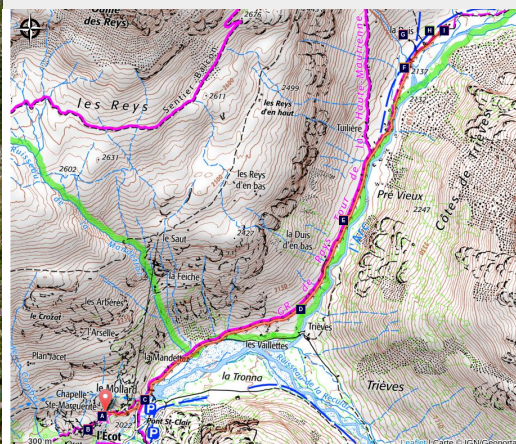


Walk to La Duis

Vanoise - BONNEVAL-SUR-ARC



Tapis d'épilobes de Fleisher sur les bords de l'Arc (TISSOT Nathalie)



Recreational walk along the Arc, accompanied by the music of the birds and the flower meadows, crowned with snow-capped peaks.

Walking back up along the course of the Arc, the Arc's plain opens up. The ridges of the Mulinet stand vigil while the glaciers illuminate the warmth of July. The flowers blossom, the colours explode and the birds sing. Further on, the people of the land have begun harvesting the hay. Nature is not the only thing you will see; this landscape, these old barns and old chalets originated from the toil and sweat of men.

Useful information

Practice : Walking hike

Duration : 2 h 30

Length : 6.8 km

Trek ascent : 139 m

Difficulty : Very easy

Type : Return

Themes : Architecture, Flora , Pastoralism

Trek

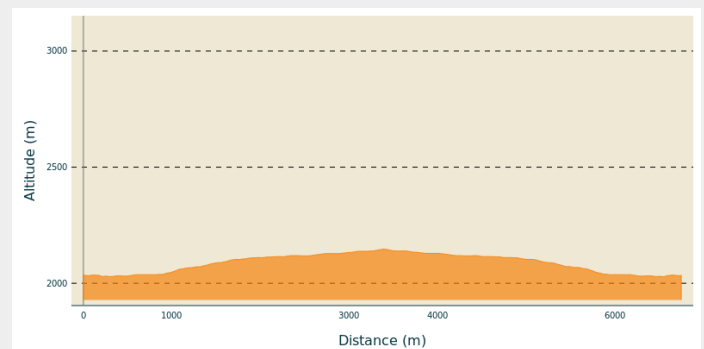
Departure : Écot car park, Bonneval-sur-Arc

