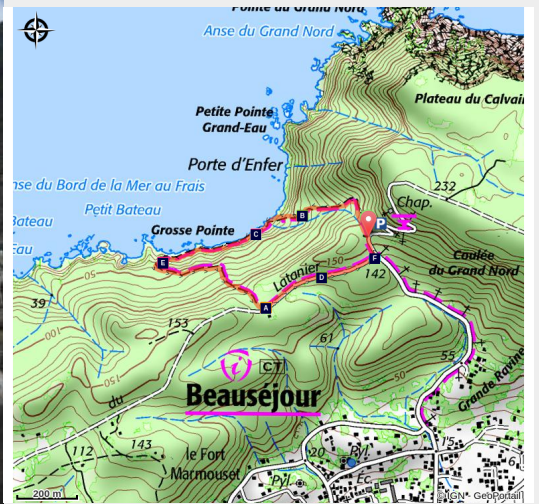


# Great North trail

La Désirade - La Desirade



Le littoral du nord Désirade (F.Frederic - CD 971)



*Following the Great North trail is like taking a journey through the strata and geological eras which shaped the formation of the Désirade.*

## Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 2 h

Length : 1.9 km

Trek ascent : 151 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Coastline and cliff,  
Geology

# Trek

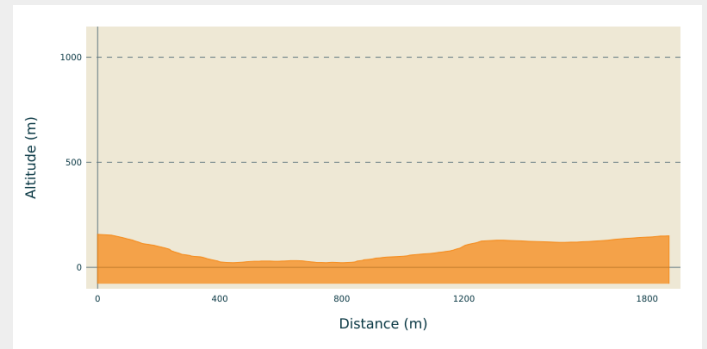
**Departure** : 100 m below the parking area, turn right into the undergrowth.

