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# Le Sentier des Bâisseurs (Builders' Path)



7.2 km

350 m

3 h 00

1,480 m  
1,195 m



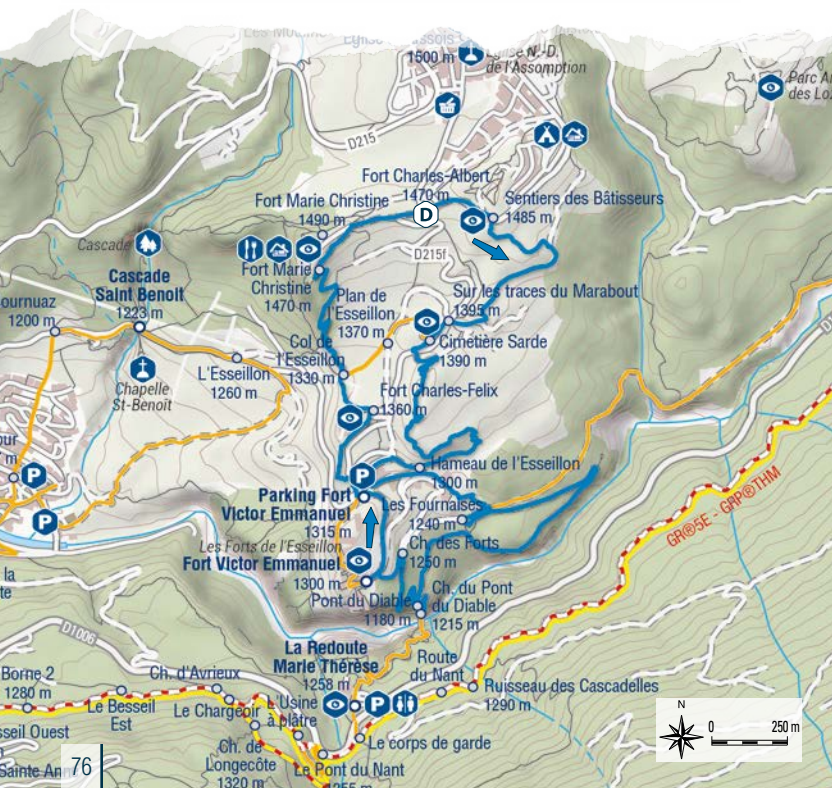
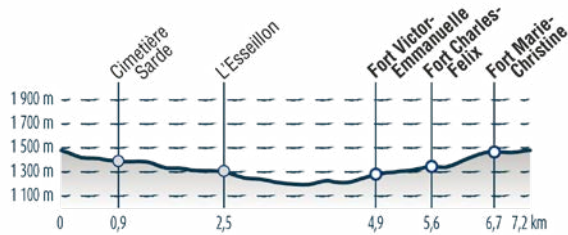
## Access to start point

Aussois, Charles Albert Fort.

From Aussois, RD215f to the Fort. Parking nearby.



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## A Fortifying Story



You are builders of the Forts of Esseillon in 1815, on the gargantuan project launched by the King of Piedmont-Sardinia. Your mission: To guard against French invasion, you must build five forts in just 15 years!



## Along the way

It's not by chance that the Forts de l'Esseillon were built here! Built on a glacial lock at the entrance to the vertiginous Arc Gorges, their role is to protect the border and prevent French troops from passing through.

As you follow the trail that connects the five constructions, you'll be astonished by the ingenuity of those who designed and built these walls. All along the path, you'll come across reading tables that explain how such constructions were built according to the principles of the Marquis de Montalembert.

Structured like a small village, Fort Victor-Emmanuel invites you to stroll through its labyrinthine alleys. You'll get a glimpse of what it was like to be a soldier in those days as you explore the various buildings that shaped their everyday life: chapel, hospital, gunpowder factory, and even... prison and cemetery! It can't have been fun all the time... But luckily, that's no longer the case, as there are now a wide range of activities on offer at this fortress, truly one of a kind in France.



The Esseillon forts - B. Thomas, OT HMV