Arrival : Écot car park, Bonneval-sur-Arc

Markings : → Parc

Cities : 1. BONNEVAL-SUR-ARC

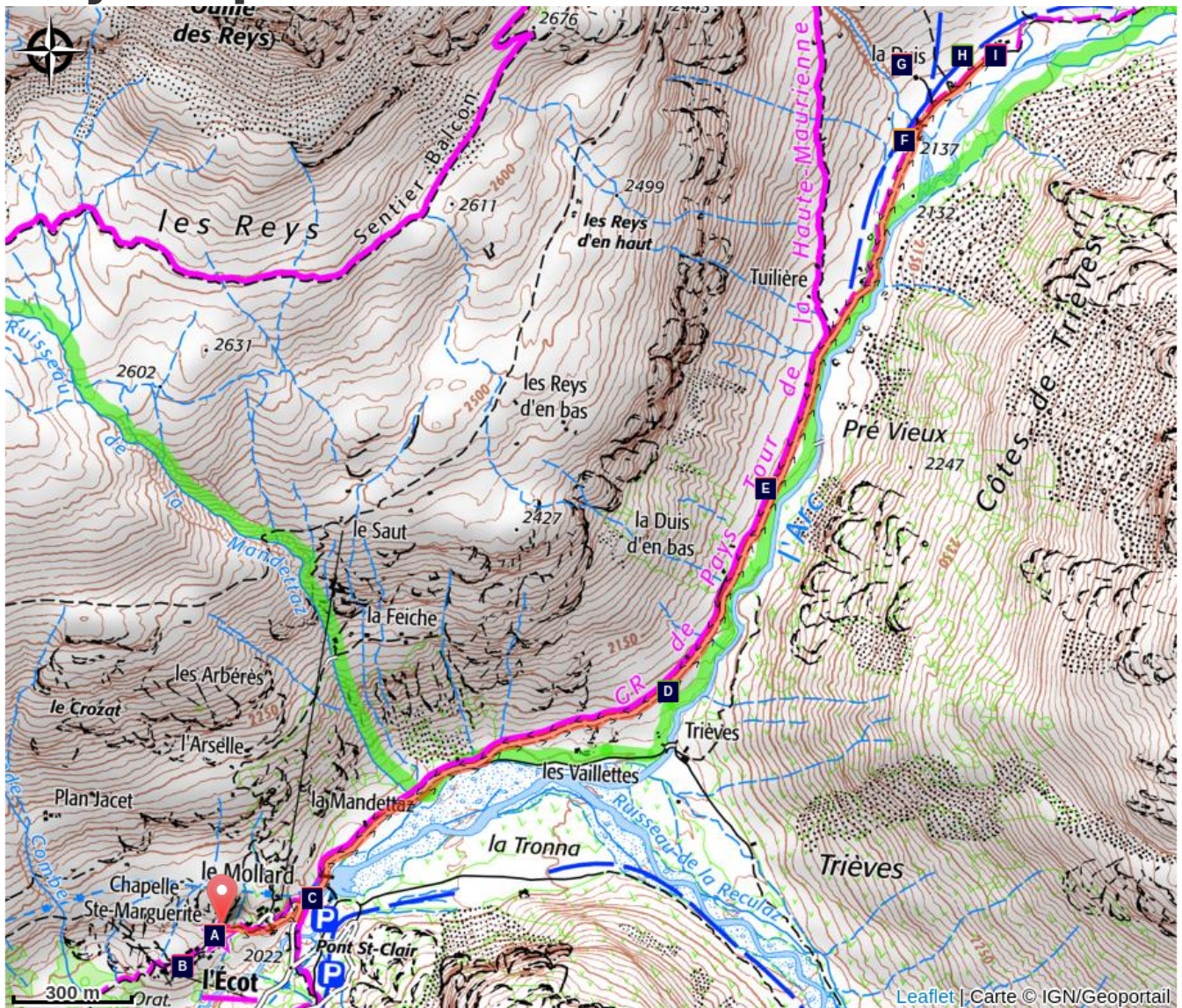
Altimetric profile











Min elevation 2028 m Max elevation 2147 m

From the hamlet of Écot, take the pastoral track that continues towards the bottom of the valley, passing between the water intake and the EDF station. Approximately 1 km away, leave the trail that follows the Arc and on the left hand side follow the track alongside the large cairn that first rises gently on the slope before going along the Arc again to the Duis. Follow the opposite way to return.

On your path...



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|  View over the Hamlet of Ecot (A) |  The hamlet of l'Écot (B) |
|  The flower meadows (C) |  The hay barns (D) |
|  Descent of the hay (E) |  Irrigation (F) |
|  Marmots (G) |  La Duis (H) |

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

Make sure you respect the rules of the car park. Don't walk in the meadows while they are not mowed.

How to come ?

Transports

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Rail connection to Modane. Information: www.voyages-sncf.com

Then transport by coach to Bonneval-sur-Arc. Information: www.transavoie.com

Suggested hitchhiking organised in the Haute-Maurienne valley. Information: www.rezopouce.fr

Additional information: <http://www.haute-maurienne-vanoise.com/pratique/se-deplacer-sans-voiture>

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Access

From the Tourist Information Centre in Bonneval-sur-Arc, take the small road leading to Écot.

Advised parking

Car park, L'Écot

Accessibility

No

Information desks

Vanoise Information Desk - Termignon

Place Vanoise, 73500 Termignon

Tel : 04 79 20 54 54

<https://www.vanoise-parcnational.fr>

Office de tourisme de Bonneval sur Arc

La Ciamarella, 73480 Bonneval-sur-Arc

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<https://www.bonneval-sur-arc.com>

On your path...



View over the Hamlet of Ecot (A)

The abandonment of agropastoral activity also affects the habitat. Whether conserved or not by the original families, this built heritage is subject to regulatory measures aimed at preserving its original appearance, in the absence of any occupant to fulfil the role. These measures do not prevent the disappearance of suspended drying balconies for solarium terraced balconies, and the appearance of bays, shutters or double roofs to meet modern standards of comfort.

Attribution : Editions GEP Lyon



The hamlet of l'Écot (B)

Wood became a rare commodity in Bonneval-sur-Arc, and so the builders of yesterday used the most abundant resource in this high valley - the stone. Walls, lintels, roofing, drinking troughs and even intermediate floors were mounted in lauze! Thanks to a wise restoration, the hamlet of l'Écot blends harmoniously into this landscape. Walk through the narrow streets and imagine how life once was when the hamlet was populated all year by men and their animals...

Attribution : PNV - BUCZEK Jessica



The flower meadows (C)

These hay meadows are vital for farmers, allowing them to provide for their animals during the winter. The mowing promotes biodiversity and makes these meadows colourful in July. How many different species can you identify?

Attribution : PNV - DEFFRENNES Benoît



The hay barns (D)

Barns can be spotted along the entire route up to Duis, which were previously used to store hay. Their architecture is particular to the Haute-Maurienne: the locals used the materials most available locally such as stone. This explains the dry stone walls as well as the lauze roofs. Large openings made it easy to store the hay, while other smaller openings allowed it to be aired. The upper parts of the barns and chalets are often semi-buried to merge into the slope and thus guard against winter avalanches.

Attribution : PNV - FOLLIET Patrick



Descent of the hay (E)

These old barns were used to store hay for the animals in winter. It was then necessary to wait until the snow was firm enough to be able to come with the help of mules and sledges to take the hay down as far as Bonneval-sur-Arc. Today, now that practices are motorised, the hay is stored directly in agricultural buildings.

Attribution : PNV - ANDRÉ Gilbert



Irrigation (F)

A genuine witness to this bygone rural engineering, the channels dug into the slopes would irrigate the hay meadows to promote their yield. You will be able to see them up the road.

Attribution : PNV - DEFFRENNES Benoît



Marmots (G)

Be patient, they are there! If it is not too hot you can see them up the path. These prairie rodents are sometimes a cause for concern for farmers: by digging their burrows, they dig out stones that can cause damage to the cutting bars!

Attribution : PNV - POULET Laetitia



La Duis (H)

Here you are at the end of your journey! The Arc begins its course a little higher up in the glacier that you will perceive under the peaks of Levanna, before crossing the whole Maurienne and plunging into the Isère... 120 km lower!

Attribution : PNV - BASSARGETTE Denis