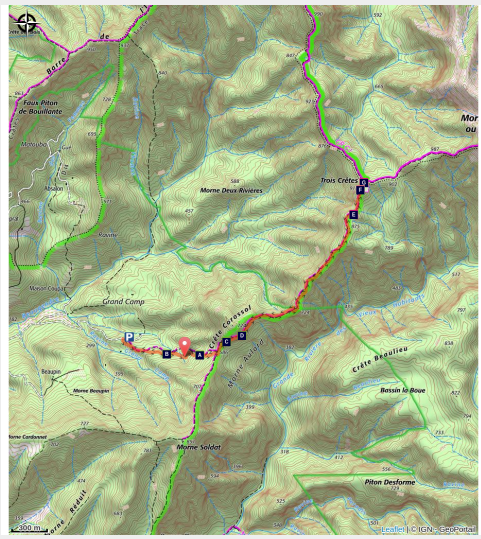
Trois Crêtes from Valley of Beaugendre

Basse-Terre Sud - Vieux-Habitants

au sommet des Trois Crêtes (Emilie Savy / PNG)



Agricultural activities are quite conspicuous throughout the first part of this trail. Then, you reach la Crête Corossol, which offers some fine views ahead of the star attraction: the panoramic, 360-degree viewpoint.

Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 5 h

Length : 6.5 km

Trek ascent : 581 m

Difficulty : Medium

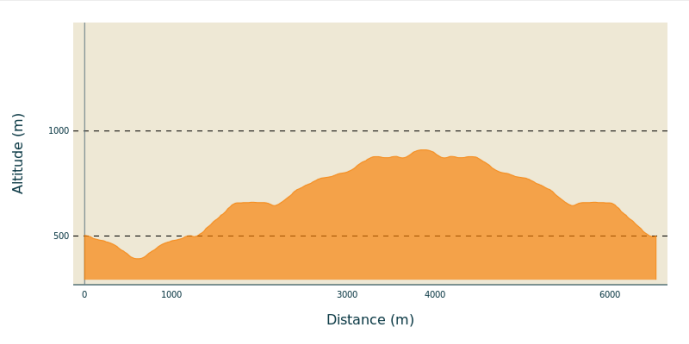
Type : Return trip

Themes : Agricultural landscape, Mountain shelter

Trek

Departure : Vallée de Beaugendre, Grand Camp, Vieux-Habitants
Arrival : Vallée de Beaugendre, Grand Camp, Vieux-Habitants
Markings : PR (short hike network)
Cities : 1. Vieux-Habitants

