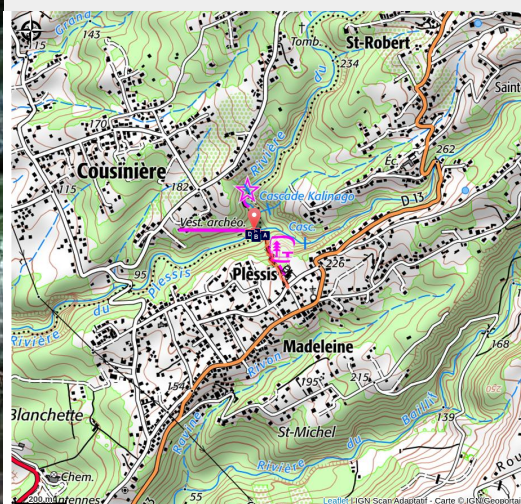


Engraved rocks in Plessis

Basse-Terre Sud - Vieux-Habitants



Roches gravées du Plessis (AAMG)



An easy hike including a visit to a truly remarkable historic site. On the River Plessis, some fifty engravings on rock testify to the native American past.

The engraved rocks are precious records of Guadeloupe's past. They are still quite mysterious but no less fascinating. The River Plessis site is a chance to slake your thirst for discovery and exploration, all in a superb natural site.

Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 45 min

Length : 0.7 km

Trek ascent : 61 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Return trip

Themes : Cultural and architectural heritage, Discovery trail, River and waterfall

Trek

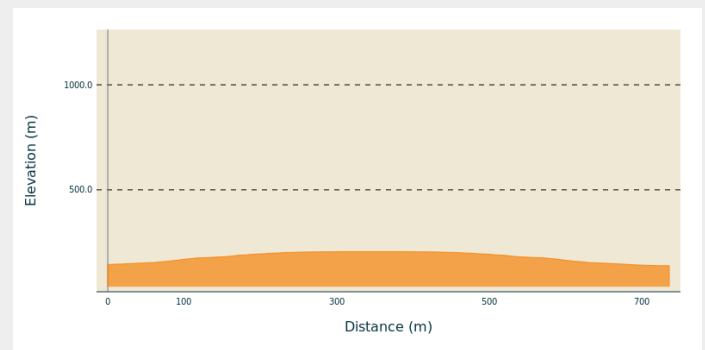
Departure : On the Chemin des Avocats, near Route St-Robert, in Baillif (follow the roadsigns).

Arrival : On the Chemin des Avocats, near Route St-Robert, in Baillif (follow the roadsigns).

Markings :  PR (short hike network)

