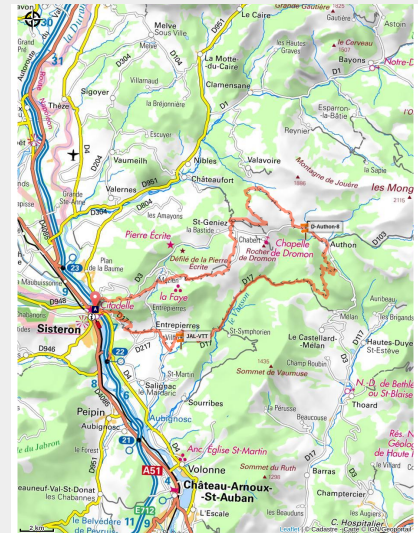


Tour du Vançon

Sisteron - Sisteron



Sommet du Trainon (Martin Champon)



Starting from Sisteron, get ready for a unique hiking adventure exploring the Vançon Valley, home to this meandering river—a typical feature of the Alps—that winds its way through woodlands and small mountain villages.

Our favorites:

- Backpacking adventures
- Lodging nestled in unspoiled nature
- Homemade meals made with local ingredients
- Breathtaking landscapes and views of the Monges and the surrounding mountain ranges (Ecrins, Ubaye, Dévoluy...)

Useful information

Practice : Trek

Duration : 4 days

Length : 61.4 km

Trek ascent : 2667 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Itinérance

Themes : Geology, Off the beaten track, Pastoralism

Trek

Departure : Climbing site of La Baume, Sisteron

Arrival : Climbing site of La Baume, Sisteron

Markings :  PR  GRP  GR

Cities : 1. Sisteron

2. Entrepierres

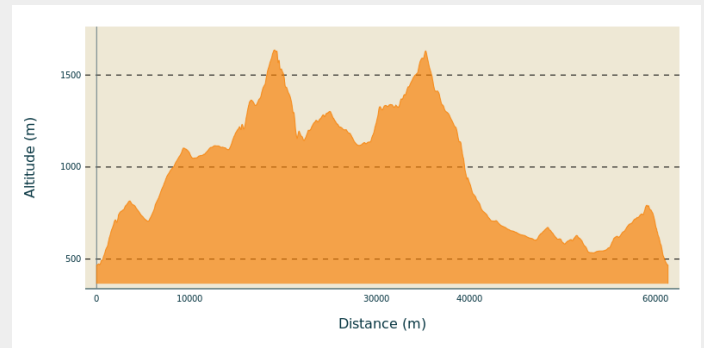
3. Saint-Geniez

4. Authon

5. Valavoire

6. Castellard-Mélan

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 466 m Max elevation 1636 m

Nestled in the heart of the UNESCO Haute-Provence Geopark, the Vançon Valley reveals its mineral landscape over the course of a 4-day hike.

Starting from Sisteron, you'll quickly reach the Monges Massif and its villages, where time seems to stand still and you'll feel as though you've reached the end of the world. The traces of a rich geological history come into view.

300 million years have shaped this landscape, where you'll see the different layers that have shifted due to intense tectonic activity.

The Vançon River, for its part, has left its mark by carving out this valley. You'll spot, for example, gypsum blocks in the black marl!

After days of exploring this region, you'll be delighted to find cozy accommodations each evening. Delicious homemade meals, made with local ingredients, will give you the energy you need to continue your journey. Don't forget your lunchbox to take along the picnic your hosts have prepared with care!