Altimetric profile

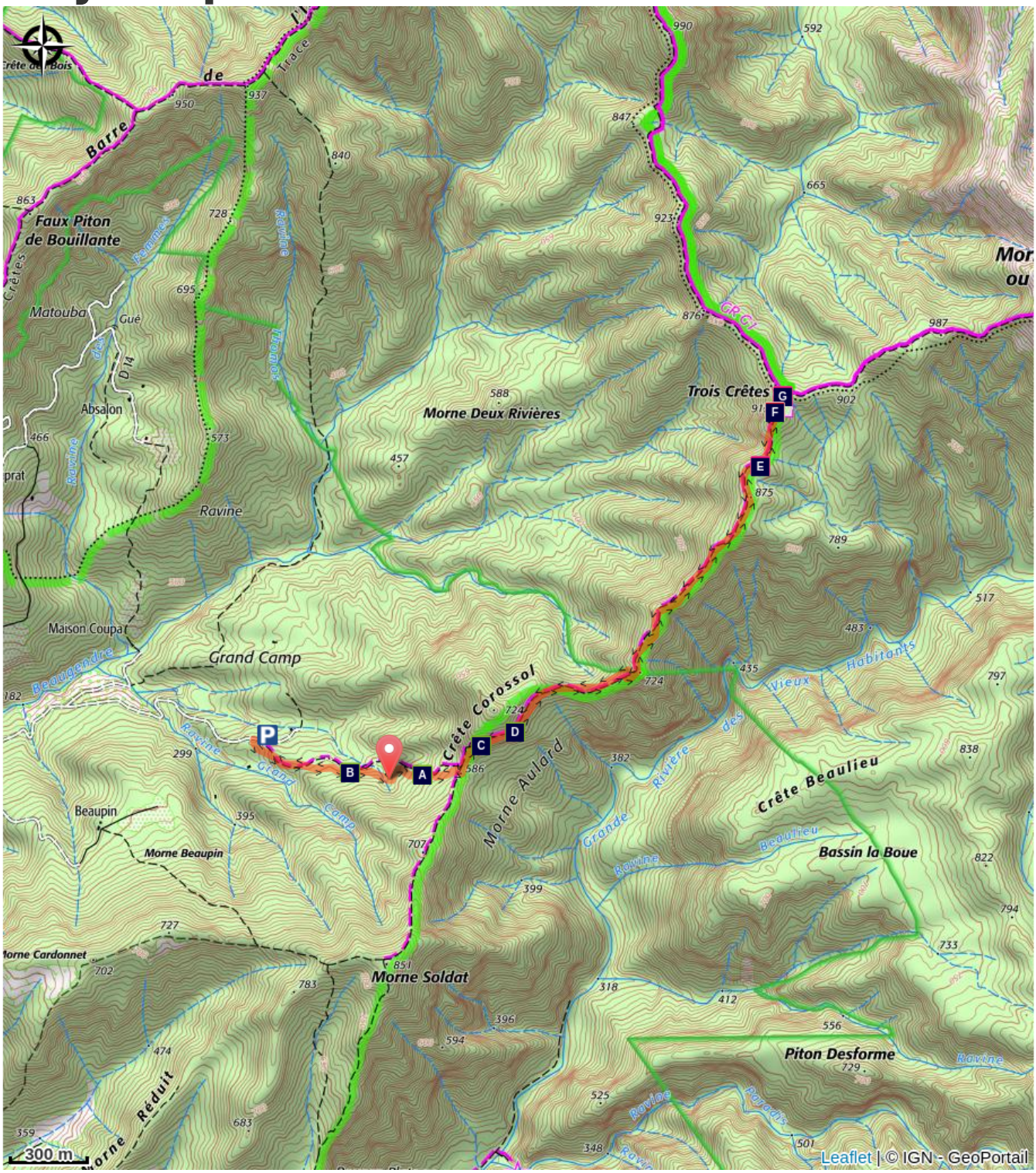


Min elevation 392 m Max elevation 910 m

Hiking trail colour: yellow

The start of the trail is located around twenty metres below the parking area, so head back down for a short while. The sign showing the start of the trail reads "Trace Vallée Beaugendre - Grande Rivière".
The trail climbs steadily and is well marked. Be aware not to mix it up with other unofficial tracks. Head to the left of a cabin and follow the trail that goes straight into the forest. At the intersection on Crête Corossol, turn left towards the "Trois Crêtes". Walk along the ridge, paying attention to the prominent slopes. When you get to the shelter, a few metres further along the trail, the views can be magnificent on a clear day. You can sleep at the shelter or carry on with the hike towards Piton de Bouillante and the Mamelles to the north, or even join up with the Merwart or Victor Hugues trails (routes will be available online soon).
If not, turn around to return to the same route. You can also head back by la Vallée de la Grande Rivière des Vieux Habitants (see sheet "Trois Crêtes from la Vallée de la Grande Rivière").

On your path…



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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

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. Warning : the parking area is unsupervised.

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.

Access

GPS coordinates of the start point : Lat : 16,10451 N - Long : 61,73135 W.

Road access is difficult (steep slopes and road surface in very poor condition). At the Marigot stretch of Vieux-Habitants, take the road that climbs towards "Vallée de Beaugendre" (crossroads located at the corner of the bakery, opposite the pink National Park reception centre). Head past the water tank and cottages, keep going uphill until you reach the end of the road and then park on the left after a very steep climb at a clearing marked by an impressive mango tree.

Advised parking

At the end of the trail, after a very steep climb. Park on the left in a clearing marked by an impressive mango tree

Source

Rando Guadeloupe

https://www.randoguadeloupe.gp/

On your path...

Balisiers (A)

A member of the Musaceae family, *Heliconia caribaea* is a large grass that is typical of the Lesser Antilles tropical rainforest. A member of the same family as the banana trees, the plant can grow up to 5m high. It flowers all year round, especially between April and June. Its inflorescence resembles a red ear or red ear with yellow trim, or sometimes completely yellow.

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Bamboo plantations (B)

A member of the Poaceae family, bamboo is more closely related to grasses than to trees. Made up of a woody, hollow stalk, its stem grows extremely quickly. It is both a highly resistant and invasive species in Guadeloupe and concerted efforts are being made to put it to best use in crafts and construction.

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Psychotria uliginosa (C)

Psychotria uliginosa is a member of the Rubiaceae family. It is a rather rare plant in Guadeloupe, but can be seen in Basse Terre at Grand Etang or at Monts Caraïbes.

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Banana trees (D)

A member of the Musaceae family, banana trees are in fact giant plants, sometimes growing to around ten metres tall. It has no trunk as such, but overlapping leaves that keep it upright. It is similar to giant leek plants. It is a perennial plant with large leaves that are made up of 80% water. The flowers first point towards the sky before spreading downwards. Banana cultivation is an integral part of the economy in Guadeloupe. Its leaves are used in local handicrafts, such as in hat making.

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Vallée de Beaugendre (E)

Opening on to Vallée de Beaugendre and Piton de Bouillante (1088 metres)

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Refuge des Trois Crêtes (F)

The Trois Crêtes bivouac (shelter) has room for around 10 people to sleep in the heart of the rainforest.
It is strongly recommended that you bring your floor mat or hammock (plus fasteners), because there are only wooden bunks available on site.
N.B. The shelters have no running water or electricity available. They are not supervised and do not include a cleaning service. Please leave them clean and tidy !

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Show-stopping views (G)

The main attraction : the breathtaking views ! Panoramic, 360-degree views of the surrounding peaks.

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