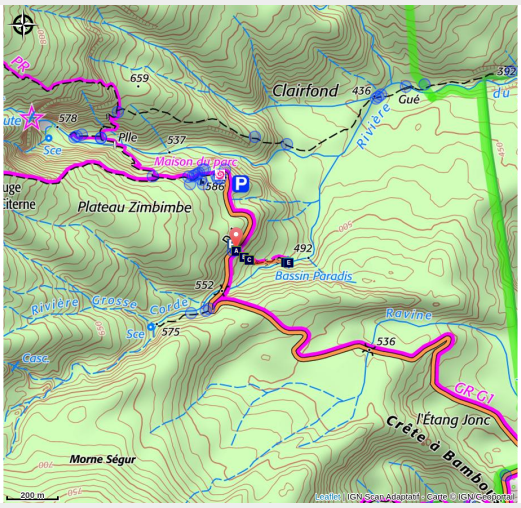
Grosse Corde river waterfall

Basse-Terre Sud





Cascade "Paradise" sur la rivière Grosse Corde (Fabien Salles - PNG)

A fresh water pool set amid lush, tropical vegetation. This site will appeal to old and young and is not difficult to access.

Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 45 min

Length : 0.5 km

Trek ascent : 47 m

Difficulty : Easy

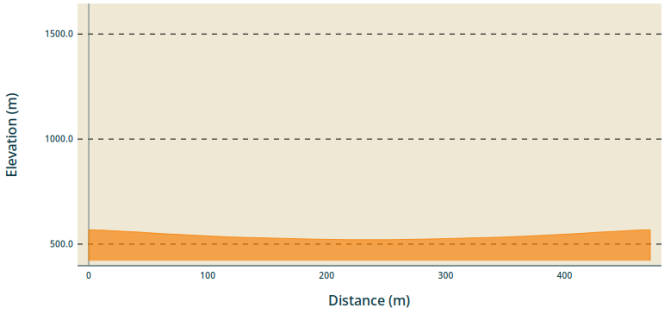
Type : Return trip

Themes : Relaxation area, River and waterfall

Trek

Departure : Paradise waterfall parking area
Arrival : Paradise waterfall parking area
Markings : PR (short hike network)
Cities : 1. Capesterre-Belle-Eau

