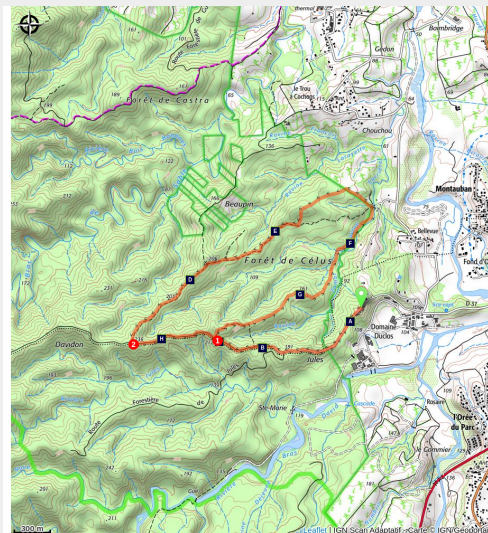


# Célus trail

Basse-Terre Nord - Petit-Bourg



Parking INRA au départ (AAMG)



*This is an immersion in the mesophilic forest with fauna and flora helping to make for a great change of scene on the way.*

*This is a favourite spot for the Guadeloupe woodpecker. The hike is also a chance to see a wide range of flowers.*

## Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 3 h

Length : 8.6 km

Trek ascent : 319 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

# Trek

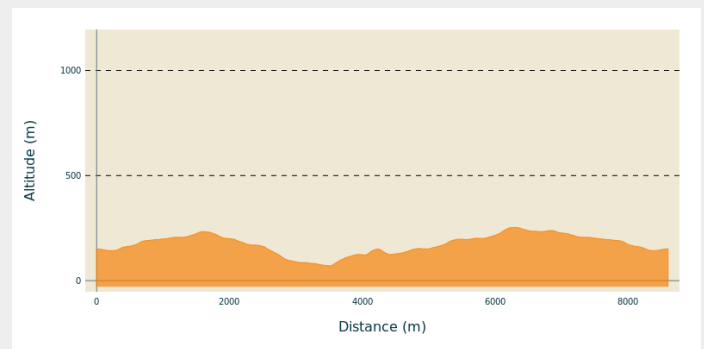
**Departure** : Behind INRA, Prise D'Eau, Petit-Bourg.

