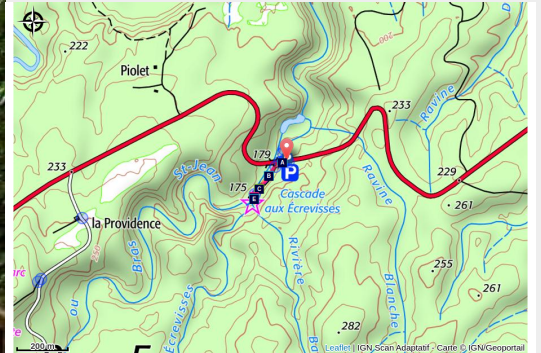


Cascade aux Ecrevisses

Basse-Terre Nord



en chemin pour la Cascade aux Ecrevisses (PNG)



Tropical forest and river: Basse-Terre in a nutshell and accessible to all !

From the Cascade aux Ecrevisses parking area, on the banks of the river Corossol, a paved path will take you through the forest from this specially designed site that is much loved by the locals.

Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 30 min

Length : 0.4 km

Trek ascent : 6 m

Difficulty : Very easy

Type : Return trip

Themes : Relaxation area, River and waterfall

Accessibility : Tourism & Disability

Trek

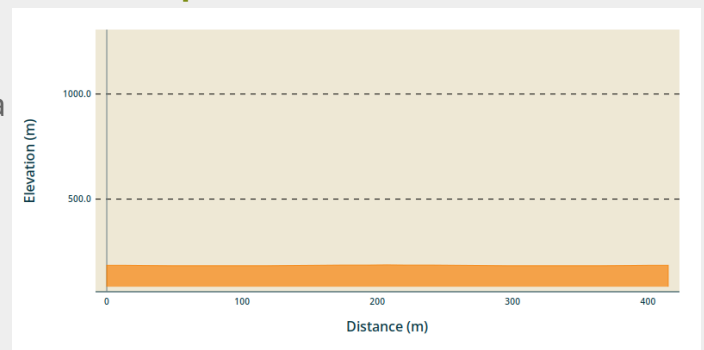
Departure : Cascade aux Ecrevisses parking area

Arrival : Cascade aux Ecrevisses parking area

Markings : ■ PR (short hike network)

