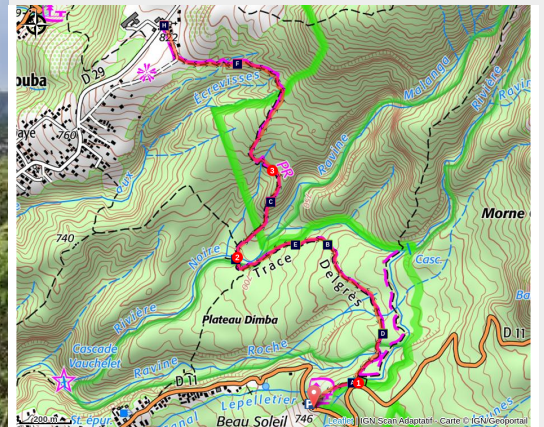


Delgrès 'trace'

Basse-Terre Sud - Saint-Claude



vue au départ (PNG)



After meandering through the rainforest, the trail leads to the heights of Matouba and allows hikers to discover the beautiful gardens of Papaye.

Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 5.7 km

Trek ascent : 380 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Return trip

Themes : Agricultural landscape,
Cultural and architectural heritage,
Relaxation area

Trek

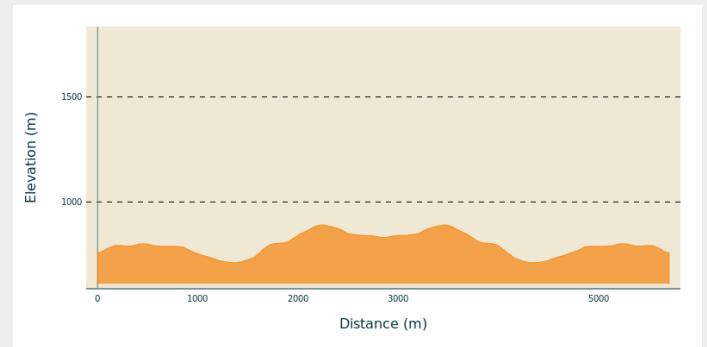
Departure : Saint-Claude, Beausoleil picnic area.

Arrival : Saint-Claude, Beausoleil picnic area.

Markings : — PR (short hike network)

Cities : 1. Saint-Claude

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 711 m Max elevation 891 m

Hiking trail colour : yellow.

The path starts at the rear of the picnic area. Go into the forest and along the canal. At the crossroads (Point 1), turn left in the direction of Papaye.

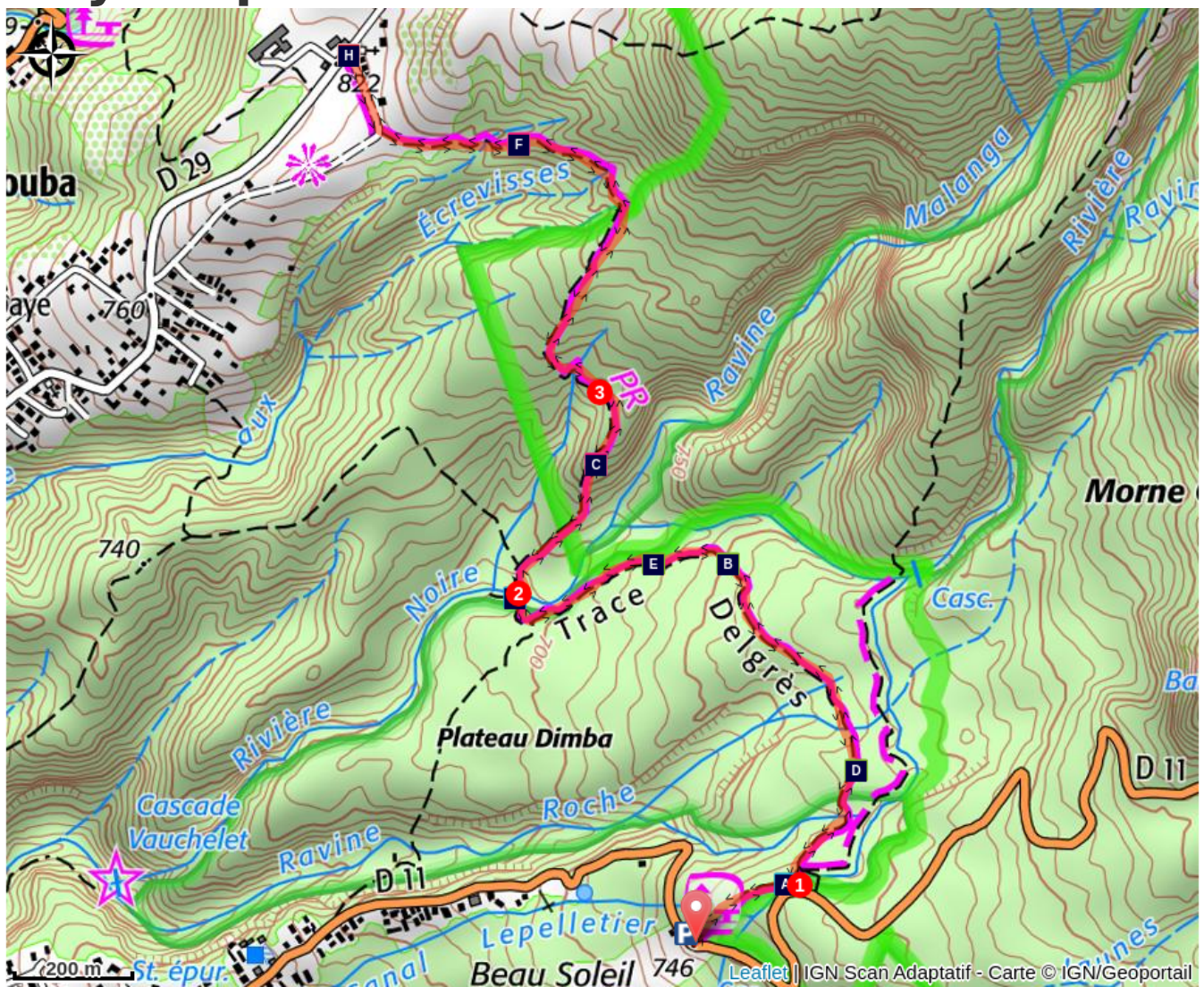
Follow the next waymarkers carefully.


