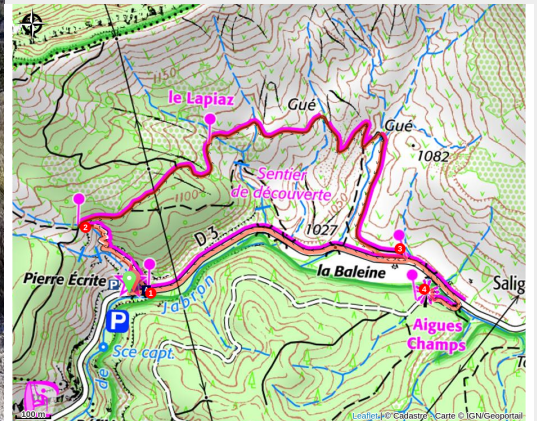


# Sentier de la Pierre Ecrite (written stone)

Sisteron - Saint-Geniez



Très belle portion avec vue dégagée (CCSB)



*Pleasant family stroll starting from the Pierre Écrite (Written Stone), which was engraved in the 6th century in memory of the passage of Dardanus, prefect of Gaul and ardent Christian, who came to the valley to found a “City of God”.*

## Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 1 h 30

Length : 3.9 km

Trek ascent : 111 m

Difficulty : Very easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Discovery trail, Geology, History and architecture

Accessibility : Family

# Trek

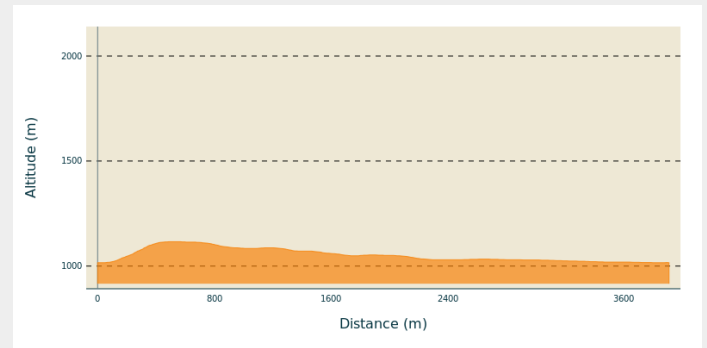
**Departure** : At the Pierre Ecrire, Saint-Geniez

