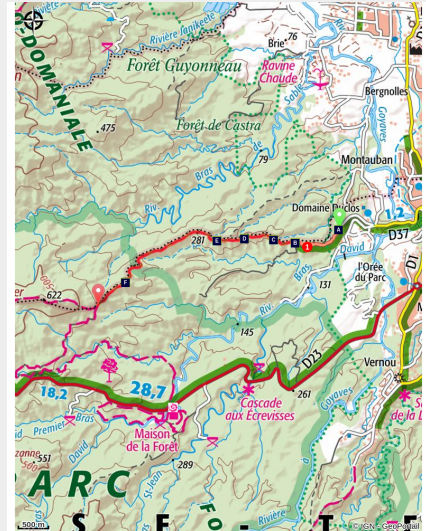


# Davidon forest road

Basse-Terre Nord - Petit-Bourg



(AAMG)



*A great trail with a chance to enjoy a breath of fresh air.  
You will see mesophile vegetation, but also the impact of mankind on our nature.*

*The forest on either side of the forest path is a chance for hikers to see wide-ranging plant life and exceptional animals.*

## Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 2 h

Length : 5.2 km

Trek ascent : 319 m


Difficulty : Easy

Type : Cross

# Trek

**Departure** : Behind INRA, Prise D'Eau, Petit-Bourg.

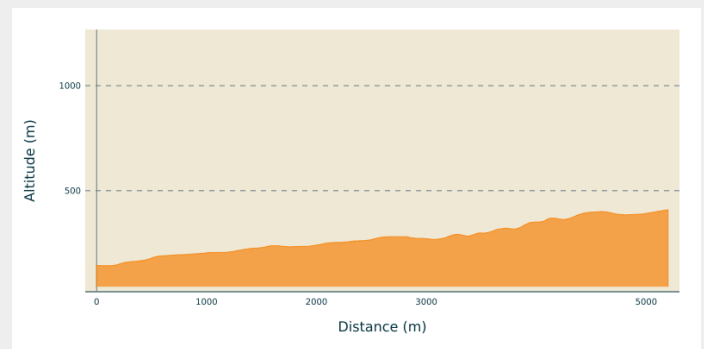
**Arrival** : Link with the Morne Léger trail

**Markings** :  PR (short hike network)

**Cities** : 1. Petit-Bourg

2. Lamentin

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 143 m Max elevation 409 m

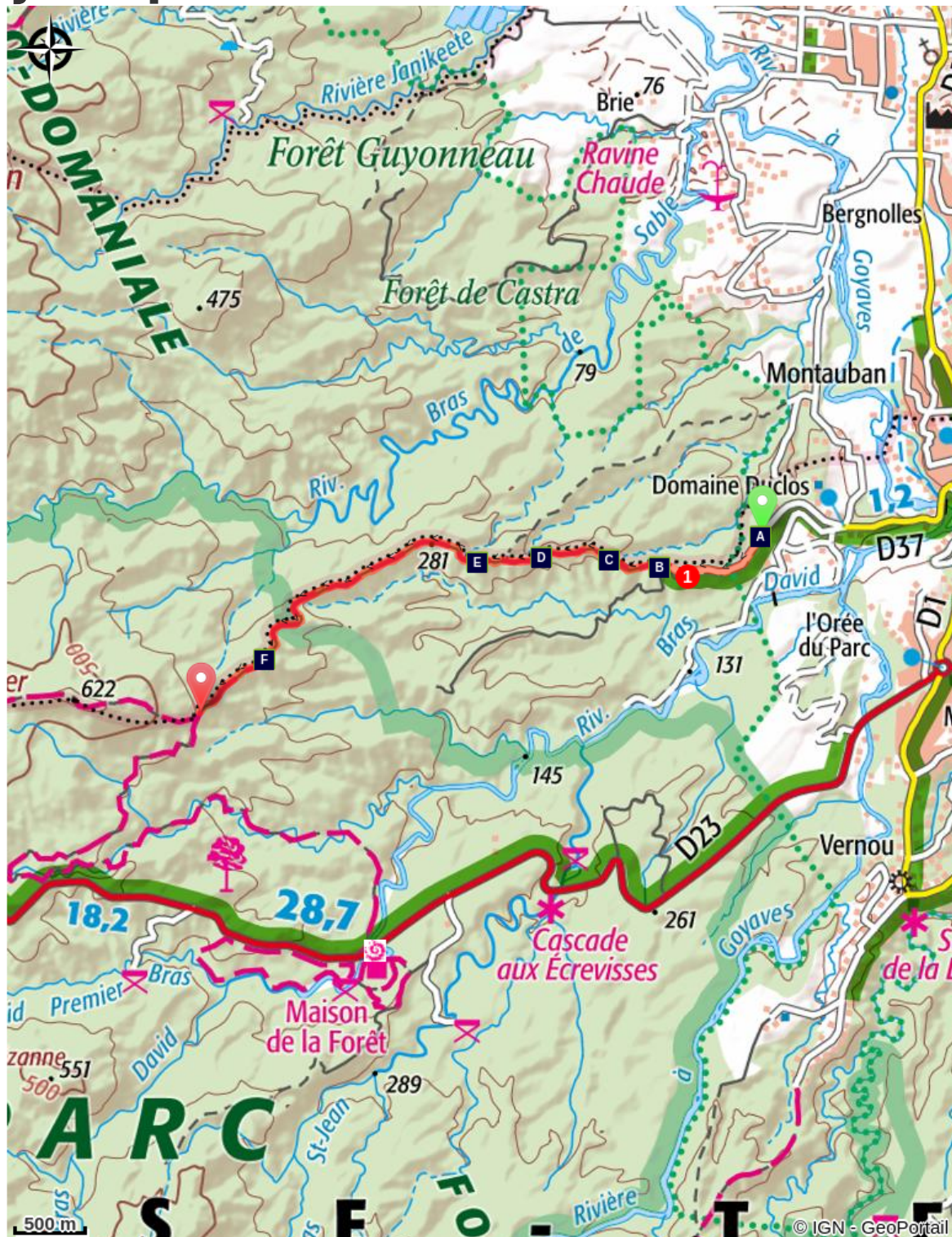
## No markings.







