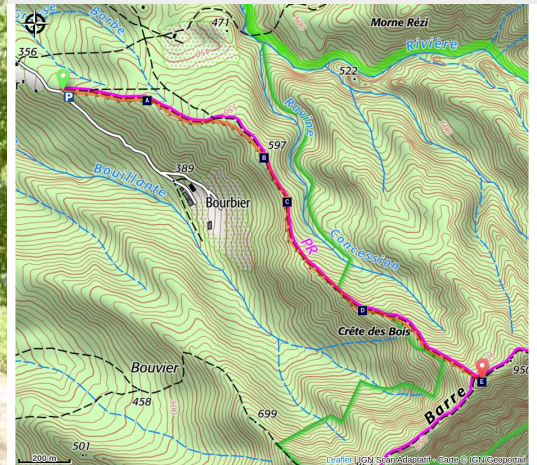


Crest Trail via Bon Air

Basse-Terre Sud - Bouillante



Fléchage de départ (AAMG)



A steep but pleasant climb towards the Piton de Bouillante with no technical difficulties.

A wide, user-friendly trail, but also a favourite with hunters.

Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 1 h 30

Length : 2.3 km

Trek ascent : 537 m

Difficulty : Easy


Type : Cross

Themes : Geology

Trek

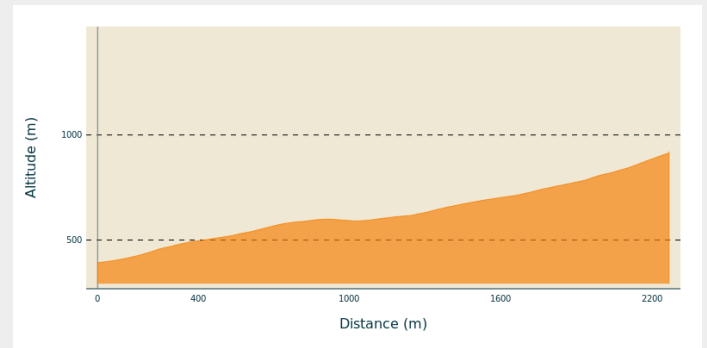
Departure : the locality of "Bon Air" in Bouillante

Arrival : Barre de l'Ile intersection

Markings :  PR (short hike network)

