Pointe à Lézard trail

Basse-Terre Sud

(AAMG)

The Pointe à Lézard trail is a pleasant hike through a series of typical sites on the Côte-sous-le-Vent and the area around Bouillante. Dry forest, tree-filled savannah, brown cliffs and pebble beaches can be found in this sanctuary to the memory and natural heritage of the coast.

The walk is enhanced by a wide range of views over the Caribbean Sea as well as one of the many thermal springs in the area: the Bain du Curé.

Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 2 h

Length : 3.6 km

Trek ascent : 198 m

Difficulty : Easy

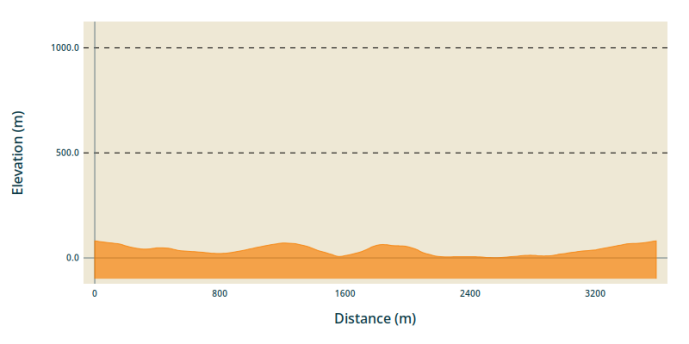
Type : Loop

Themes : Coastline and cliff

Trek

Departure : "Falaise", car park, exercise trail
Arrival : "Falaise", car park, exercise trail
Markings : Coastal trail — PR (short hike network)
Cities : 1. Bouillante

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1 m Max elevation 81 m

Leave the car park and follow the tarmac road as far as the stone path which slopes down towards the right. Follow the path to the 1st intersection on the right.
The trail gradually continues deeper into the forest and crosses the Bois l'îlet gully twice. Walk alongside the gully then turn right onto a steep slope towards Morne Machette. Go straight on until a crossroads, where you turn right.
Continue alongside a pipe and following the mountain-bike markings.
Start the long descent through the undergrowth towards Anse à Sable. At the bottom of the descent, turn right towards Pointe à Sel.
The path gradually rises alongside the cliff until it comes to a sharp bend to the left. Follow the path, always staying on the right and close to the coast. Begin the descent towards Anse Machette. Cross Anse Machette, then turn right to follow the coast.
When you arrive at Pointe à Lézard, continue along the coast as far as a grassy area, then turn right up the slope. Once you get to the forest path that is partially adapted to cars, turn right and follow the path to the starting point.

On your path...

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- Anse Machette (F)
- Pointe à Lézard (H)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

Please note, there is a mistake in the markings, so turn right at the start.

Don't begin the hike after 3 pm because night falls quickly in the forest.
Watch out for the manchineel tree at Anse Machette.
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.

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: 16,13947° N - Long: 61,77369° W.

On the RN2 road to Pointe-Noire, 2 km after the town of Bouillante, park on the left at the "Falaise" section, near the exercise trail close to the "Aux Epices" restaurant.

Advised parking

"Falaise", near the "Aux Zépices" restaurant.

Information desks

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Source

Rando Guadeloupe

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On your path...

Logwood (A)

A tree symbolising the dry forest, logwood (*Haematoxylon campechianum*) is characterised by its small, paired, heart-shaped leaves and thorns. It has a wide range of traditional uses. It is a very hard wood and is often used to make coal. It attracts bees and is popular with beekeepers.

Attribution : AAMG

Dry forest (B)

The xerophile forest lies on the least damaged dry limestone plateaux in Grande-Terre and Marie-Galante, as well as on the low volcanic slopes of Côte-sous-le-vent and Les Saintes.
The forest grows where there is less than 2 m of rain a year. The trees have hairy, very small or thick leaves to limit transpiration. The leaves fall in Lent.
The xerophile forest is the one that has shrunk the most in Guadeloupe. There are now only 11,000 hectares, or less than 15% of the estimated original surface area.

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Bain du Curé (C)

A natural thermal spring located in Anse à Sable near the presbytery. In about 1845, one of the parish priests (curés) living in Bouillante turned it into a concrete pool, hence the name: Bain du Curé (Priest's Bath).
Today, many people drink the water for its iron-rich properties and its beneficial effects for skin and rheumatic diseases.

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Plumbeous warbler (D)

The plumbeous warbler (*Setophaga plumbea*) is a small bird, 12 cm long. Adults have grey feathers, white markings above the eyes and 2 stripes along the wings.
They can be found in humid mountain forests, sometimes in dry brush forests and also in mangrove forests. They are quite common in Basse-Terre, but seldom seen in Grande-Terre. The species is endemic and widespread in Guadeloupe and Dominica.

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Tamarind (E)

Tamarind (*Tamarindus indica*) is a member of the Fabaceae family. Its fruit consists of brown, bean-shaped pods. Inside, the pulp is surrounded by seeds. The tangy taste of the flesh is delicious. The fruit is made locally into juice and jellies. It is also an excellent natural laxative.

Attribution : AAMG

Anse Machette (F)

In Anse Machette turtles lay their eggs, especially hawksbill sea turtles and green sea turtles.

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Manchineel tree (G)

Be careful, the tree contains a toxic latex.
Not to be confused with the portia tree, a common coastal plant with heart-shaped leaves.

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Pointe à Lézard (H)

An old resistance and defence site, as can be seen by the remains of cannons from the artillery battery.

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At the heart of Bouillante (I)

Bouillante's bay has an original and attractive heart shape.

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