Cities : 1. Vieux-Habitants
2. Baillif

Altimetric profile

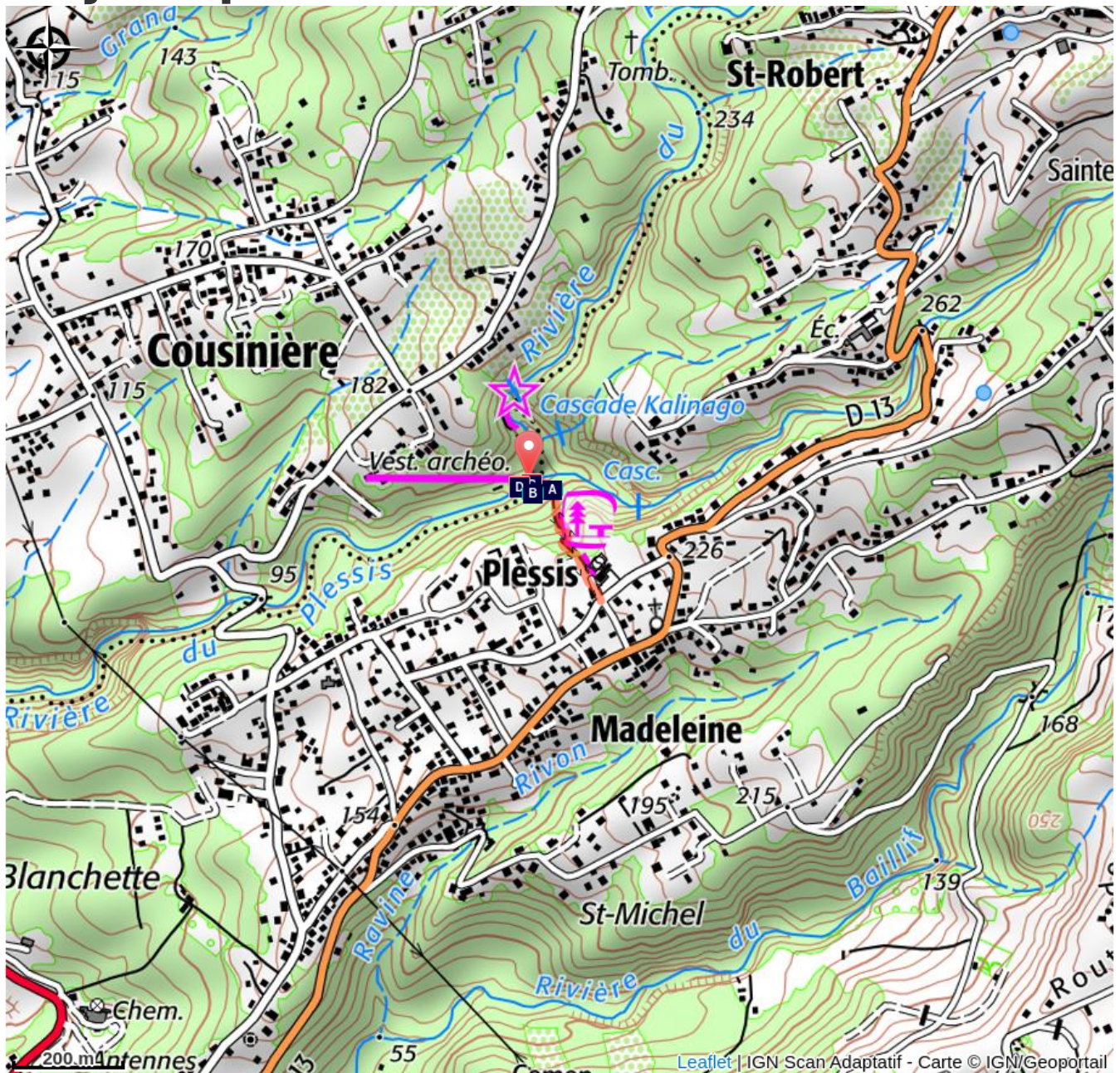


Min elevation 139 m Max elevation 206 m

A gently sloping pathway leads you to the river in 15 minutes. The dense vegetation and the trees add a pleasantly refreshing touch. Two sites have been set up with karbays to take a break. The last karbay, close by the river, contains information panels. You then need to cross the river and go down a few yards to see the most remarkable rocks.


You go back the same way.

On your path...



 Karbays and panel for the gardens (A)

 River and engraved rocks (C)

 Information panels about native Americans (B)

 Engraved rocks (D)

All useful information

Advices

Water, enclosed shoes.

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!

Please note: unsupervised car parks and swimming.

How to come ?

Transports

Le conseil régional assure le réseau de transport interurbain avec des lignes de bus qui desservent tout l'archipel, par secteur géographique.

Voir : https://www.regionguadeloupe.fr/les-actions-regionales/transport-interurbain/#_

-> Deshaies / Pointe-Noire / Bouillante / Vieux-Habitants / Baillif / Basse-Terre : ligne 113.

En Guadeloupe, 2 applications pour le covoiturage :

Dépozé : <https://depoze.fr>

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

Access

GPS starting point: Lat: 16,03813° N - Long: 61,73624° W.

On the N2 road in Baillif, take the D13 (Route de Saint-Robert) and follow the signs. Park at the side of the road (Chemin des Avocats).

Advised parking

On the edge of the road

Information desks

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On your path...



Karbays and panel for the gardens (A)

A sign with karbays on either side shows a plan of the garden (now covered with vegetation).

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Information panels about native Americans (B)

A large karbay is home to several panels focusing on the life of native Americans in general and information about the engraved rocks to be seen in this site.

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River and engraved rocks (C)

As soon as you arrive at the river bank, you can easily spot this figure, which has been quite deeply engraved in the rock. The site contains some fifty engravings on around ten different rocks.

Please note: opposite, a pathway (not described here) leads to the Kalinago waterfall, 5 minutes upstream. Take care in bad weather!

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Engraved rocks (D)

Close by the previous rock point (5 metres downstream), you will see this rock, which is remarkable for the quality of the engravings. You have to go round it to see the drawings because the engraved side is facing downstream. There is an attractive pool just in front.

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