

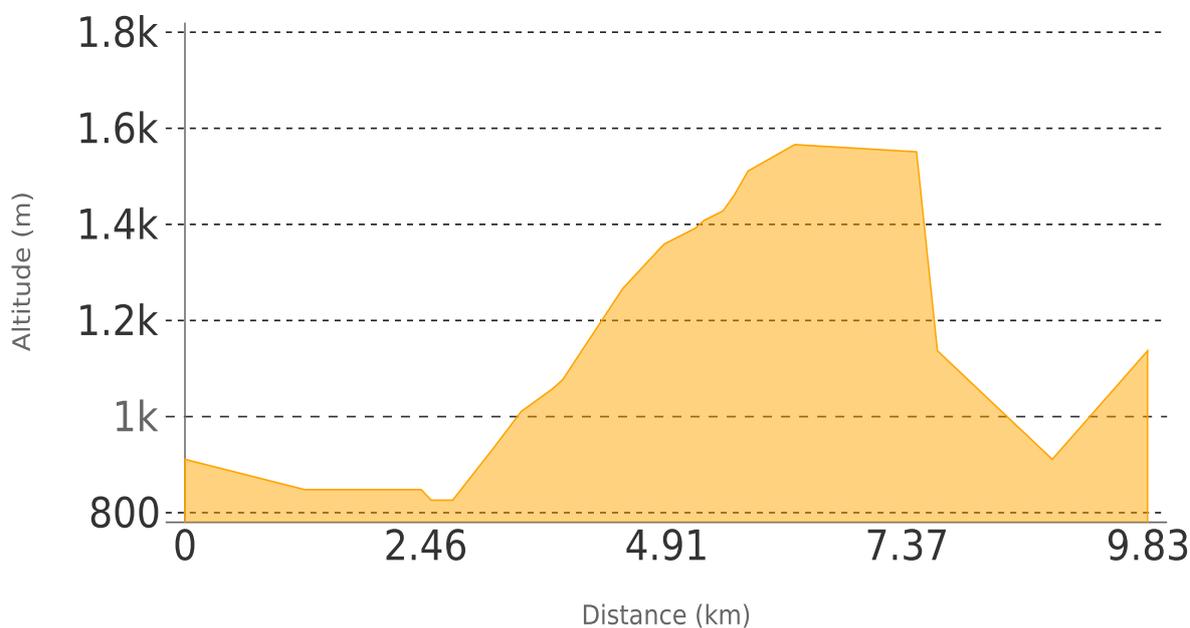
4 - Pont d'Aël ring

Total length	9.8 km
Category	Hiking
Walk time	04:30 (hh:min)
Uphill	800 m
Downhill	800 m
Max height	1567 m
Difficulty by foot	Medium
Coated	7 %
Offroad	25 %
Mountain track	69 %

Description

A demanding but very satisfying itinerary that runs from the extraordinary Pont d'Aël Roman bridge-aqueduct along the side of the river Grand Eyvia valley as far as the area of Aymavilles and from there climbs a steep footpath to the top of Poignon. A very steep descent takes us back to the starting point.