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

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

**Cities** : 1. Petit-Bourg  
2. Lamentin

## Altimetric profile



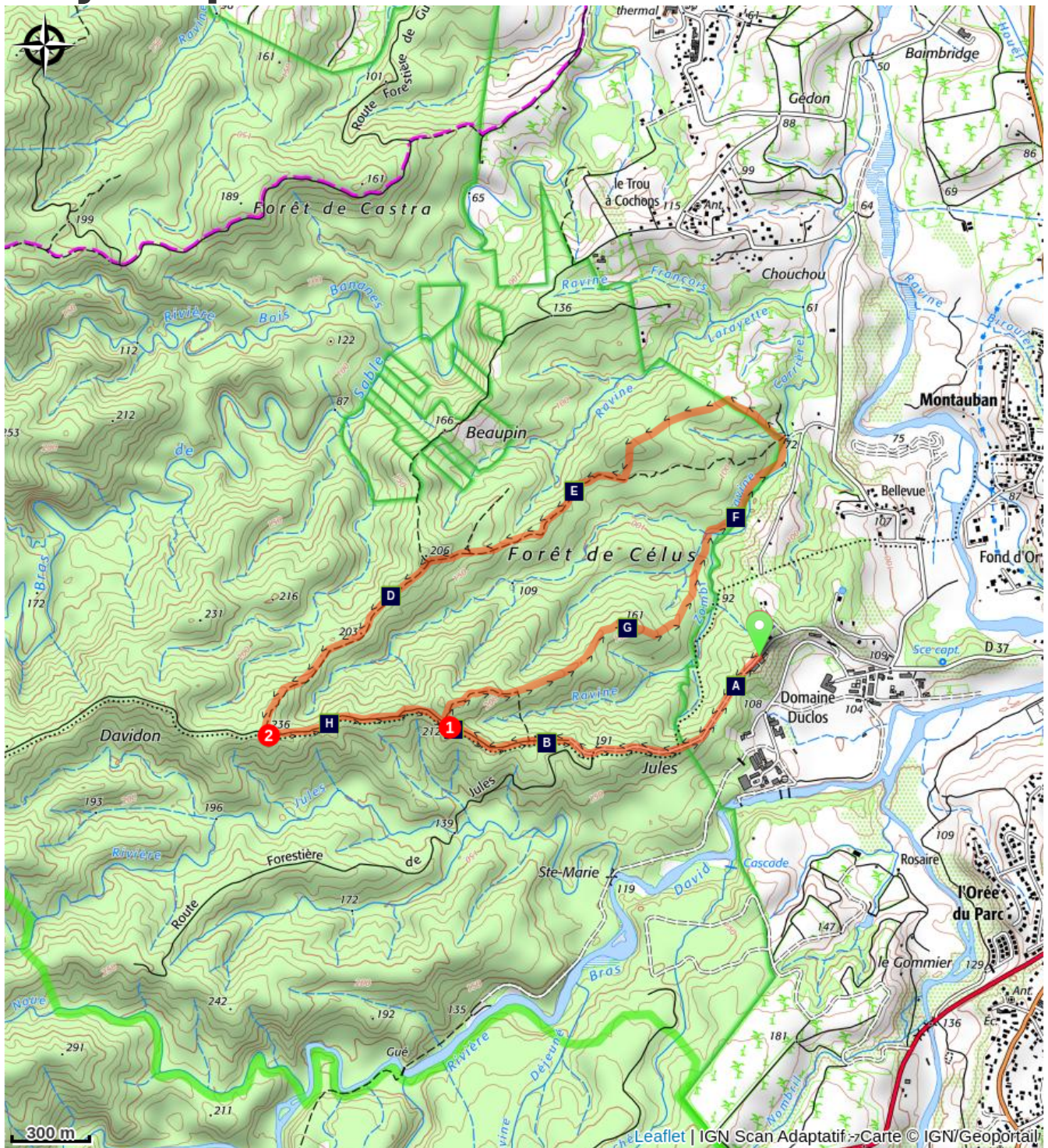
Min elevation 71 m Max elevation 253 m









## No markings.

Set off along the forest road. At the intersection (point 1), turn right. Follow the recommended route along the track on the right. Then go alongside the river before arriving near the "Koumbit Gwadeloup" site. Turn left before arriving at the site. The road climbs and can be slippery in wet weather. Then turn left and follow the track until you get to the forest road (point 2). Follow the forest road until you get to the parking area.



# On your path...



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|---|---|
|  Jackfruit (A)             |  Common guava (B)  |
|  Guadeloupe woodpecker (C) |  "Bwa Bandé" (D)   |
|  Wild pineapple (E)        |  Wild plantain (F) |
|  "Bwa Lansan" (G)          |  Vanilla (H)       |

# All useful information

## **Advices**

Don't set off after 3 pm.  
Follow the recommended trail.  
*NB: unsupervised car park.*

## **How to come ?**

### Access

**GPS starting point: Lat: 16.20407°N - Long: 61.66601°W.**

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On the Route de la Traversée, the RD23, at the Barbotteau roundabout, take the D1 towards "Prise d'eau". Take the first left after the church.  
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 to your left.

### Advised parking

Behind INRA, Prise D'Eau, Petit-Bourg.

## **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>



## **Source**

Rando Guadeloupe

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



# On your path...

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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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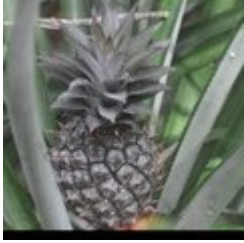
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## 🌸 "Bwa Bandé" (D)

The tree is often used for its alleged aphrodisiac qualities (it contains a vasodilating substance). The name comes from the activity of pit sawyers who once went into the forest to cut wood. When they were cutting this particular tree, which is very dense, and due to the substance mentioned above, their arms were anaesthetised, enabling them to work for hours on end without feeling any pain.

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### 🌸 Wild pineapple (E)

They are generally small in size. It is hard to find them in the forest because they are very popular with local animals.

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### 🌸 Wild plantain (F)

*Heliconia caribaea* is a member of the musaceae family. It is a sort of long grass characteristic of the tropical rain forest in the Lesser Antilles. The plant belongs to the same family as the bananas and can grow up to 5 metres high.

It blossoms all the year round, especially from April to June. The inflorescence looks like wheat's ears. It is either red, yellow-edged red or completely yellow.

It is grown to be sold by florists.

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### 🌸 "Bwa Lansan" (G)

The "Bwa lansan", *Potrium attenuatum*, produces a smell of resin, like candlewood or gumbo-limbo. In contrast to candlewood, the tree's sap is not sticky and is less inflammable.

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### 🌸 Vanilla (H)

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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