Cities : 1. Bouillante

Altimetric profile



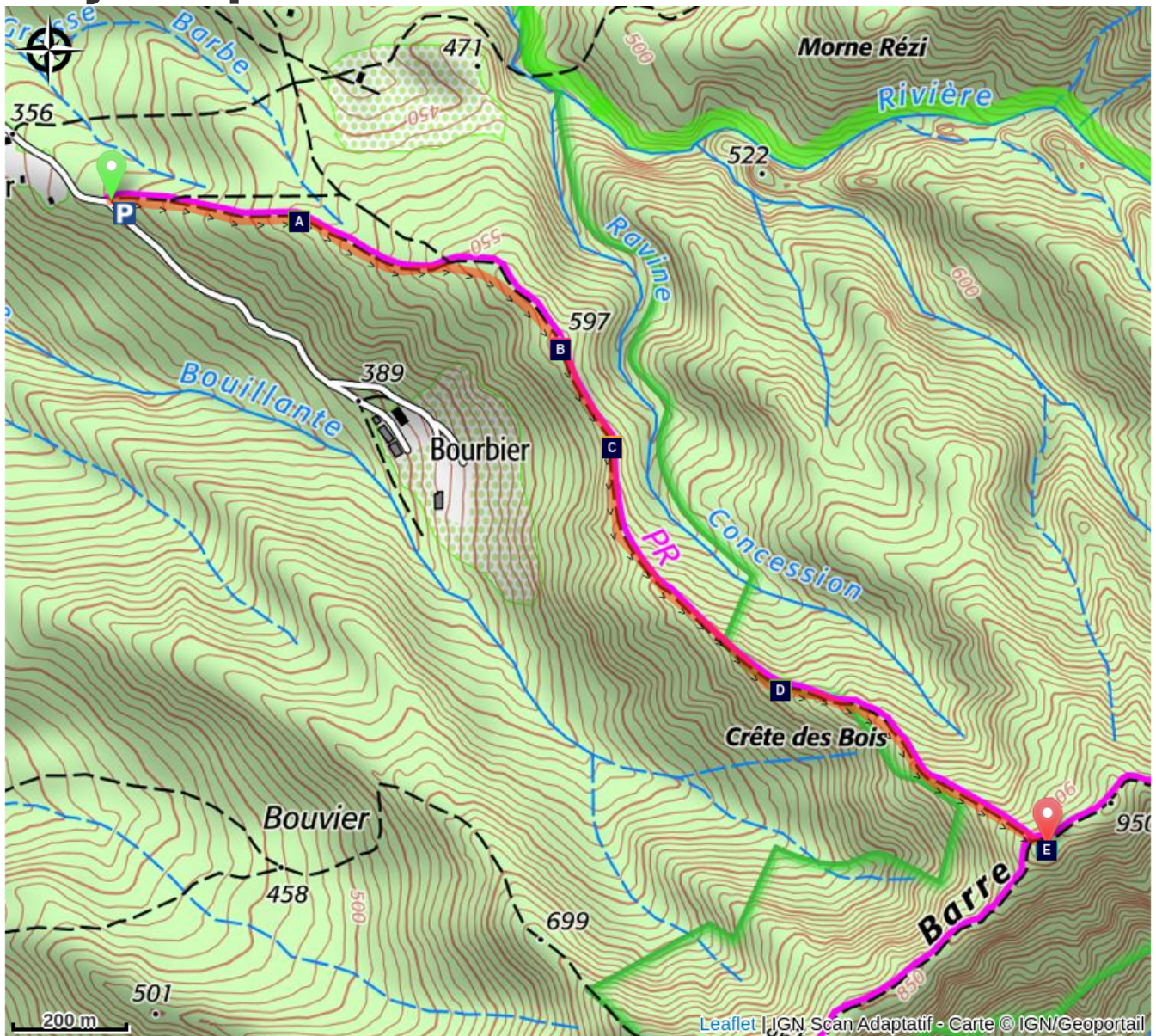
Min elevation 392 m Max elevation 921 m

The trail has clear markings (yellow), is clean and wide.

Stay on the main path (the widest one). You can't get lost as you make your way up before arriving at Barre de l'Ile.

You can then continue on other trails: towards the south-west and the "Village" trail or to the north-east towards the Piton de Bouillante.

On your path...



-  "Dragon's blood" (A)
-  View over Morne Rézi (B)
-  Hunting camp (C)
-  Candlewood (D)
-  Intersection with Barre de L'Île (E)

All useful information

Advices

Take your time going upwards. Slowly but surely, as the saying goes. The uphill route will only challenge people who are not physically fit.

When it is raining, the path can be slippery.

NB: please note, unsupervised car park.

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 starting point: Lat : 16.13779°N - Long: 61.75133°W.

Arriving from Malendure (Bouillante), go past the Pigeon section. On the way up, turn left towards "Collège de Desmarais" and "Hopital". Go around the hospital, leaving it behind you and taking the little road descending steeply to the left. After the little bridge, the concrete road goes upwards. After 800 metres you will see the start panels for the trail to your left. Park at the edge of the road.

Advised parking

There are a few parking spaces alongside the road near the start panels.

Information desks

Office du tourisme de Bouillante
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Source

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On your path...



✿ "Dragon's blood" (A)

There are several kinds of "Dragon's blood" in Guadeloupe. This one is a member of the DRACAENA family. They can be green or green and yellowish white. They were imported from Africa to act as boundaries to plots of land or hedgerows. You will often see them on our trails. Sometimes you will spot them at the top of the mountains, which shows that these lands were farmed in the past.

Attribution : AAMG



📍 View over Morne Rézi (B)

A viewpoint has been set up to offer hikers a spectacular view over the northern crest.

Attribution : AAMG



🕒 Hunting camp (C)

Hunting is deeply rooted in Guadeloupe culture, but game is rare and hunting is regulated. The hunting seasons starts on 14 July (hiking is strongly discouraged on that day) and ends on 31 December.

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✿ Candlewood (D)

Candlewood, *Dacryodes Excelsa*, stands out with its long trunk (35 metres), up to 1.50 wide, and its grey colour. Unfortunately, cuts are often made in the bark to extract a sticky and fragrant sap (white resin). The sap is used to make incense, mainly during the carnival period, to smoke out evil spirits along the carnival route. Native Americans used the trunk to make boats (canoes or Kanaoua).

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Intersection with Barre de L'Ile (E)

At this intersection is the Barre de l'Ile and Crête des Bois crossroads.

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