

# LA CHAPELLE DE PITIÉ

## LE MÉNIL

26



### SEASON

Without snow



### DURATION

1h



### LENGTH

2,5 km



### ELEVATION

+ 113 m



### LAND

Small lanes and wide path

**This short walk brings together everything that makes the village of Le Ménil so charming : unspoilt countryside with a small religious heritage dotted around the mountainside, pretty viewpoints and scenic spots ideal for invigorating breaks or picnics.**

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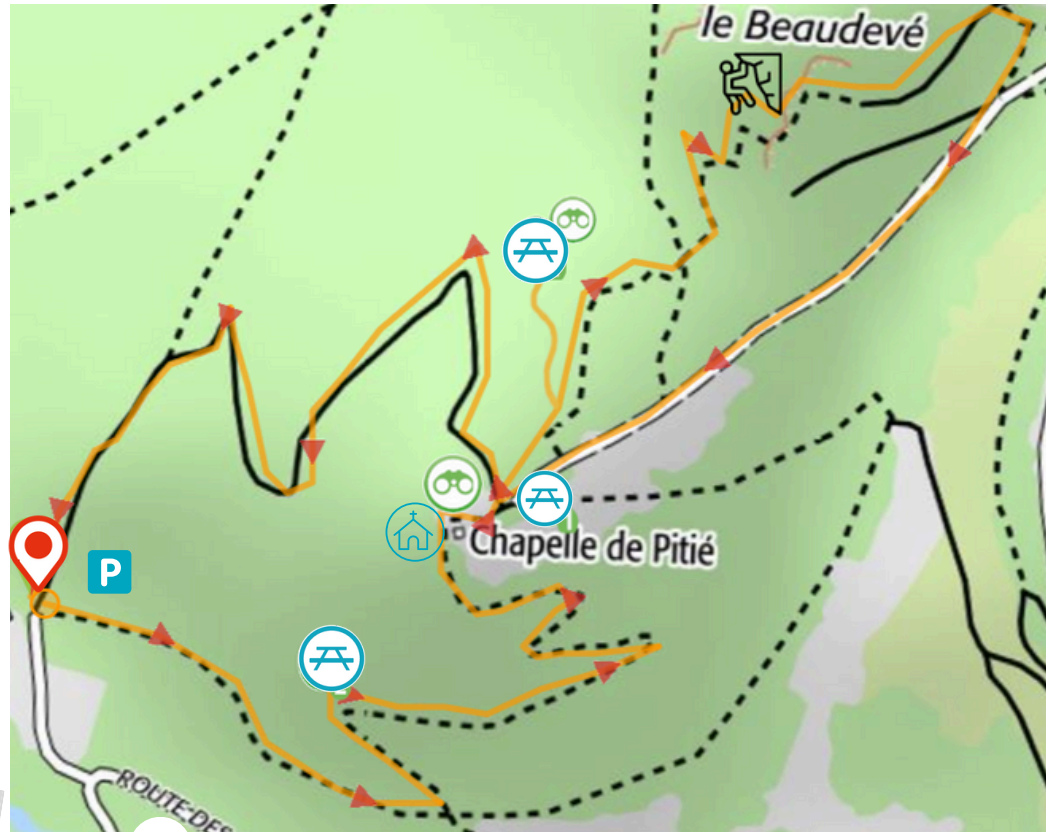


## ACCESS AND DEPARTURE POINT

**Access :** From Le Thillot, follow the D486 towards Le Ménil. In Le Ménil, after the church, continue for 50 metres and turn right at the 'Les Sapins' restaurant. Follow the signs for the 'parcours sportif' for around 2 km at the bottom of the valley, then the road climbs to the left and leads to a car park with an enclosed chalet.


**Departure :** Sports trail parking lot, end of tarmac road (Chalet Tuttur).


-  **Start**
-  **Route**
-  **Parking lot**
-  **Chapelle de Pitié**
-  **Picnic area**



## ITINERARY AND POINTS OF INTEREST

Below the car park, you'll see a large sign for the health and nature trail, showing the trail's 16 apparatus and the Ménil arboretum.

