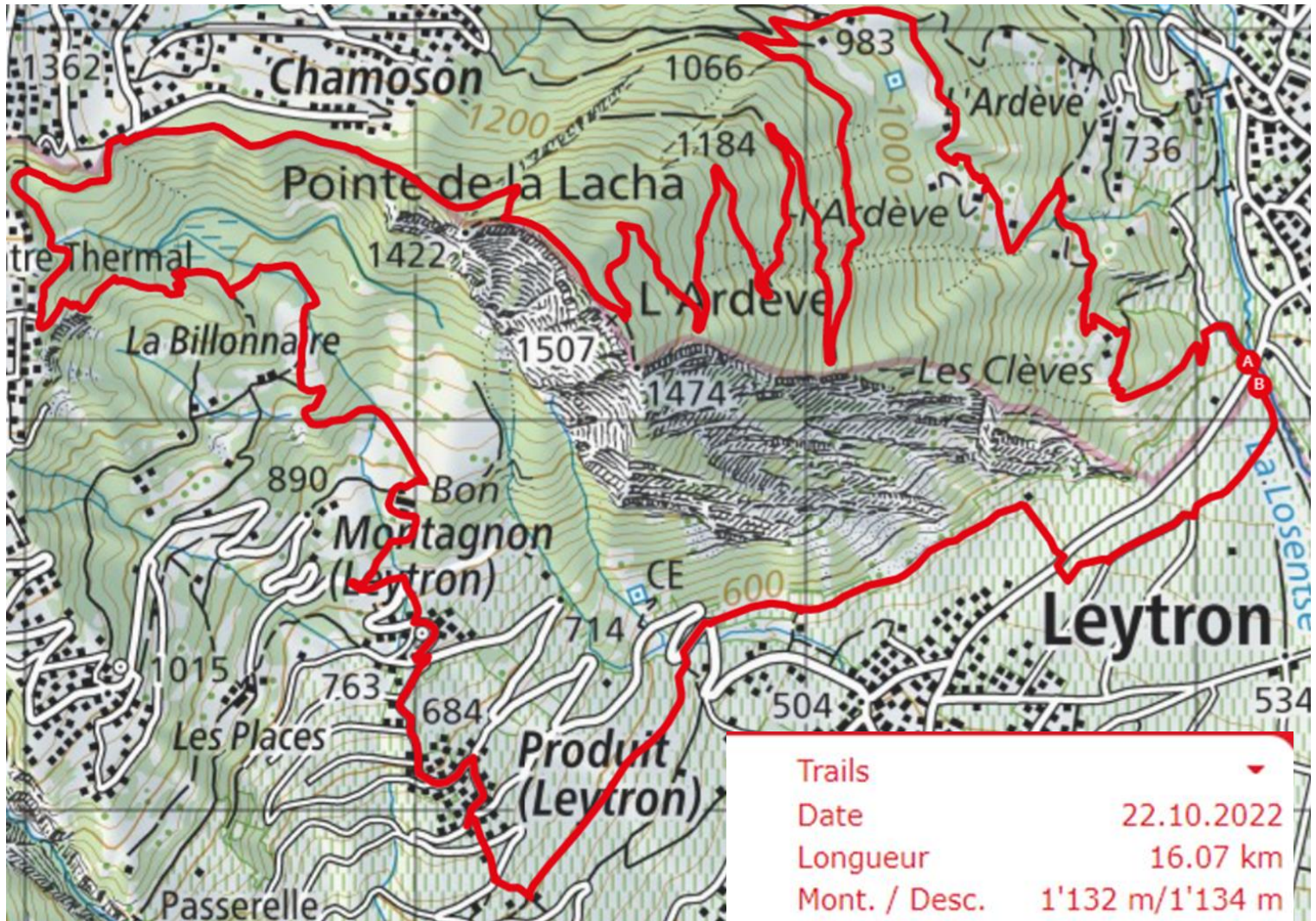


One trail, one summit !

L'Ardève



Trails	
Date	22.10.2022
Longueur	16.07 km
Mont. / Desc.	1'132 m/1'134 m
Alt. min/max	533 m/1'487 m
A pied en été	5 h 53 min



Location: Right bank of the *Rhône* above *Leytron*.

Description: technically average trail with an aerial part on the summit ridge not recommended for people afraid of heights. The summit can be avoided by passing through the *Mayens de Chamoson*. The route is a mountain path T3 going from the plain to the summit of the *Ardève* in a very interesting geological setting. Easy orientation and well marked paths but sometimes dangerous if the humidity is too high. The route alternates between deciduous and coniferous trees on a path overlooking the plain and its vineyards. The summit remains a long and bushy ridge, populated by larches and junipers. Unique and a real colour festival in autumn.

Total length: 31 km-effort

Altitude: between 533 m and 1487 m

National excursion map 1:25'000: Ovronnaz 1305

Best period: June to October

Rating: XS

Useful information: Sticks are useful in the first part of the trail. Orientation is not a problem, as the trails are well marked in yellow, but a map is always a guarantee of safety on this kind of route.

Course

Use the roadside in the vineyards to the east of *Chamoson* (2'583'125 / 1'116'157 / 598 m) and follow the signpost to the *Ardève*. The path quickly rises in altitude to *Le Clèves*, *La Planche* and the *Mayens de l'Ardève*. The ground markings are outdated and sometimes stuck to the trees. The climb leaves little rest until the dirt road at pt 983. Continue to follow the signs for *l'Ardève* on the same road, which allows for a faster pace. The section below the summit ends with a path warning hikers that this is an aerial section and not suitable for those prone to fear of heights. The view from the summit is impressive over the *Rhône* plain. The ridge leads further northwest to the *Pointe de la Lacha*.

The return

The descent on the north face is littered with roots; the path is steep and requires constant attention. A tricky 15 to 20 metre section requires the use of the handrail, which makes it easier to get through the unstable ground. At the place called *Les Dzardis*, the route runs due south, under the resort of *Ovronnaz*, along the *Torrent de Valeresse* and passes through the pastures of the region. The ground is wet and muddy with roots. The signs for *Montagnon* and then *Produit* are clear. From these villages the path is asphalted and winds through villas and vineyards. At the altitude of 605 m, below the village of *Produit*, turn northeast to the cantonal road at the altitude of 574 m and follow the road for 100 m before joining the path that overlooks *Leytron* in its vineyards to *La Barme*. The rest of the way is signposted to your starting point.

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