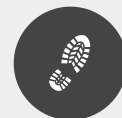
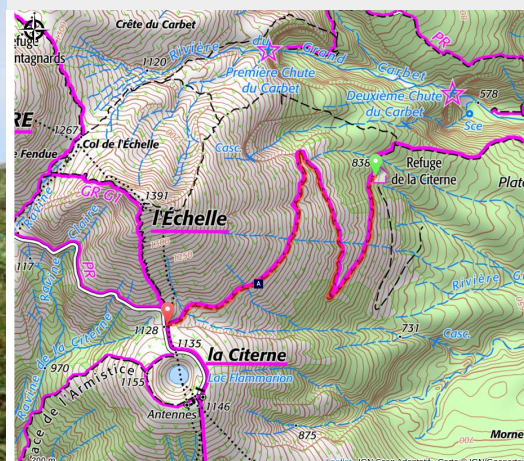


Hairpin road

Basse-Terre Sud - Capesterre-Belle-Eau



montée vers La Citerne (PNG)



The hairpin road is the link between the windward and leeward sides of Basse-Terre, and provides great views over La Soufrière range.

Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 1 h

Length : 2.3 km

Trek ascent : 269 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Cross

Themes : Geology, Mountain shelter

Trek

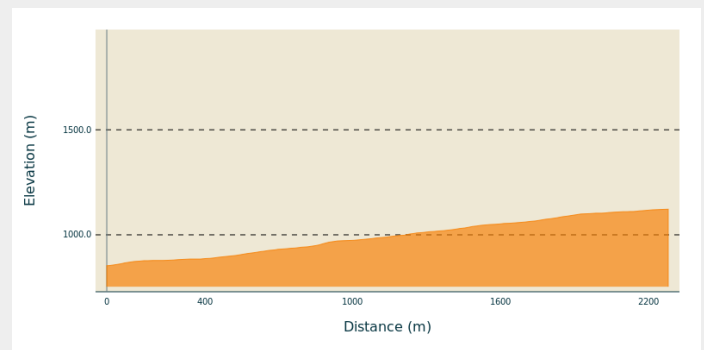
Departure : La Citerne refuge, Capesterre-Belle-Eau.

Arrival : a crossroads with the old Citerne road (access road to the aerals), at the foot of Mount Echelle.

Markings :  GR (long hike network)  PR (short hike network)

