

# North of Grande Terre loop

Grande-Terre Nord



(PNG)



*Discover the richness of North Grande Terre throughout the hiking trails of the loop!*

*An exceptional natural environment, a rich history, a little known heritage : a network of emblematic sites, over 3 different stages.*

## Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 3 days

Length : 37.7 km

Trek ascent : 517 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Cross

Themes : Coastline and cliff, Geology, North Grande-Terre circular trail

# Trek

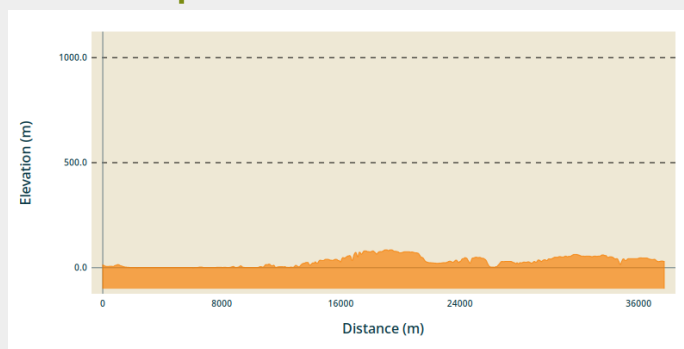
**Departure** : Port-Louis, "Beauport".

**Arrival** : Anse-Bertrand, "Mahaudiere".

**Markings** : 🌲 Coastal trail ➡️ MBT 🗺️ North Grande-Terre circular trail 🟡 PR (short hike network)

**Cities** : 1. Port-Louis  
2. Anse-Bertrand  
3. Petit-Canal

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 0 m Max elevation 85 m

Hiking trail colour: yellow.

- First Stage :

From Port-Louis (Beauport) to Anse-Bertrand (Anse Laborde), passing through the coastline running alongside the bay of Grand Cul-de-Sac Marin.

- Second Stage :

In Anse-Bertrand : from Anse Laborde to La Porte d'Enfer, via La Grande Vigie, northern tip of the Guadeloupe Islands.

- Third Stage :

In Anse Bertrand : from La Porte d'Enfer to La Mahaudiere, following the trail of the cliffs.

Enjoy the hike !

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For more information about the North Grande-Terre loop, check the following webpage : <http://www.randoguadeloupe.gp/informations/partenariats/>









## Stages :






1. From Port-Louis to Anse Laborde (1st stage)  
13.2 km / 69 m D+ / 5 h
2. From Anse Laborde to Porte d'Enfer (2nd stage)  
12.8 km / 273 m D+ / 5 h
3. Trace des Falaises (3d stage)  
11.7 km / 168 m D+ / 5 h





# On your path...



-  Beauport factory (AA)
-  Dispensary (AC)
-  'Yang-Ting' mansion (AE)
-  Main Boulevard (AG)
-  Lighthouse of Port-Louis (AI)
-  Cimetière de Port-Louis (AK)
-  Pointe des Mangles (AM)
-  Batterie Pointe d'Antigue (AO)
-  Saint-Pierre (AQ)
-  La Mare Indigo (AS)
-  Cimetières d'Anse-Bertrand (AU)
-  Débarcadère d'Anse-Bertrand (AW)
-  Ravine Sable (AY)

-  Chapelle de la Piéta (AB)
-  Port-Louis Mairie (AD)
-  Palais de Justice (AF)
-  Eglise de Port-Louis (AH)
-  Plage du Souffleur (AJ)
-  'Chimen Kas Moustach' (AL)
-  Chapelle (AN)
-  Pointe d'Antigue (AP)
-  Anse Colas (AR)
-  Plage de La Chapelle (AT)
-  Eglise d'Anse-Bertrand (AV)
-  Ancienne prison (AX)
-  Anse Laborde (AZ)

-  Trou de Man Louis (BA)
-  Caribbean site (BC)
-  Pointe de la Grande Vigie (BE)
-  Savane Desrosières (BG)
-  Anse Pistolet (BI)

-  'Yaya' (BB)
-  Pointe Montagnier (BD)
-  Petite Tortue (BF)
-  Couloir de Budan - St Jacques (BH)

# All useful information

## **AdVICES**

Please respect the signs and the environment !  
Please follow specific recommendations for each stage.

## **How to come ?**

### Transports

Le Conseil Régional assure le réseau de transport interurbain avec des lignes de bus qui desservent tout l'archipel, par secteur géographique.

Voir : <https://www.regionguadeloupe.fr/les-actions-regionales/transport-interurbain/#>  
-> Pointe-à-Pitre / Abymes / Morne à l'Eau / Petit-Canal / Port-Louis / Anse-Bertrand :  
**lignes 102 et 112.**

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Toute l'année, les lignes du Transports Urbains du Nord Grande-Terre (TUNGT) desservent la Boucle, permettant de rejoindre le point de départ ou de quitter facilement le sentier.

**Lignes : U6 et U9.**

Pour plus d'informations, consultez le site <https://cangt.monbus.mobi> ou contactez le TUNGT :

48 Boulevard Rougé – 97160 Le Moule  
tél : 0590 20 64 08.

Ouvert le lundi, mardi, jeudi et vendredi de 9h à 16h et le mercredi de 9h à 13h.