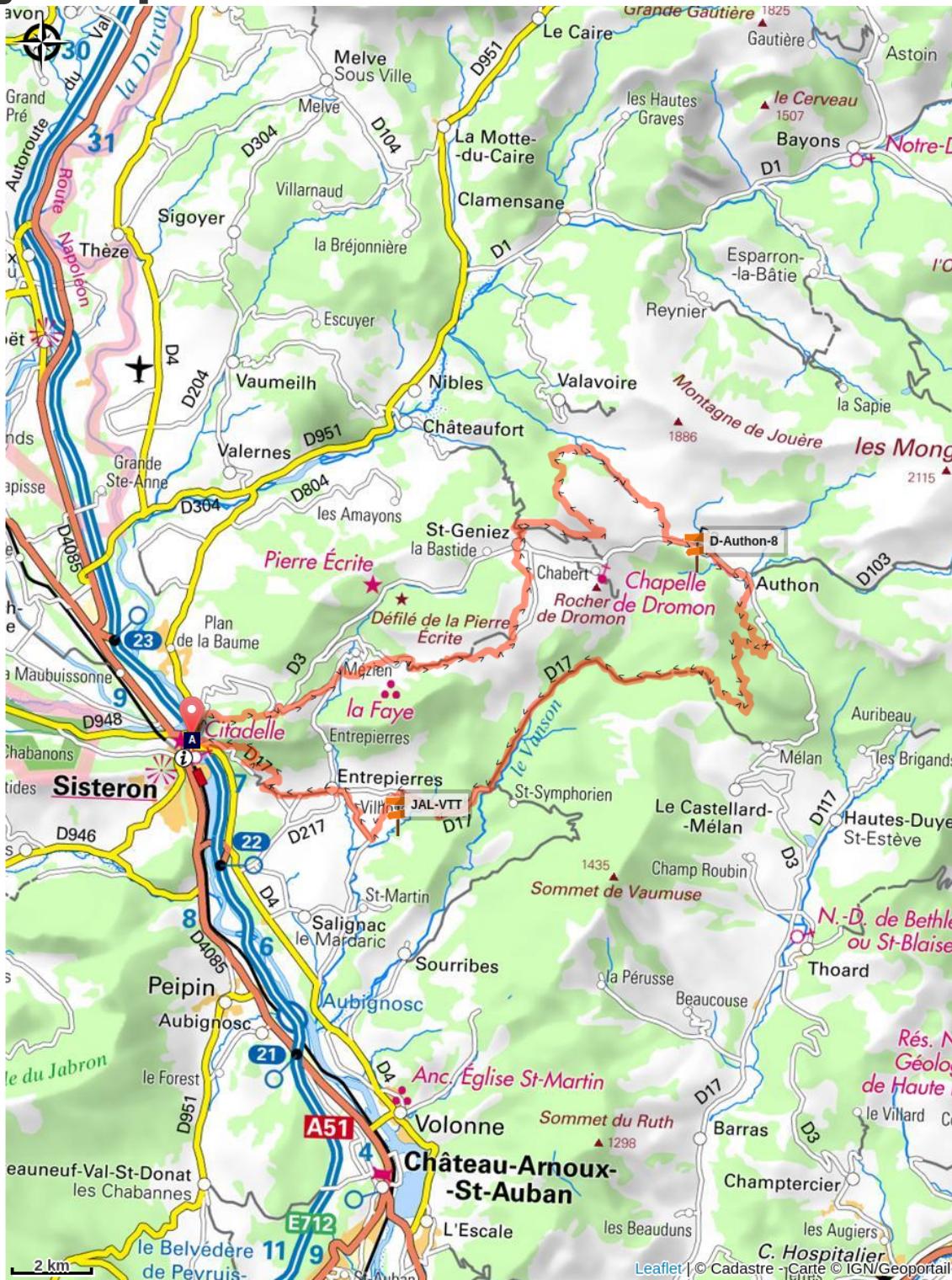
A hiking route accessible to everyone, perfect for a first-time experience.

Source: www.sisteron-alpesprovencales.fr

Stages :

- 1.** Step 1 : Sisteron - Saint Geniez
14.4 km / 846 m D+ / 5 h 18
- 2.** Step 2 : Saint-Geniez - Authon
14.6 km / 865 m D+ / 5 h 18
- 3.** Step 3 : Authon - Entrepierres (La Reine Jeanne bridge)
24.1 km / 668 m D+ / 8 h
- 4.** Step 4 : Entrepierres - Sisteron
6.6 km / 253 m D+ / 3 h

On your path...



 The Durance River (A)

All useful information

Advices

WARNING: On this route, you may encounter livestock guard dogs tasked with protecting herds from wolf attacks.

To minimize the risk of conflict, bringing pets is strongly discouraged, even if they are on a leash.

Cyclists, please be especially vigilant: upon seeing a herd, you must get off your bike, stop, and allow the dogs to assess you. Then, give the herd a wide berth, keeping your bike between you and the livestock guard dog.

In any case, stay calm, avoid sudden movements, and do not attempt to cross through the herd.

→ To learn more about how to behave around livestock guard dogs: <https://rando.sisteron-alpesprovencales.fr/information/14-Les-patous-et-nous-!>

How to come ?

Transports

Let's limit car travel and consider public transportation and carpooling: <https://zou.maregionsud.fr>

Access

From Sisteron (1 km), exit through the tunnel under the citadel and take Route D951 toward La Motte-du-Caire to reach the Baume Bridge.

Advised parking

Parking lot of the climbing site of La Baume, Sisteron

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On your path...



The Durance River (A)

More than a mere river, the **Durance** is a force of nature. From its source in Mongenèvre at an altitude of 2300 metres it rolls its way over 302 kilometres until it finally flows into the Rhône. Over time, there has been greater control by man over the river, particularly with the construction of **the Serre-Ponçon dam**, and it is an essential artery for the Hautes-Alpes.

Source : www.hautes-alpes.net

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