**Arrival** : At the Pierre Ecrire, Saint-Geniez

**Markings** : — PR

**Cities** : 1. Saint-Geniez

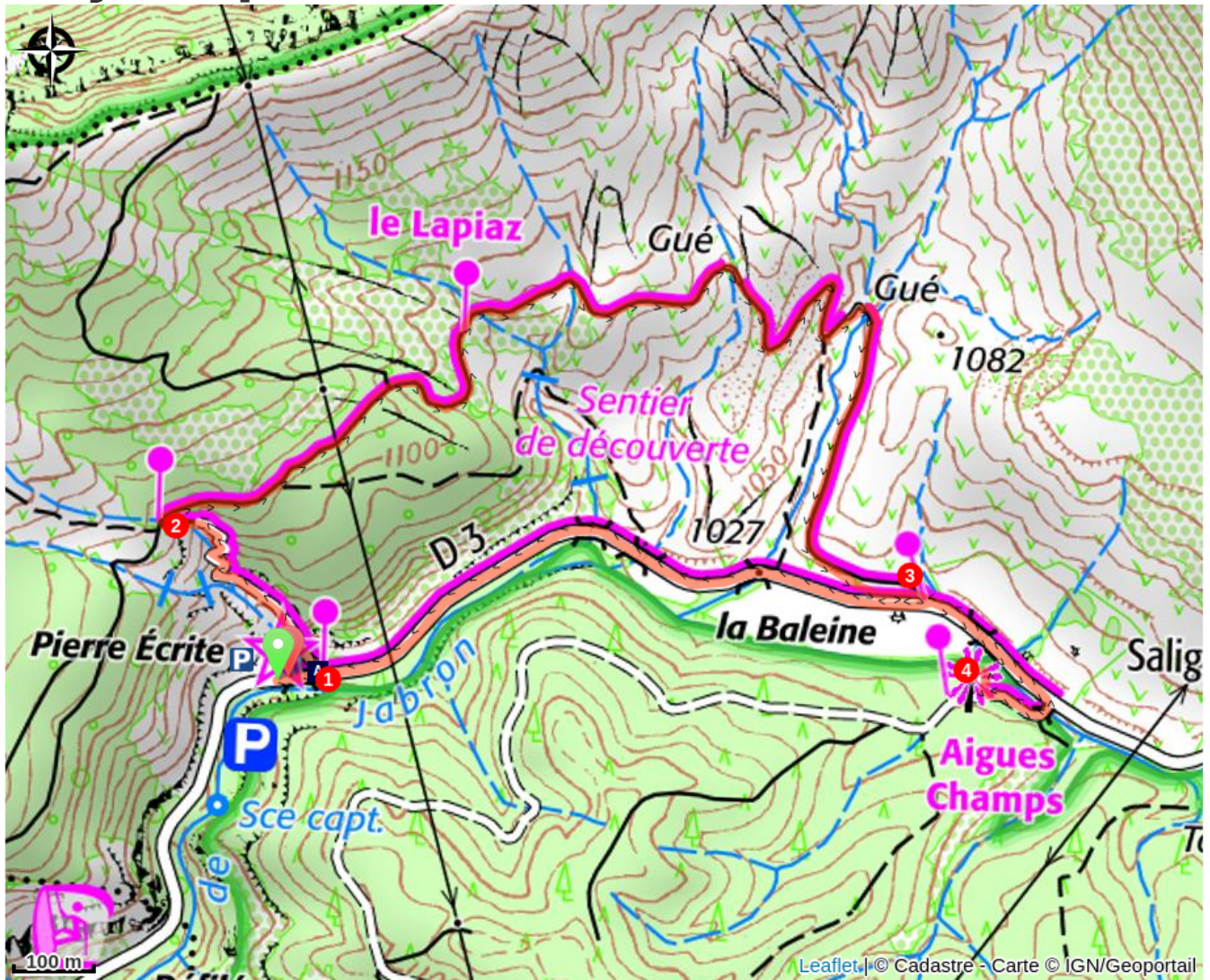
## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1016 m Max elevation 1116 m

1. From the Pierre Écrite, follow the trail that climbs to the left for about 20 minutes.
2. At the end of the trail, near the old oak tree, take the forest road to the right. Continue along the road until you reach the Whale Rock, where you'll find the intersection with the departmental road.
3. Turn left onto the road toward Aigues Champs to visit the Whale Lookout (a geological curiosity).
4. Take the same route as on the way there until you reach point 3, then follow the road for 800 meters to return to the parking lot.

# On your path...



 Written Stone (A)

# All useful information

## **Advices**

- On the way, 500 m before reaching the departmental road, on the right, there is a large hollow oak tree in which a stranger once placed a statue of the Virgin together with a small notebook on which one can leave a trace of one's passage there. (Look out! In Summer there may be a snake enjoying the shade!)

## **How to come ?**

### Transports

- Think about public transport and carpooling: <https://zou.maregionsud.fr>

### Access

From Sisteron (12 km), take the D 3 east towards Saint Geniez / Authon. Stop at the Pierre Ecrite site.

### Advised parking

Parking lot at the Pierre Ecrite, Saint-Geniez

## **Accessibility**

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Family

## **Information desks**

### **Office de Tourisme Sisteron Les Alpes Provençales - bureau de Sisteron**

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# On your path...

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## Written Stone (A)

This stone was engraved during the 6th century to recall the passage of Dardanus, powerful man, Christian and prefect of Gaul, corresponding with St-Augustin, , who came to retire to St-Geniez to found a "City of God" in the valley. A place bears the name of "Théous", but did "Theopolis" ever exist? And where exactly?

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