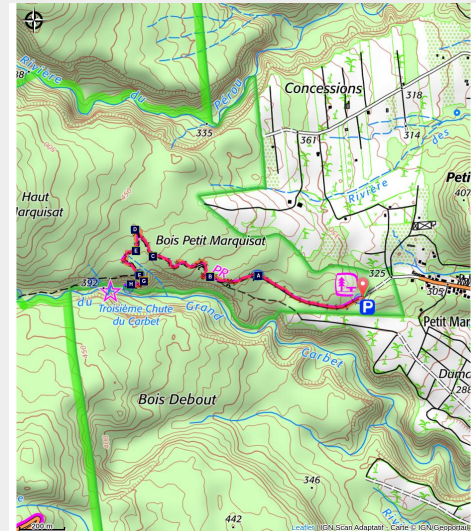


Third Carbet Waterfall

Basse-Terre Sud



3ème Chute du Carbet (accès interdit au pied de la cascade) (PNG)



The hike is a chance to explore the Petit Marquisat rain forest.

This is quite an easy trail, but very muddy despite a large number of pathways that have been laid down. The trail goes through a Mahogany plantation, planted in the 1950s and 60s.

Please note: a bylaw forbids access to the section after the platform and so to the 3rd Carbet Waterfall. This description is limited to the authorised sections, without the last part.

Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 2 h

Length : 3.7 km

Trek ascent : 197 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Return trip

Themes : River and waterfall

Trek

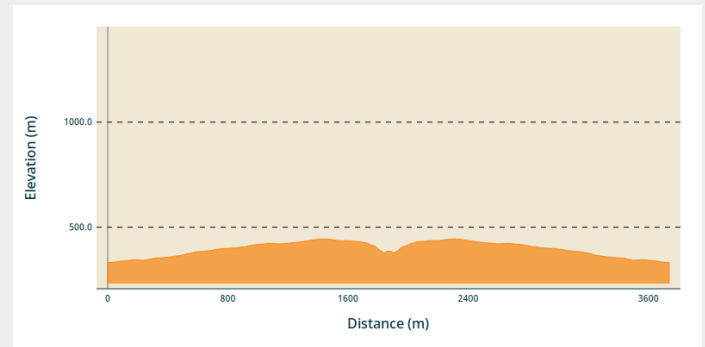
Departure : in Petit-Marquisat, above Routhiers, in Capesterre-Belle-Eau.

Arrival : in Petit-Marquisat, above Routhiers, in Capesterre-Belle-Eau.

Markings : — PR (short hike network)

