

Sainte-Anne coast (Bois Jolan)

Grande-Terre Est - Sainte-Anne



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A decade or so ago, many locals fished for clams and sea urchins. This is no longer the case, but they still enjoy this wonderful setting to the full.

A short trail for all the family including the mangrove forest and beach. You can enjoy the Bois Jolan site to the full with a swim and some wonderful views.

Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 3 h

Length : 10.9 km

Trek ascent : 51 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Return trip

Themes : Coastline and cliff, Pond and wetland, Relaxation area

Trek

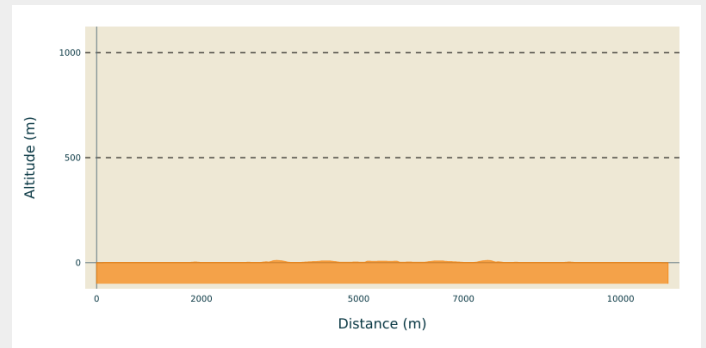
Departure : Anse Belley, Saint-Anne.

Arrival : Anse Belley, Saint-Anne.

Markings : 🚶 Coastal trail — PR (short hike network)

Cities : 1. Sainte-Anne

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 0 m Max elevation 11 m

Park on the beach, which is used as a car park by kite surfers.

Set off to the left, following the yellow markings.

Go past the river mouth and head for the vegetation to see the trail. Go straight on as far as the bridge (be careful, it can be below water level at high tide, and the second bridge calls for some dexterity)










Pass by the meadows as far as Bois Jolan beach, walk alongside the beach following the yellow markings, take the wooden steps leading to Gros Sable beach.

Go past the river mouth. Continue the hike by setting off to the right. Pass by the meadow and go as far as the Pierre et Vacances hotel complex; walk alongside the beach without using the private facilities. Take the steps behind the bar at the end of the beach, turn right and go as far as the undergrowth. Follow the trail to La Pointe du Helleux.

Retrace your steps for the return.

On your path...



-  Sign (A)
-  Crab hole (C)
-  Bayhops (E)
-  view over Gros Sable (G)
-  Entrance panel (private property)
- (I)
-  Red Mangrove (B)
-  Coconut tree (D)
-  Gumbo-Limbo (F)
-  Manchineel tree (H)

All useful information

Advices

Park without obstructing other visitors.

Take some water with you.

Don't touch any unfamiliar plants.

Please note, the bridge is sometimes underwater during high tides and the second one calls for some dexterity.

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

Dans l'agglomération, réseau de bus "Karu'lis". Voir <https://www.karulis.com/plan/>

Access

GPS starting point: Lat: 16,23242° N - Long: 16,23242° N.

If you arrive from Pointe à Pitre:

Take the N4 road, go past the centre of Saint-Anne. 1 km after the police station, turn right to get to the kite surfing spot

Advised parking

Kite surfing spot car park, Anse du Belley

Source

Rando Guadeloupe

<https://www.randoguadeloupe.gp/>

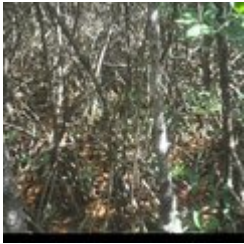
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Sign (A)

Start panel, description of the trail.

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Red Mangrove (B)

The mangrove can be easily recognised with its aerial roots.

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Crab hole (C)

A crab is busy underneath. The fresh mud shows that it is cleaning or expanding its home. The crab knows you are there and won't come out any time soon, but if you pay attention you should see some crabs on the way.

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Coconut tree (D)

The Coconut tree has a wide range of uses. It is used for its fruit, both the flesh and the juice. The leaves are also used in arts and crafts or to make cabin roofs. The trunk is used to make furniture.

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Bayhops (E)

This creeping vine plays an important role in stabilising the sand and, consequently, the beach.

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Gumbo-Limbo (F)

The tree is also known as "bois barrière" ("fence wood") because it was once used to separate owners' land. It has medicinal properties.

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view over Gros Sable (G)

Relaxation and a change of scene with some great views out to sea.

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Manchineel tree (H)

Be careful, this is poisonous. Don't touch the tree, especially if it is raining (risk of burns).

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Entrance panel (private property) (I)

It is important to respect this area because it is private property. But visitors are authorised to pass through.

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