Cities : 1. Petit-Bourg

Altimetric profile



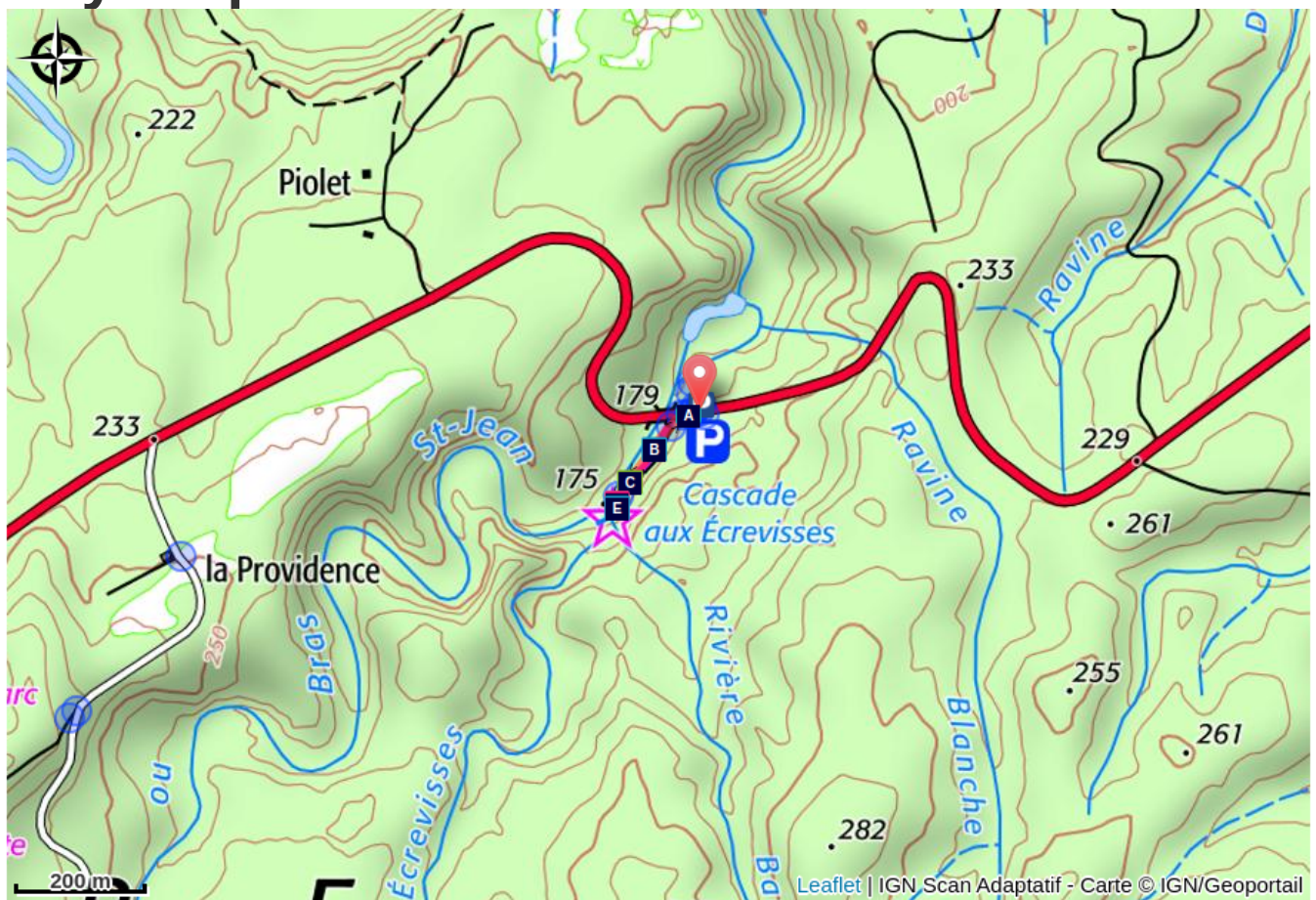
Min elevation 183 m Max elevation 187 m

Hiking trail colour: yellow

At the start of the trail, just outside the main parking area, the information boards allow you a first glimpse into the National Park and provide explanations about the little world of the river.

Head into the forest using the wide, paved trail. Keep going through the forest: the trail wends its way alongside the Corossol river. You will then soon arrive at the end of the trail, where you will find a platform near the waterfall. After enjoying the views, turn around and head back by the same path. On the other side of Route RD23, a special picnic area has been set up next to the main car park.


On your path...




 Information boards (A)

 Sloanea massoni (C)

 Cascade aux Ecrevisses (E)

 Alongside the river... (B)

 Final platform (D)

All useful information

Is in the midst of the park

The national park is an unrestricted natural area but subjected to regulations which must be known by all visitors.

Advices

Caution : if the water level rises, do not attempt to cross the river; wait until it recedes.

Pay attention to cars on Route RD23, as it is a major road.
There are no litter bins on the route, so please be considerate and take your rubbish with you.

Extra care should be taken in this natural environment, as Guadeloupe is prone to natural risks. For the benefit of all hikers, it is very important that you behave responsibly.

Please note: the parking and swimming areas are not supervised.

How to come ?

Transports

"Corossol" bus stop on the RD23 at the main car park.

Access

GPS coordinates of the start point : Lat : 16,17968 N - Long : 61,67994 W.

From Bouillante or Petit-Bourg : take Route RD23, Route de la Traversée. Leave your car at the Cascade aux Ecrevisses parking area, located near the bridge over the Corossol River.

Advised parking

Cascade aux Ecrevisses parking area

Accessibility

Parking access and a path for persons of reduced mobility and the visually impaired (site certified "Tourisme et handicap")



Tourism & Disability

Signage

Panneaux pédagogiques en braille.

Advice

09/2023 : la Maison de la Forêt propose une nouvelle exposition mettant en valeur les patrimoines naturel, culturel et paysager de cette forêt emblématique pour la Guadeloupe.

Information desks

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<http://www.guadeloupe-parcnational.fr/fr/des-decouvertes/ou-sinformer/maison-de-la-foret>



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On your path...



Information boards (A)

At the start of the trail, you can find out more about the area's heritage by consulting the information boards. A panoramic map of the area, also written in Braille, will show you the trail in detail. You can find out everything about the remarkable species at this site including the brown trembler, Guadeloupe woodpecker, ouassous (varieties of shrimp) and cirique crab, to name but a few.

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Alongside the river... (B)

The trail runs along the Corossol river. Here you can hear the gentle ripple of the water as you walk.

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Sloanea massoni (C)

Here, you may also be able to see a quite remarkable tree : the large-leaved Chestnut (*Sloanea massoni*). It can be seen just to the side of the trail. If you see it, you cannot miss it : it is an imposing tree with distinctive buttresses at its bole. As for vegetation, the site of la Cascade aux Ecrevisses in the tropical forest also gives you the chance to see some tree ferns (*Cyathea arborea*).

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Final platform (D)

You then reach a final platform, where you can hear the cool waters of the Cascade aux Ecrevisses, a fine cascade that stands at eight metres high and that flows into the Corossol river. Here, a wooden bench allows you a little respite.

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Cascade aux Ecrevisses (E)

Here is the famous Cascade aux Ecrevisses. The pool at the bottom is very popular for bathing in the river, but be careful because the area is not supervised.

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