Head for the fitness trail on your right, following the blue signposts . Go past the workshops (warm-up, obstacles 1 and 2) along the forest path of the fitness trail.

After 200 metres, at fixture 4, follow the blue signposted  'modified route' up the path to the left.

Continue along the forest path of the fitness trail, there is a large bend at workshop 6.



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Le Ménil fitness trail

After 20 metres, in a bend, you pass a bench. The view is over the Vallée des Granges and the Tête des Renards. You may see paragliders taking off from this summit...

Go past section 7, followed by a large bend, and continue along the path. You will arrive at the back of the Chapelle de Pitié. Turn around and you can admire the view of Le Ménil and the Rouauche summit topped by a pylon, with the Tête des Renards on the left.

The chapel is open. Turn your back on it and you're looking at a landmark of Ménil: the Tête des Champs.

At the picnic area, if you want to continue the walk, don't follow the 'circuit' sign but go towards the low wall opposite and follow the blue signpost **X** to the '5-minute climbing rock'.

If you wish, you can make a return trip to the picnic area and its sculptures, from where there is a lovely view of the Col du Ménil. Retrace your steps as far as the crossroads, then take the blue signpost **X** on your left marking the path that climbs 50 metres up to the climbing rock.

To continue your walk, follow the blue signpost **X** for another 50 metres along a wide path. You can reach the picnic area again by taking the narrow path on the left (fairly dangerous rocky path, take care...).

Continue on the right-hand path for 20 metres, then immediately take the right-hand path downhill (do not follow the blue signpost on the left-hand path **X**). The path comes to a crossroads with a dirt track and a forestry road.

Take the unmarked dirt track leading downhill rather than the forest track leading uphill. Continue on this dirt track for 200 metres and you will find yourself back at the Chapelle de Pitié.

At the sign for 'Chapelle de Pitié Alt: 697 metres', continue your walk by taking the second part of the fitness trail and the arboretum. Head for the 'circuit' sign on the right. Take the path that leads down to workshop 8 after 50 metres.

Follow the fitness trail with its exercises and the arboretum for 700 metres downhill. You will then reach the starting point of the walk at the car park and Chalet Tutur.

## FOR THE CHILDREN

### Le Beaudévé (climbing rock)

The Beaudévé site is ideal for beginner climbers and has around fifteen routes, from level 3 to 6, with free access. Route map available from our offices.

### Picnic area

Sculptor Valentin ADAM has laid sculpted granite stones to create an original picnic spot with a panoramic view of the Col du Ménil below the summit.

These stones, worked into original shapes, are an invitation to daydream and stroll with the family in an enchanting setting.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT?

The Chapelle de Pitié, situated at an altitude of 697 metres, is thought to have been built around 1850/1860 by the families in the area to thank the Virgin for all the harvests (cereals, hay, etc.) despite the incessant rain throughout the year.

It was renovated in spring 2011, with no fewer than 1,500 hours of volunteer work. It is accessible by car and open all year round.

# OUR IMPRESSION

“ The Chapelle de Pitié and the Beauduvé climbing site are emblematic landmarks in the village of Le Ménil, offering lovely views of the surrounding mountains. ”



Autumn atmosphere around the Chapelle de Pitié

## TO VISIT

**5 minutes away**

### Wooden toys workshop

Bernard AUBRY will be lighting up children's eyes with the wooden toys he has been making for over 35 years. He will be exhibiting rocking horses, doll cradles, animal puzzles, cut-out names, string spinning tops, animated puppets, coat racks, whistles, catapults... For all ages.

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## TO RELAX

### The Heuchau waterfall

This pretty little waterfall overlooks the village of Le Ménil and is a pleasant picnic spot with a rest area.

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## FISHING

You can fish in the ruisseau du Ménil and the étang des Fenesses. Fishing cards are on sale at the Ménil Tourist Office.

## A FEW ADVICES



### BACKPACK

Enjoy a family snack at the chapel or at the foot of the climbing rock.



### ROUTE

Most of the route is shaded, with open stretches at the chapel and the rock.



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