**Arrival** : point of departure.

**Markings** : 🚶 Coastal trail — PR (short hike network)

**Cities** : 1. La Desirade

## Altimetric profile

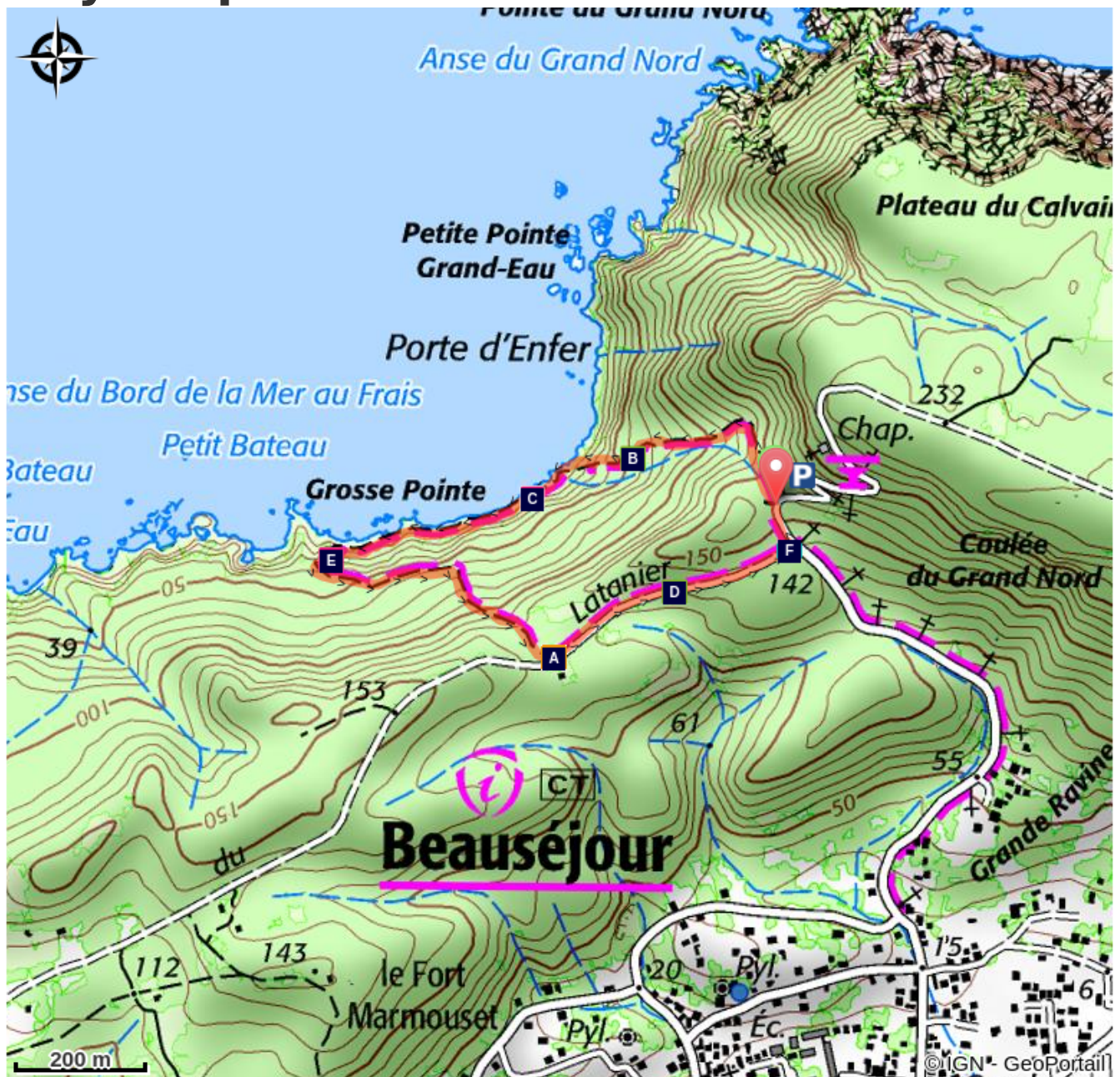





Min elevation 22 m Max elevation 157 m




Go into the undergrowth and begin the descent through the dry rainforest, following the yellow waymarkers to reach the coast.

Climb down to the rocky beach and walk along the coastline through the rocks for approximately 300 m (see the range of colours in the rock formations). Climb back up in the undergrowth on the left, up to reach a tufa (limestone) track. Turn left, passing the carbet, to reach the Chemin de Croix; then continue to the left to return to the starting point.

# On your path...



-  Carbet (A)
-  Rocks (C)
-  Cliff (E)

-  Mapou (birdcatcher tree) (B)
-  Bay rum tree (D)
-  Information (F)

# All useful information

## **Advices**

Be careful: steep descent  
Do not take this trail if the sea is rough.

## **How to come ?**

### Access

Starting point : Lat : 16,312417 N - Long : 61,074587 W.

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From Beauséjour, climb towards the chapel (Chemin de Croix).

### Advised parking

Small area of landscaped parking, 100 m above the trail departure point, in the bend of the road which leads to the chapel.

## **Information desks**

### **Bureau d'information touristique de La Désirade**

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## **Source**

Rando Guadeloupe

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

# On your path...

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## Carbet (A)

When coming out of the undergrowth, on the left, a carbet can offer a relaxing break.

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## Mapou (birdcatcher tree) (B)

Large specimen of Grey Mapou, *Pisonia subcordata*, characteristic of plants adapting to dry conditions.

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## Rocks (C)

A rainbow of colours is made by the rocks.

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## Bay rum tree (D)

Bay rum tree (aromatic plant), *Pimenta racemosa*.

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## Cliff (E)

Sweeping view of the cliff and the sea.

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## Information (F)

Information panels explaining local history and geography on the Great North trail.

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