Take the forest road. At the crossroads (point 1) continue straight ahead and follow the forest path. When you arrive at the end of the forest road, enter the forest, following the track.

You arrive at the intersection with the Morne Léger trail.

You have the option to continue on this other trail.

# On your path...



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|---|--|
|  Jackfruit (A)             |  Common guava (B) |
|  Guadeloupe woodpecker (C) |  Vanilla (D)      |
|  Orchid (E)                |  Cicada (F)       |



# 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**

Don't set off after 3 pm.

The car park is for INRA staff in priority, so take care when parking.

Stay on the forest road and the recommended route.

*NB: unsupervised car park.*

## **How to come ?**

### Access

**GPS starting point: Lat: 16.20384°N - Long: 61.66618°W.**

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Take the D23 road to the Barbotteau roundabout. Take the exit towards the D1 for "Prise d'eau".

Turn first left after the church, towards INRA.

Cross the bridge and continue straight ahead, passing the "Domaine Duclos" on your left.

Take the uphill road after the Domaine Duclos, park in the car park opposite the buildings.

### Advised parking

Behind INRA.

## **Information desks**

### **Maison de la Forêt**

RD 23 - Route de la Traversée, 97170  
Petit-Bourg

[info@randoguadeloupe.gp](mailto:info@randoguadeloupe.gp)

<http://www.guadeloupe-parcnational.fr/fr/des-decouvertes/ou-sinformer/maison-de-la-foret>



### **Office du tourisme de Petit-Bourg**

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## **Source**

Rando Guadeloupe

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

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## 🌸 Jackfruit (A)

The jackfruit belongs to the same family as breadfruit. It is the biggest fruit in the world. It can weigh up to 20 kg.

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## 🌸 Common guava (B)

A bird probably first brought the seed here. It is a great boon to hikers, if they manage to get to the fruits before the animals living in the wood.

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## 🌿 Guadeloupe woodpecker (C)

The Guadeloupe woodpecker (*Melanerpes herminieri*) is between 26 and 28 cm long. It has a long, slender beak. The male's beak is longer than its head, in contrast to the female. Its plumage is black, its breast is blood red and its black bluish black. You will see it quite often on tree trunks, where it hammers away with its powerful beak (hence its Creole name "Toto bois" ("wood comforter") or "Tapè" ("hitter"), leaving a lot of holes in the bark.

The Guadeloupe woodpecker is the only bird species endemic to Guadeloupe and is listed as an endangered species.

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## 🌸 Vanilla (D)

Vanilla is a spice consisting of the fruit of different climbing tropical orchids, and especially the *Vanilla planifolia* species. Growing and preparing vanilla calls for lengthy and painstaking care to produce a richly aromatic spice. This makes it one of the world's most expensive products. It comes in the form of black, shiny sticks, usually known as "pods".

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## ✿ Orchid (E)

This orchid is known as *Spathoglottis plicata* and was originally from Asia.

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## 🦗 Cicada (F)

The cicada (*Fidicina mannifera*) was accidentally introduced into Guadeloupe from Guiana and is now an invasive species. It can be recognised by its stocky body and triangular-shaped head. But in general we will notice it first of all with our ears! To attract females, the males sing them serenades. These sounds vary, depending on the species and circumstances. They are made by a kind of soundbox consisting of a double drum with two cymbals moved by its muscles. Cicada have invented a disconnectable ear. When the male is silent, it listens to the others, but when it is singing, it relaxes its eardrum, so that it becomes deaf and cannot be bothered by the sounds it is making.

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