From Trois Pointes to Pointe Plate

Basse-Terre Sud

(PNG)

An easy hike taking in the coast of Vieux-Fort, combining nature and culture.

Come and recharge your batteries in this region at the tip of Guadeloupe !

Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 1 h

Length : 1.9 km

Trek ascent : 77 m

Difficulty : Easy

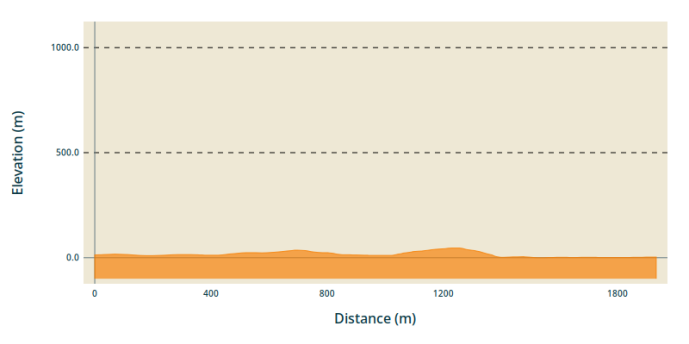
Type : Cross

Themes : Coastline and cliff, Cultural and architectural heritage, Relaxation area

Trek

Departure : the Trois Pointes site, Vieux-Fort coast.
Arrival : Pointe Plate, sports office, Vieux-Fort.
Markings : Coastal trail
Cities : 1. Vieux-Fort

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 0 m Max elevation 46 m

Trail signs: Conservatoire du Littoral (Coastal Conservatory).

Follow the path beginning behind the picnic area. Continue along the coastal path. When you get to the top of Anse Dupuy (do not go down), continue along the road to Fort Olive. Cross the Fort Olive site, then carry on along the little footpath behind it, towards the lighthouse. Cross the car park, then head towards the picnic karbays opposite. Continue along the footpath towards Pointe Henriette, then all the way to end of the trail behind the houses in Pointe Plate.

On your path...

- Picnic area (A)
- Fort l'Olive (C)
- Panorama (E)
- view of the Vieux-Fort lighthouse (G)
- Panorama (B)
- Iguanas (D)
- Pointe Henriette (F)
- Gumbo-Limbo (H)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

NB: this is a non-circular trail, so you should leave your car at the end of the trail.

In this natural setting, you should be particularly careful and alert, especially 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

En Guadeloupe, 2 applications pour le covoiturage :
Dépozé : https://depoze.fr
KAROS : https://www.karos.fr

Access

GPS starting point: 15,95513° N - Long: 61,70901° W.

Arriving from the Rivière-Sens marina, on the RD6 coastal road: the hike begins before you arrive in the town of Vieux-Fort, at the Mazarin/3 Pointes picnic area.
If you arrive from Trois-Rivières (RD6): the hike begins at the edge of the town of Vieux-Fort, at the Mazarin/3 Pointes picnic area.

Advised parking

Departure: Trois Pointes car park; arrival at the Vieux-Fort sports office.

Accessibility

Aire de pique-nique des Trois Pointes / Mazarin :
aménagements pour faciliter la marche et le roulage des fauteuils (rampe d'accès) et un carbet réservé pour les personnes en situation de handicap.

Information desks

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On your path...

Picnic area (A)

The Trois Pointes visitors' centre provides the public with a unique seaside window onto Monts Caraïbes, the town of Basse-Terre, the Vieux-Fort lighthouse and a breathtaking perspective over the sea! Native Americans once lived in this seaside site.

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Panorama (B)

View over Anse Dupuy, a fishing port in the municipality of Vieux-Fort.

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Fort l'Olive (C)

Originally known as "Vieux-Fort L'Olive" as a homage to its builder, Charles de L'Olive (Governor in 1636), then Vieux-Fort, the municipality is named after him.

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Iguanas (D)

The lesser Antillean iguana, *Iguana delicatissima*, is endemic to the Lesser Antilles.
The species is endangered due to the invasion of another species, the green iguana (*Iguana iguana*).

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Panorama (E)

A fine view over Les Saintes.

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Pointe Henriette (F)

The volcanic geology produced shapes sculpted by marine erosion in the basalt rock. Near Pointe Henriette you can see a colony of pelicans. These birds can eat up to 6 kg of fish a day.

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view of the Vieux-Fort lighthouse (G)

The lighthouse is one of the few still operating in Guadeloupe. A symbol of the municipality of Vieux-Fort, it stands at the far south and guides ships between the Canal des Saintes and Basse-Terre harbour.

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Gumbo-Limbo (H)

The Gumbo-limbo (*Bursera simaruba*) is a typical dry-forest tree. It is easy to spot with its red bark that peels off in strips. Under the strips the bark is smooth and green.

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