Cities : 1. Capesterre-Belle-Eau

Altimetric profile



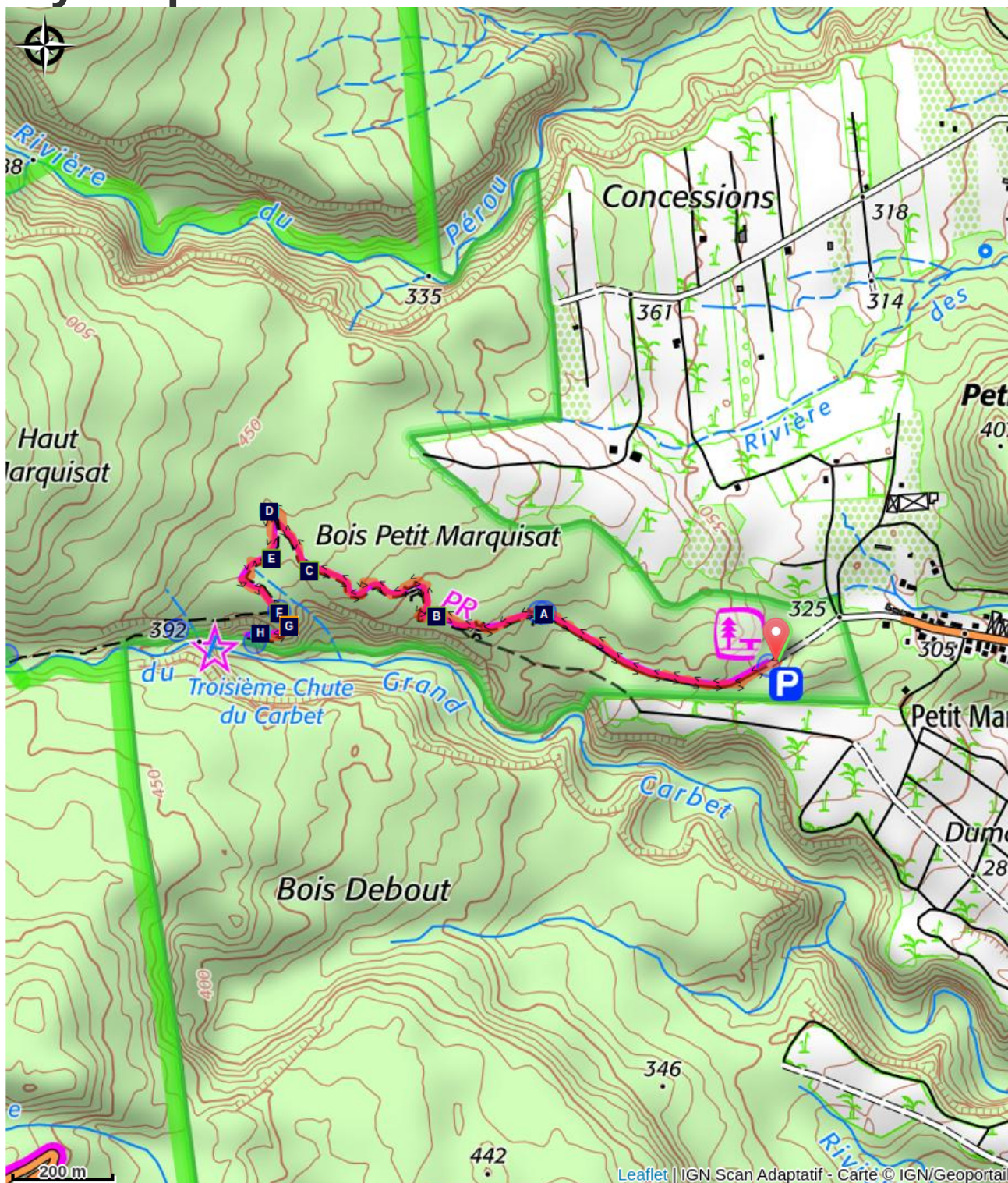
Min elevation 331 m Max elevation 444 m





The trail begins on a wide paved footpath, before you arrive at a small footbridge with two large information panels on either side. This is where the muddy part of the trail begins, but with many sections that have been adapted to hikers. A yellow sign shows there are 45 minutes to go.





After 35 minutes on this path (and crossing a gully two-thirds of the way along), you arrive at a fork towards the 2nd Waterfall, then a shelter. From this point, the descent towards the ONF platform begins. The trail stops here (municipal bylaw).

You go back the same way.

On your path...



-  Footbridge + signs (A)
-  Sierran palm and Arouma (C)
-  Epiphyte plants (E)
-  carbet (abris) (G)

-  Tree fern (B)
-  River to cross (D)
-  Crossroads and Candlewood (F)
-  Plateforme (H)

All useful information

Advices

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 park.

How to come ?

Transports

En Guadeloupe, 2 applications pour le covoiturage :

Déposé : <https://depoze.fr>

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

Access

GPS starting point: Lat: 16,04510° N - Long: 61,61565° W.

From Capesterre-Belle-Eau, follow the panels for "3ème Chute du Carbet". Take the D3 road towards Routhiers and Petit Marquisat, and continue to the end of the road.

NB: a municipal bylaw forbids visitors from going down to the waterfall (due to a rock slide).

Advised parking

Parking in the forest, at the end of the RD3 access road.

Information desks

Reception area of Les Chutes du Carbet
terminus de la RD4 , route de l'Habituée,
97130 Capesterre-Belle-Eau

info@randoguadeloupe.gp

<http://www.guadeloupe-parcnational.fr/fr/des-decouvertes/ou-sinformer/chutes-du-carbet>



Source

On your path...



📖 Footbridge + signs (A)

You will come across trail resources all along the trail and a great many mahogany trees (*Swietenia macrophylla*). The species comes from South America. It was planted by the ONF from the 1950s onwards in a total surface area of over 4,000 hectares, and almost exclusively in Basse Terre in the thick rain forests.

Attribution : C.Lesponne



🌿 Tree fern (B)

Tree ferns are fossil plants that are among the oldest plants growing on land. They can grow up to 15 m in height. Instead of a trunk, they have a stipe (like banana trees), with wide fronds, 2 to 3 metres wide, at the top. The young leaves are shaped like a bishop's crozier. The most common species in the hygrophile or rain forest is *Cyathea muricata*.

Attribution : PNG



🌿 Sierran palm and Arouma (C)

The Sierran palm is one of the few palm trees growing in the rain forests of Guadeloupe. The *Ischnosiphon arouma* is a beautiful plant with leaves that seem to hang from the end of the long, slender petioles. It is often used in wickerwork and regenerates easily by casting off its root stock.

Attribution : N.Liagre - PNG



📖 River to cross (D)

Be careful when you cross this small gully.

Attribution : AAMG



✿ Epiphyte plants (E)

They are one of the main features of the rain forest. They live on other plants, using them as a support but without acting as parasites. The most spectacular is probably the philodendron giganteum with its huge leaves (up to 80 cm long and 50 cm wide) growing on a stalk that can reach up to 1.5 m in length. Its scientific name is *Philodendron giganteum*.

Attribution : F.Salles - PNG



✿ Crossroads and Candlewood (F)

To the right are panels showing the way to the 2nd Carbet waterfall. Opposite, are some trees. One of them is remarkable for its trunk with a fragrant white resin running from it. The resin is still used today as incense. The candlewood tree can grow up to 35 m high. It is one of the tallest trees in Guadeloupe. Scientific name is *Dracyodes excelsa*.

Attribution : C.Lesponne



🏠 carbet (abris) (G)

A short break is possible around a shelter. The trail then continues with a final descent.

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📖 Plateforme (H)

This platform marks the end of the officially authorized hike. As the nearby notice states: "*Anyone who violates this prohibition will be held solely responsible.*"

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