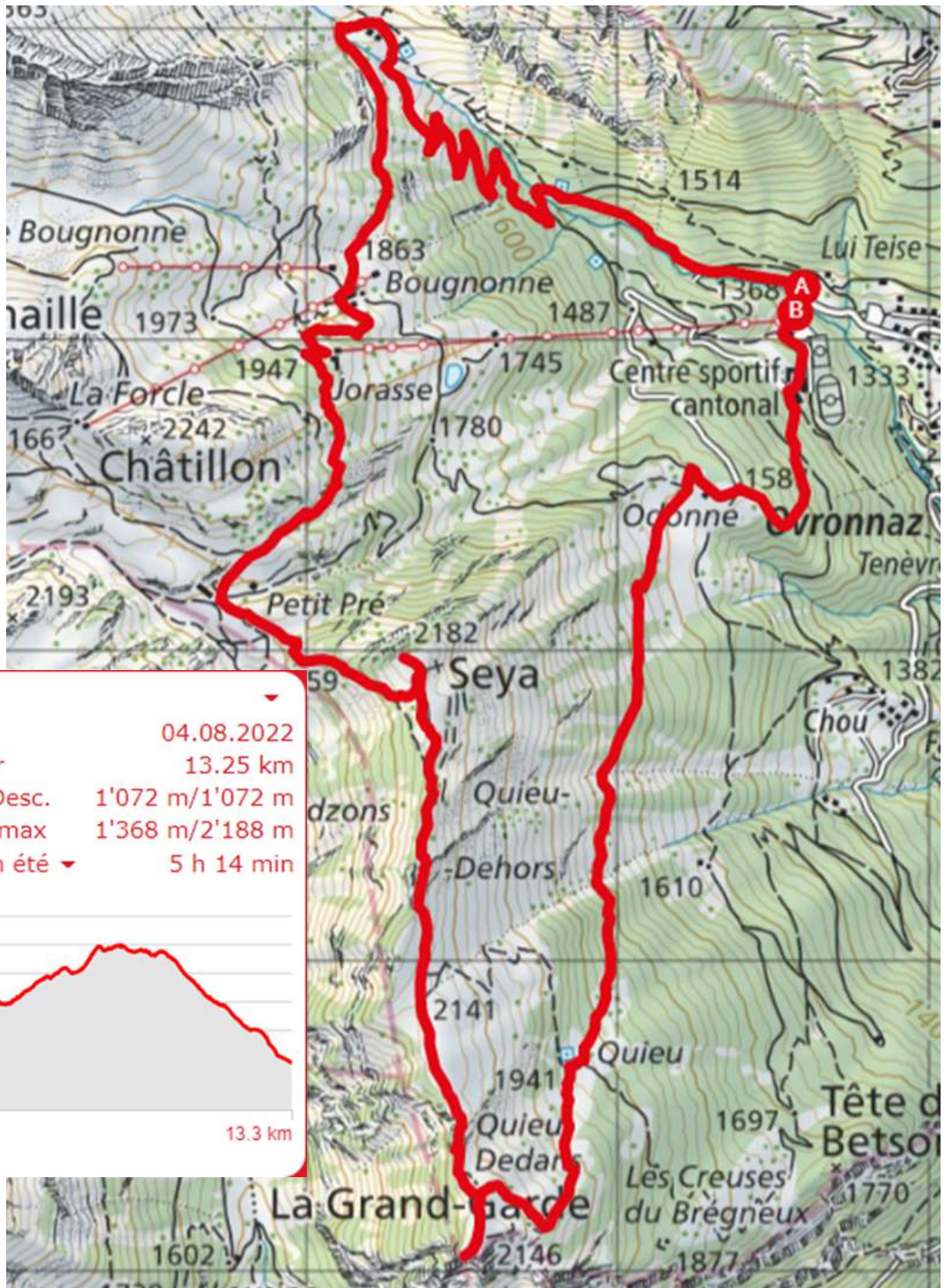


One trail, one summit !

La Grande Garde



Trails	
Date	04.08.2022
Longueur	13.25 km
Mont. / Desc.	1'072 m/1'072 m
Alt. min/max	1'368 m/2'188 m
A pied en été	5 h 14 min



Location: Right bank of the *Rhône*, Central Valais, in *Ovronnaz* above *Leytron*.

Description: easy trail without any orientation or technical difficulties. Magnificent 180° view of the *Rhône* plain and the African tectonic plate. Take advantage of the didactic trail and its wide illustrations concerning the flora. A very instructive region from a geological and botanical point of view. A nice discovery at the beginning or end of the season. A must-see.

Total length: 28 km-effort

Altitude: between 2181 and 1382 m

National excursion map 1:25'000: Dents de Morcles 1305

Best period: June to October, even November

Rating: XS

Useful information: consult the openings of the *Jorasse* facilities if you wish to shorten the route.

Course

Departure from the car park of the *Jorasse* facilities in *Ovronnaz* (2'578'576/1'117'040/1381 m). Begin the climb in the bend below the car park and follow the path in a north-westerly direction until you reach point 1516 just after the *Salentse* bridge. Take the series of bends to the *Saille* buildings and continue south on the white-red-white path to reach *Bougnonne* at point 1863 and the *Jorasse* chairlift at point 1947. Continue south to *Petit Pré* and its mountain pasture. At the fork in the road at pt 1998, go around the new chairlift and follow the signs for the flower trail to reach *Seya* and its iron cross at pt 2182. The ridge then stretches out its arms to the south along a sometimes steep path. At the *Grande Garde* cross the view is majestic.

The altitude of 2146 m above sea level should not make you give up a magnificent descent through a sparse forest in the direction of *Odonne*, staying permanently on your left at each junction. From *Odonne*, go to pt 1587 through the *Forêt de Crête* to reach the cantonal sports centre of *Ovronnaz*. It's done.

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