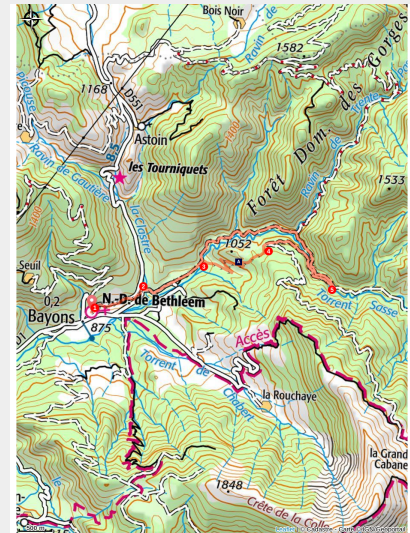


# La Combe Railroad

La Motte-du-Caire - Bayons



Durant l'ascension... (Office de Tourisme La Motte du Caire)



*This short hike through the sunny Haute Combe du Sasse offers families a chance to explore a wild corner of the mountain range, all while staying close to the village of Bayons. After a stretch along a trail, the hike—which has minimal elevation gain—winds through a “gineste” (bushland) near the old Combe railway line. The return trip, back on the trail, follows the Sasse River.*

## Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 4 h

Length : 10.8 km

Trek ascent : 304 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Flora, Geology, History and architecture

Accessibility : Family

# Trek

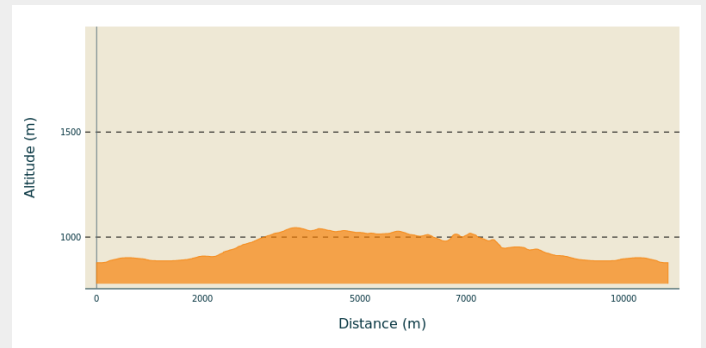
**Departure** : Center of the village, Bayons

**Arrival** : Center of the village, Bayons

**Markings** : — PR

**Cities** : 1. Bayons

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 878 m Max elevation 1045 m

1. From Bayons (875 m), head east along the street that winds its way between the houses. At the fork, turn left. Soon after passing the last houses, walk past the war memorial and join Route D 1.
2. Continue along the road ahead; it turns into a dirt track.
3. At the Soubeyrache ford (900 m), take the trail on the right and cross the Sasse via a footbridge. The trail becomes rocky as it winds through a large “gineste” (former pasture overgrown with broom). At the pass, the landscape becomes marly. At the foot of the Tête de Bresse, the trail becomes less rocky.
4. At the junction with the Grande Cabane trail, turn left and head downhill. Pass by the animal watering holes and go through the gate, closing it behind you.
5. At the intersection with the Combe trail (1,010 m), turn left to follow it back to the Soubeyrache ford and the starting point in Bayons.

# On your path...



 La Combe Railroad (A)

# All useful information

## How to come ?

### Transports

Let's limit our trips and use public transportation and carpooling: <https://zou.maregionsud.fr>

### Access

From Sisteron (30 km), take the D 951, then the D 1 toward Bayons.

### Advised parking

Parking lot in Bayons

## Accessibility

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Family

## Information desks

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# On your path...

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## La Combe Railroad (A)

No, you're not dreaming—a railroad track was actually built in the 1920s in this remote corner of the Provençal highlands. Back then, wood was used to shore up mine tunnels, erect telegraph poles, and make railroad ties. As a result, in this valley of La Combe, nestled between the headwaters of the Sasse River and the village of Bayons, a railway transported the timber harvested from its slopes. A small steam train handled the transport all the way down to the village, taking over from a cable car that served the valley floor, near the hamlet of La Combe. This hard labor was carried out mainly by Piedmontese lumberjacks and charcoal burners. It was certainly a difficult trade, but also a dangerous one, as some in the village recall or heard in their youth that, when this train first began operating, one of them perished under its wheels. Today, there are no more railcars, no more screeching brakes or wheels on the tracks, but a few walls or rusted remnants from that era (especially after crossing the Sasse and heading up the GR 6 near the ruins of L'Adret) remind us of this human adventure from the last century.

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