Altimetric profile

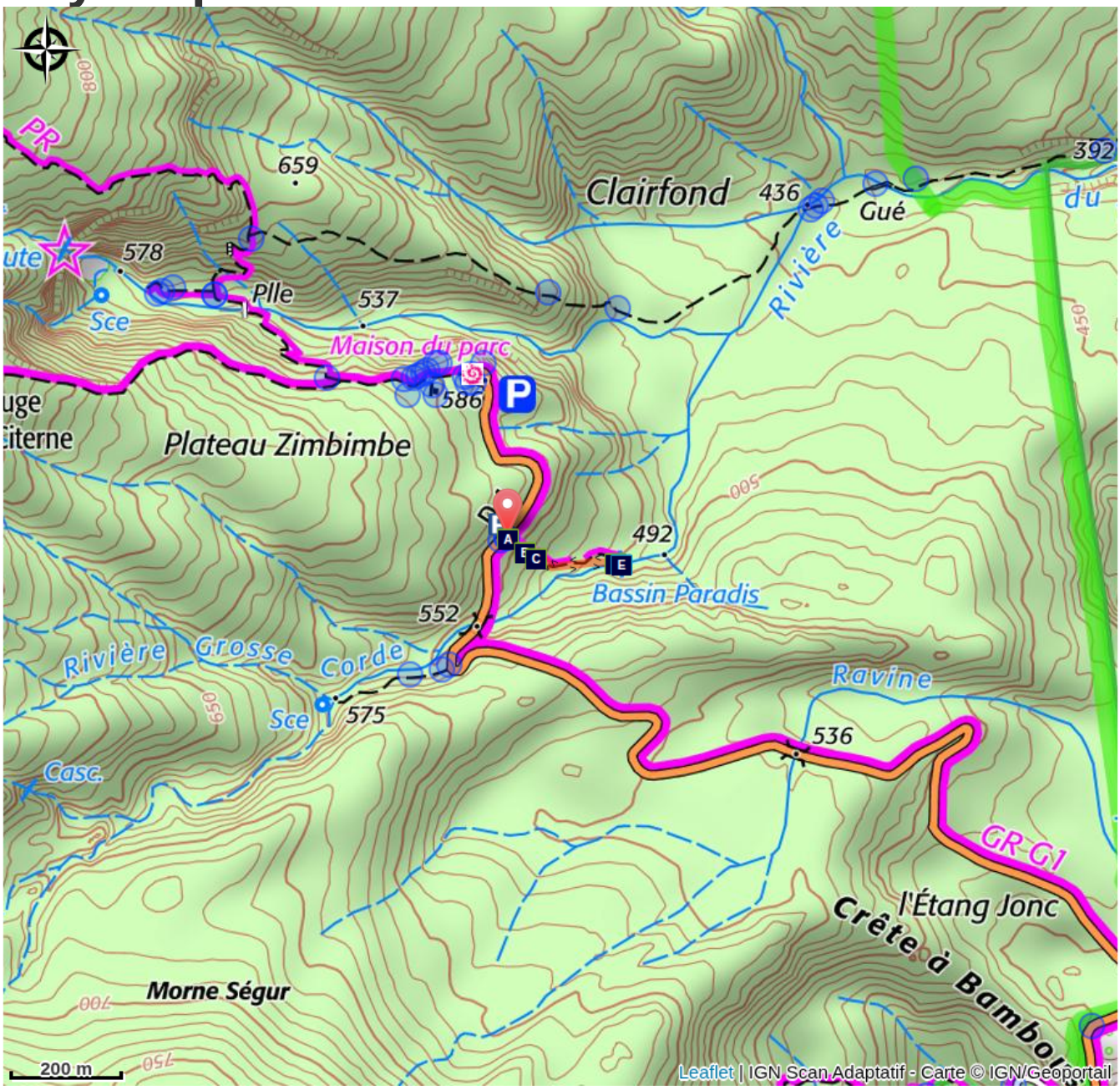


Min elevation 521 m Max elevation 568 m

Hiking trail colour: yellow

Go down a few steep steps from the information boards at the start of the trail. The trail winds through the forest, eventually reaching the Grosse Corde river and the site of a splendid waterfall. Enjoy the tranquil atmosphere of this site and then take the same route again to return to the parking area at the start.

On your path...



- Balisiers (A)
- Asplundia rigida (C)
- Paradise Waterfall (E)
- Tree ferns (B)
- "Colle roches" (D)

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

Caution: River crossings. The route can be dangerous in wet conditions. Do not attempt it if it has rained the day before or if bad weather is forecast. If the water level rises, do not attempt to cross the river; wait until it recedes.

Extra care should be taken in this natural environment, as Guadeloupe is prone to natural risks. For the benefit of all hikers, responsible behaviour is requested.
Please note : the parking and swimming areas are not supervised.

How to come ?

Transports

En Guadeloupe, 2 applications pour le covoiturage :
Dépozé : https://depoze.fr
KAROS : https://www.karos.fr

Access

GPS coordinates of the start point : Lat : 16,03948 N - Long : 61,63757 W.

After Saint-Sauveur on Route RN1 (between Bananier and Capesterre-Belle-Eau), head towards "Chutes du Carbet".
Keep going on the RD4. The road is steep and winding. Go past the Grand Etang parking area, keep going until you reach the sign for the start of the trail Grosse Corde Est / Bassin Paradis. Parking is after the bridge on the edge of the road at the pedestrian crossing.

Advised parking

Chutes du Carbet welcome area

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



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On your path...



Balisiers (A)

A member of the Musaceae family, *Heliconia caribaea* is a large grass that is typical of the Lesser Antilles tropical rainforest. A member of the same family as the banana trees, the plant can grow up to 5 m high. It features an inflorescence that resembles a red ear or red ear with yellow trim, or sometimes completely yellow. Its flowers are visible all year round, most notably between April and June.

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Tree ferns (B)

Tree ferns (Cyathea sp.), members of the Cyatheaceae family, include six species, the biggest of which (C. Arborea) can grow taller than 18 metres. Contrary to what the name suggests, tree ferns are not actually trees. The young leaves have the distinctive shape of a cross, while the black stipe is covered with petiole remnants. The fibrous material at the base of the stipe can be used to make sculptures and containers.

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Asplundia rigida (C)

A member of the Cyclantaceae family, the French common name of *Asplundia rigida* translates literally as "fly wings" on account of its similarity with the insect. A typical plant of hygrophilous (moisture-loving) forest undergrowth, there are three species of Asplundia: two terrestrial and one epiphytic and lianescent (vines climbing from aerial routes).

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"Colle roches" (D)

The waterfall pool is a popular habitat for fish known locally as Colle roches ("rock clingers") (Sicydium sp.), whose French name alludes to their ability to cling to the rocks. They lay their eggs in the river before the larvae are taken by the current and grow up downstream in the sea.

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Paradise Waterfall (E)

This waterfall on the Grosse Corde river is nicknamed "Paradise", undoubtedly because of the beautiful pool that it carved into the rock, making it a true haven of paradise. Besides the main waterfall, there is a smaller trickle of water which is a hot water supply - a stark contrast to the cool water of the rest of the pool.

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