Elevation

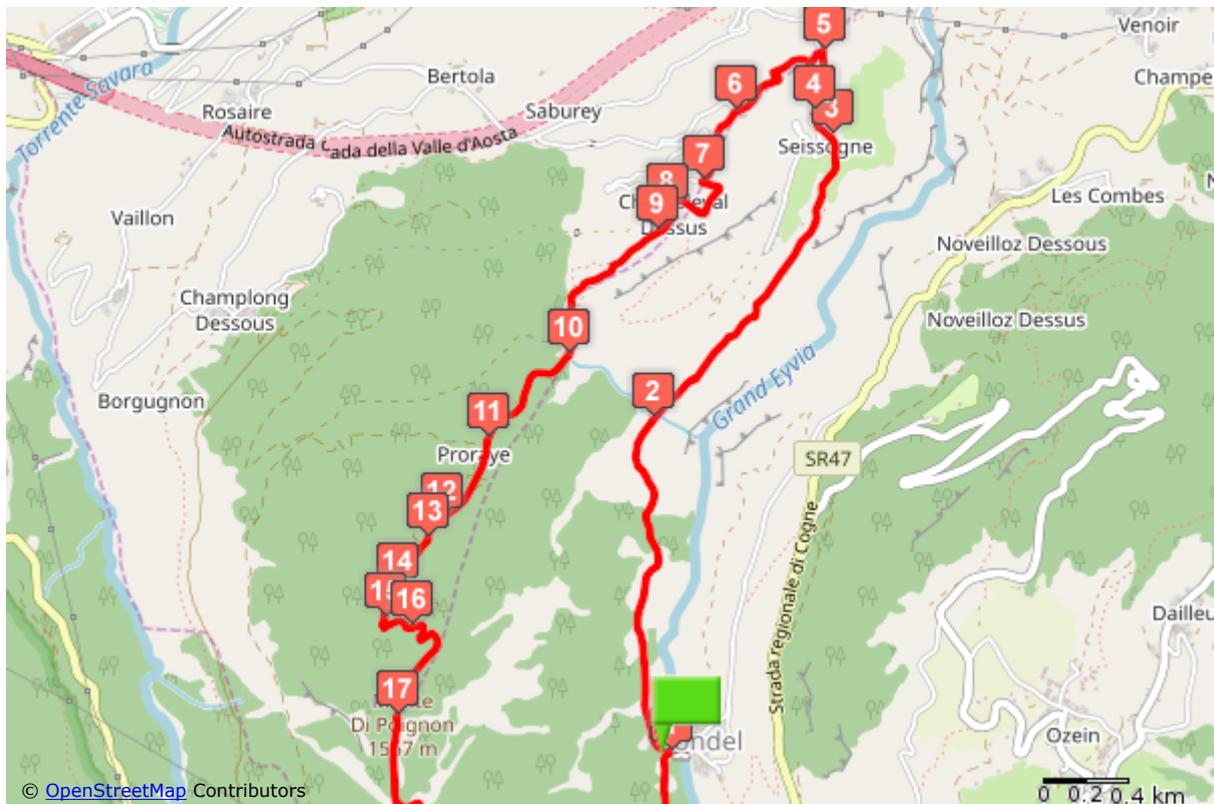


Ref.	Km partial	Km total	Description
	0.0	0.0	at Pont d'Ael we take footpath 2A towards Aymavilles
	1.2	1.2	we go through an evocative stretch of tunnel, which is best done with a torch
	1.2	2.4	we skirt the lovely La Camagne complex and carry straight on
	0.1	2.5	we take an asphalt road downhill

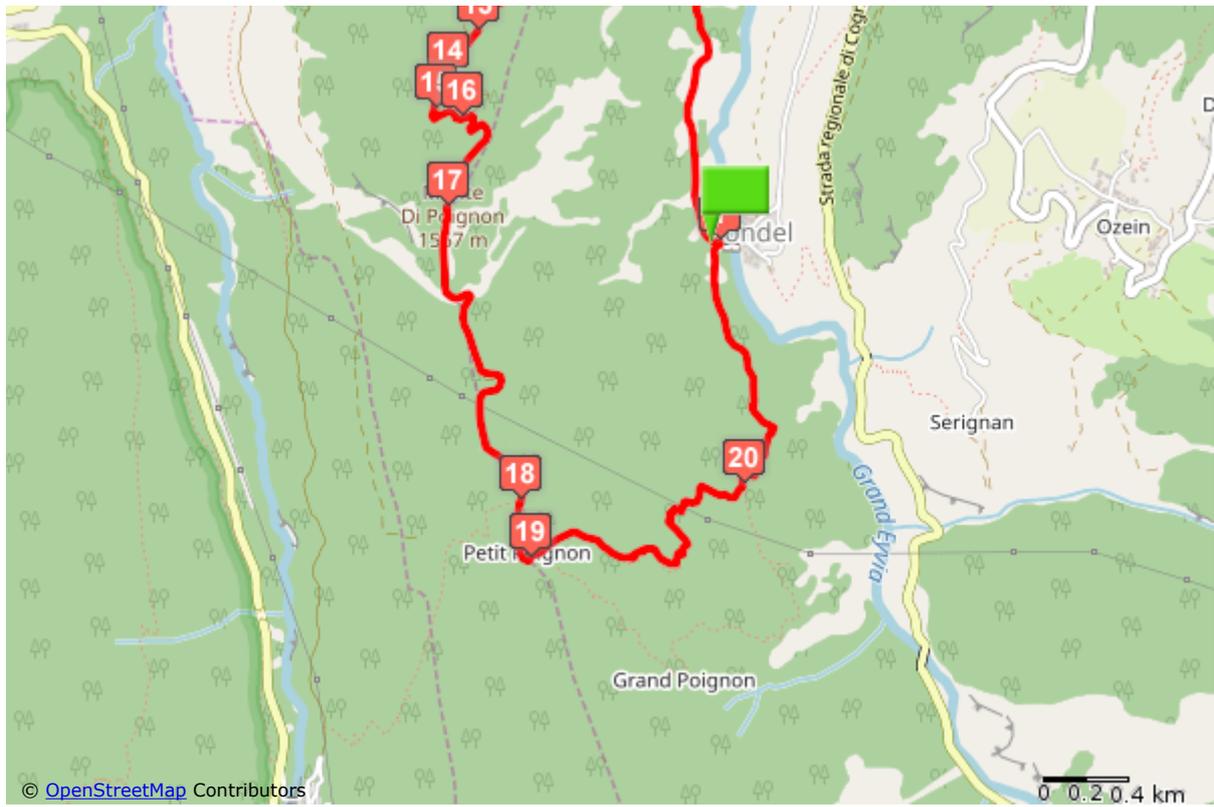
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	0.2	2.7	we come to footpath 2 which we take uphill for Monte Poignon
	0.4	3.2	at Hameau de Champleval Dessus we carry straight on along footpath 2
	0.3	3.4	we take the asphalt road on the left
	0.3	3.8	at Champleval Dessus we go through the village, ignoring the trail sign for itinerary 1
	0.1	3.9	once through the village, at a Y junction we carry straight on up a steep incline past the aquaduct
	0.6	4.5	after a steep climb we come out at the power station reservoir and carry straight on
	0.4	4.9	we go through a wonderful forest and come to a forestry road which we take to the left
	0.3	5.2	we leave the forestry road for a footpath on the left
	0.1	5.3	we go back onto the forestry road
	0.2	5.5	we carry straight on along the footpath
	0.1	5.6	we touch the forestry road and leave it to rejoin the footpath
	0.1	5.7	we come out onto the forestry road and carry straight on
	0.5	6.2	at the top of Monte Poignon we begin the descent on a comfortable forestry road
	1.2	7.5	arriving at a group of cabins we ignore the junction on the right with footpath 2 for Chevrere and carry straight on
	0.2	7.7	after a short descent, we take footpath 2A towards Pont d'Ael
	1.2	8.9	we go down a steep footpath through the brush as far as a T junction where we go left
	1.0	9.8	end



Overview map



Detail map #1



Detail map #2