

HIKER'S CHARTER

Planning for his hike



Choose the right hike

depending on the length, duration, and your fitness level



Check the weather forecast

and adapt your route



Adapt your outfit

and hike well-equipped: drinks, meal, emergency-kit



Inform

tell someone where you will be

Behavior during the hike



Stay on the marked trails, avoid shortcuts



Respect crops and meadows, do not pick or collect fruit



Keep to the rules

specific to each site: do not make a fire, do not camp ...



Close fences

after opening them remain cautious of a herd and do not get close



Take your rubbish back in your bag leave no trace from your break



Stay discreet

respectful and courteous to other users



keep control of your dog

keep him always on a leash, in some protected areas they are not allowed even on a leash. Remain crossing a herd with him.



Nature is a living environment

which evolves with time, hiking is to set off on an adventure with all the risks that go with it. Knowing how to give up and turn back is also a sign of respect.

After the hike



Remember to check that no ticks are on your skin. If necessary, remove it with a little hook (sold in pharmacies) and disinfect the area to avoid complications (Lyme disease).

IF EMERGENCY, call the 112

The tourist office disclaims responsibility in case of wrong or missing information. If you face difficulties in the legibility of the route, notice a missing or for any suggestion of improvement, please report it to the Bussang tourist office

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HIKING ROUTE L'ERMITAGE DE FRÈRE JOSEPH *Start from BUSSANG*



SEASON
WITHOUT SNOW



DURATION
3 h30



LENGTH
9 km



ELEVATION
+ 330 M



DIFFICULTY
2/5



- A very nice hike starting from the Azureva Holiday Centre, which leads you in the forests and invites you to discover all their beauty and mysteries....

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ACCESS AND DEPARTURE POINT

Access : Bussang is on the National Road 66, follow the direction to Azureva, Larcenaire

Departure : Car park above the Holiday Centre Azureva

MARKINGS

Green rectangle

Blue ring

Blue point

Blue diagonal cross

Red point

Green/white/green rectangle

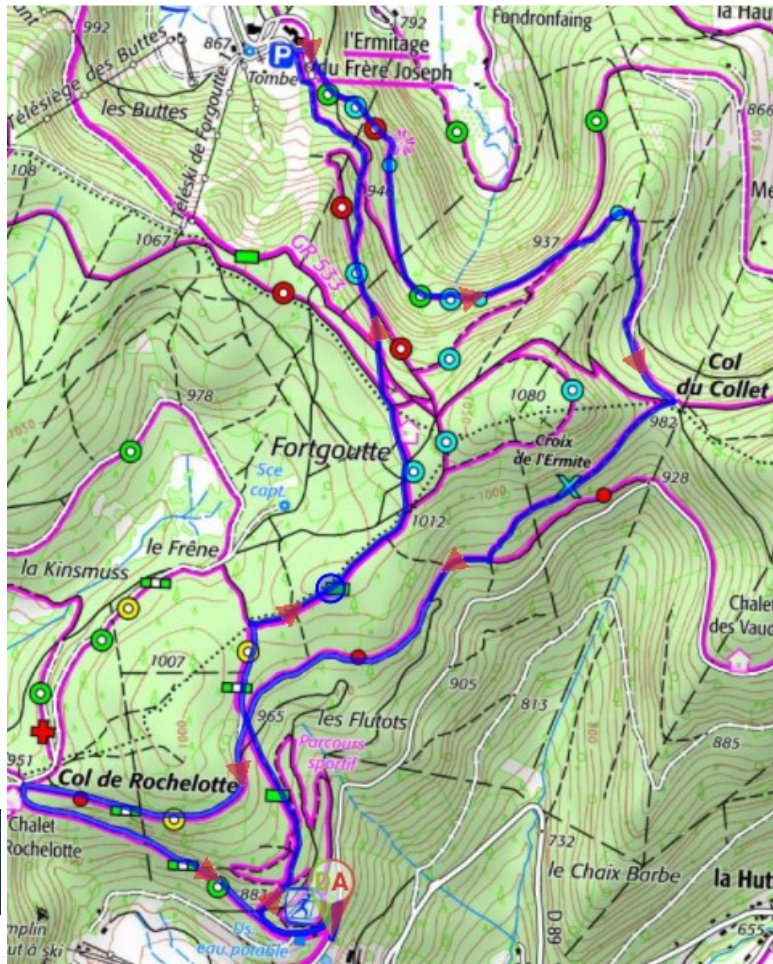
ELEVATION PROFIL



ROUTE AND POINTS OF INTEREST

➡ From the car park, go uphill on the tarred road. At the forest entry, turn on the left and take the large way marked with the green rectangle. After 250m, turn on your right, and go uphill on the path (green rectangle). Go straight on, for 750m, you will cross three large ways .

➡ At the 4th way, turn right and go on this way, by following the same marks (green rectangle).



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➡ After 800m you can take the path on your right (marked blue ring "Croix de l'Ermit") to have a look to the Cross of the Hermit, this little detour makes your hike 1km longer and arrives 200m after the Shleter Chalet de Forgoutte.

➡ Otherwise, follow the way thraight on for 200m after this crossing, pass in front of the shelter chalet de Forgoutte (you can have a break there). 200m further, pass beside a wooden cross, on your right, called the Cross "Croix de Frère Joseph". About 100m further, leave the green rectangle marks and follow the blue ring mark with the board "Frère Joseph direct". Go thraight on, downhill for 1km until you reach the Inn Auberge de frère Joseph (you can have a meal). If you want you can visit the chapel located at the border of the forest, in front of you.

➡ To return, the way is at the corner of the Inn and leads on the edge of the forest. Take the way marked with the blue point and the board "Col du Collet". 400m further you pass by a belveder with a very nice view on the village Ventron (blue point). After about 600m, leave this way and turn on the right uphill on the steep path with the board "Col du Collet 700m", marked with the blue point. (Do not go on the path with the blue ring and the board "Croix de l'Ermit").

➡ At the Col du Collet, go on the way that leads downhill and marked with the blue diagonal cross and the board "Col de Rochelotte". At the end of the path with a steep descent, turn on the right, on the large way makred with the red point and the board "Col de Rochelotte".

➡ After 1.800km you arrive at the cottage Chalet de Rochelotte, follow the way on your left with the board "Bussang par Larcenaire" on 1.200km. This large forest road (marked green/white/green rectangle) leads you back to the car park.



TO DISCOVER 

> The Chapel of Brother Joseph's hermitage

classified as a historic monument was built in 1757 by the inhabitants of Ventron (called Vétternats) for the hermit Brother Joseph Formet who, retired here in the forest after his father death to live alone in a life of prayer. This pious man was credited with many cures, asevidenced by the ex-votos you can see in the chapel. His relics are kept in a glass coffin in the sacristy in the church at Ventron. Every last Sunday of july, a pilgrim mass is celebrated in the chapel of the hermit.

> The Cross of the Hermit

This metal cross, commemorates the place where, ones say, Brother Joseph lived for 3 years with, a hut of branches and bark as his shelter, and a hollow tree trunk as his bed.