Cities : 1. Capesterre-Belle-Eau
2. Gourbeyre

Altimetric profile



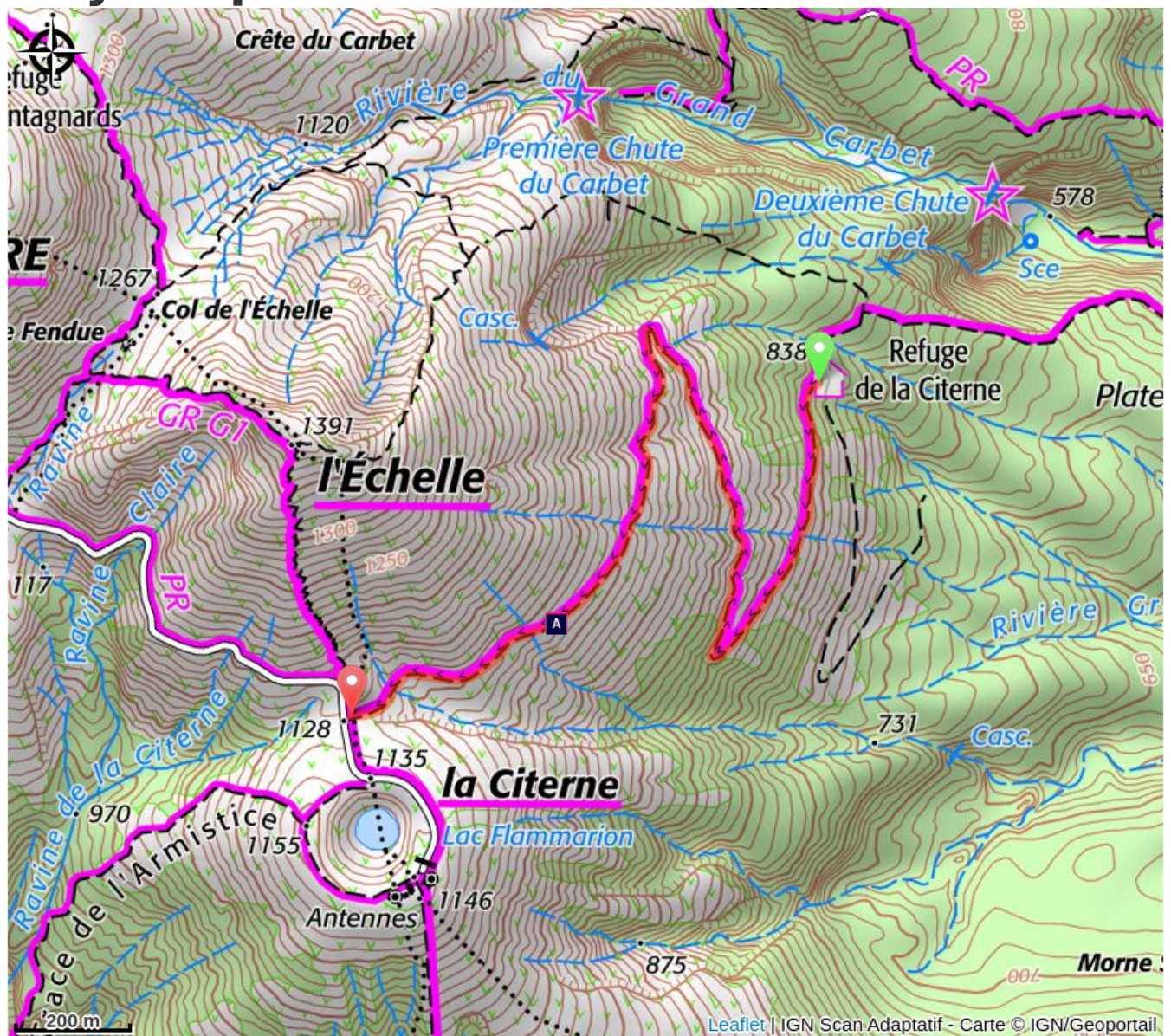
Min elevation 853 m Max elevation 1122 m

Starting from the refuge, set off up the path towards La Citerne. The path steadily climbs and broadens out little by little. It then joins up with the old road before arriving at the crossroads with the road leading to the aerals (summit of La Citerne). From there, you will see links to other hiking trails, including climbs up [Mount Echelle](#), [La Soufrière](#), etc.

Plan to have a vehicle at the planned point of arrival (in Les Bains Jaunes, for example), or return by the hairpin road and go down towards the Carbet Falls visitors' area in Capesterre-Belle-Eau.

NB: the hairpin road is a section of the "Trace des Alizés" GR hiking trail (stage 2). More details about La Citerne refuge: [HERE](#).

On your path...



 View over La Citerne (A)

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

In this natural setting, you should be particularly careful and alert, since Guadeloupe is subject to natural risks.
It is vital to act in a responsible way, so that everyone can enjoy the hike!

How to come ?

Transports

En Guadeloupe, 2 applications pour le covoiturage :

Dépozé : <https://depoze.fr>

KAROS : <https://www.karos.fr>

Access

GPS starting point (La Citerne refuge): Lat: 16,04105°N - Long: 61,64827°W.

No road access.

NB: traffic is prohibited on the old Citerne road (access reserved for the emergency services and the aerial technical teams).

Information desks

Reception area of Les Chutes du Carbet

terminus de la RD4 , route de l'Habituée,
97130 Capesterre-Belle-Eau

info@randoguadeloupe.gp

<http://www.guadeloupe-parcnational.fr/fr/des-decouvertes/ou-sinformer/chutes-du-carbet>



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On your path...



View over La Citerne (A)

In fine weather, view over La Citerne.

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