Continue on the path and cross several small gullies. Arrive at Rivière Noire (Point 2), and cross carefully. Go up the trail opposite. You are entering the National Park.

Continue in the forest. Reach an open plateau (view). Carry on and arrive at the edge of cultivated areas (Jardins Créoles). The trail finally comes out on a concrete path; continue up to the little chapel. Return by the same route up to the starting point.

On arrival, you can take advantage of the Beausoleil picnic area.

On your path...



-  Lepelletier Canal (A)
-  View of le Nez Cassé (C)
-  Giant Philodendron (E)
-  Rivière Noire (G)
-  Gommier (B)
-  Remarkable tree (D)
-  Beautiful viewpoint (F)
-  Chapelle Sainte-Marie (H)

All useful information

Is in the midst of the park

The national park is an unrestricted natural area but subjected to regulations which must be known by all visitors.

Advices

Be careful (point 3 on map) : the trail passes alongside a landslide.

As Guadeloupe is prone to natural risks, extra care should be taken in this natural environment. For the benefit of all hikers, responsible behaviour is very important. *Please note: the parking area is not supervised.*

How to come ?

Access

Starting point : Lat : 16,03136°N - Long : 61,68057°W.

Go through the town of Saint-Claude, passing in front of the Post Office and the University.

Continue climbing on the RD11 (heading for La Soufrière), until arriving at the Beausoleil picnic area, at the entrance to the forest.

Advised parking

Roadside parking next to the Beausoleil picnic area, Saint-Claude.

Accessibility

Le Conseil Départemental a rénové en 2020 l'aire de pique-nique de Beausoleil à Saint-Claude (RD11) : stationnement réservé, aménagements pour faciliter la marche et le roulage des fauteuils (rampe d'accès) et un carbet réservé pour les personnes en situation de handicap.

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On your path...



Lepelletier Canal (A)

The trail runs along the Lepelletier canal, which serves the Saint-Claude community below.

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Gommier (B)

The Gommier (*Daryodes excelsa*) can grow up to 35m high. When they are damaged, its white trunk and roots exude a white resin with a pungent turpentine smell, which is traditionally used as incense or to start fires, because it burns slowly regardless of the surrounding humidity. It is reported that the tree has the ability to cast out spirits. Its trunk was used by American Indians to make their canoes ("kanawa"), and is still used today by coastal people from many tropical countries, such as Dominique, to make fishing vessels. Its green seeds are popular with pigeons.

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View of le Nez Cassé (C)

Viewpoint over le Nez Cassé, looking north east.

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Remarkable tree (D)

The trunk of this buttressed tree has a very unusual form, which reminds us of the the 'coco fesse' of the coco de mer of the Indian Ocean.

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🌿 Giant Philodendron (E)

The Giant Philodendron (*Philodendron giganteum*) is an epiphytic or terrestrial species that flourishes in humid or shady areas.

It grows equally well from the earth as it does on rock or in trees. It develops many very long aerial routes, which are used in basketry. It has large, dark green leaves that are fleshy and shiny to the eye. Each leaf is supported by a large petiole (between 0.6 and 1.5 metres), which grows from a large, yet short stem resting on trunks or rocks.

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📍 Beautiful viewpoint (F)

From the clearing, viewpoint over the Caribbean mountains and the coastline of Basse-Terre.

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💧 Rivière Noire (G)

Crossing the Rivière Noire, which rises on la Soufrière. Be careful when crossing the watercourse !

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🏠 Chapelle Sainte-Marie (H)

This chapel was blessed on 17 November 2013 by Father Lafranconi, priest of the parish of Saint Augustin in Saint-Claude. The chapel is dedicated to Mary, protector of Guadeloupe.

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