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En Guadeloupe, 2 applications pour le covoiturage :

Dépozé : <https://depoze.fr>

KAROS : <https://www.karos.fr>

### Access

RN6 road, between Port-Louis and Petit Canal : head towards the "lycee" and the "usine" of Beauport. Follow the signs "Beauport, pays de la canne", departure of the North Grande Terre loop.

### Advised parking

Departure parking : Port-Louis (Beauport). Arrival Parking : Anse-Bertrand (Mahaudière).

## Information desks

### Office de tourisme intercommunal "Le Nord Guadeloupe"

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<http://www.lenordguadeloupe.com>



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Rando Guadeloupe

<https://www.randoguadeloupe.gp/>

# On your path...

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## Beauport factory (AA)

The Beauport factory, established in 1863 on the site of the Beauport sugar-works, over 70 years managed more than 8000 hectares in northern Grande-Terre, and fed a dynamic network of railway lines.

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## Chapelle de la Piéta (AB)

200m north of the road, the Chapelle de la Piéta, can be found inside the mill of the Beauport residence.

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## Dispensary (AC)

An ancient dispensary, built by Ali Tur after the cyclone in 1928.

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## Port-Louis Mairie (AD)

The Port-Louis Mairie (Town Hall), originally built on the coastline and destroyed in 1928, was rebuilt by Corbin during the 1930s.

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## 'Yang-Ting' mansion (AE)

The historic Yang-Ting mansion, restored by the Port-Louis Tourism Office.

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### Palais de Justice (AF)

The former Palais de Justice, built by Ali Tur in the early 1930s, on the site of the old Mairie (town hall).

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### Main Boulevard (AG)

Boulevard de Port-Louis, historical axis of the town since the eighteenth century.

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### Eglise de Port-Louis (AH)

The Church and its square, originally built in 1725, destroyed three times in the nineteenth century, but always rebuilt in the same place.

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### Lighthouse of Port-Louis (AI)

The lighthouse, symbol of Port-Louis harbour.

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### Plage du Souffleur (AJ)

The Plage du Souffleur, a historical area in Port-Louis and famous seaside centre in Guadeloupe.

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### Cimetière de Port-Louis (AK)

The Port-Louis cemetery with its variety of graves. The car-park at Port-Louis cemetery, heading northwards along the beach, joins on to that of the Conservatoire du Littoral '*Tras Kas Moustach*'.

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### 'Chimen Kas Moustach' (AL)

Route of the Conservatoire du Littoral Tras Kas Moustach, to explore the Port-Louis marshes, joins the main axis at the Pointe des Mangles.

*Beware : access not recommended to the boardwalk (currently damaged).*

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### Pointe des Mangles (AM)

The Pointe des Mangles, where the sea and the waters of the marsh come together.

A fishing spot, but also a spiritual 'démaré' (rebirth) bathing area, not far from the ornithological hide.

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### Chapelle (AN)

The chapel of Notre Dame des Marais, or 'Chapèl Kilibwa', is one of a network of coastal chapels of the Côte sous le Vent in north Grande-Terre.

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### Batterie Pointe d'Antigue (AO)

The buried remains of the old battery of Pointe d'Antigue, the advanced defence post of Port-Louis harbour.



### Pointe d'Antigue (AP)

Pointe d'Antigue or 'Gros Kay', a strategic rocky peak and unique viewpoint embracing the whole 'Gran V', the Grand Cul-de-Sac Marin.

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### Saint-Pierre (AQ)

Secondary circuit around the Saint-Pierre residence, a large coastal housing area to the north of the marshes.

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## Anse Colas (AR)

Anse Colas, a lagoon set in a rocky inlet is an area for meeting up and relaxing, at the border of the Anse-Bertrand and Port-Louis areas.

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## La Mare Indigo (AS)

La Mare Indigo, a stone's throw from the coast, is a witness to the human resonance between savanna, undergrowth and gardens. *(Mare Indigo can be seen 150m to the east of the main path)*

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## Plage de La Chapelle (AT)

The Plage de la Chapelle, lively and welcoming, was the historical start of the Anse in the eighteenth century (traces of the original religious foundation remain).

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## Cimetières d'Anse-Bertrand (AU)

The two cemeteries in Anse-Bertrand are temporal markers of the coastal development of its past.

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## Eglise d'Anse-Bertrand (AV)

The Church and its square, the heart of the town opening out to the 'cove at Bertrand'.

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## Débarcadère d'Anse-Bertrand (AW)

The old water-tanks, or ways of storing water, and the former landing stage are relics of the maritime relations between the town, Port-Louis and Pointe-à-Pitre, still in use at the beginning of the twentieth century.

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## Ancienne prison (AX)

The former prison, built on the eve of the abolition of slavery in the middle of the nineteenth century, is located on the Boulevard, in the historic fishermen's district.

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## Ravine Sable (AY)

Ravine Sable, anchor point of the cove's maritime culture, benefits from both its valuable wetlands and the rich birdlife, at the foot of the cliffs.

*NB: ornithological observatory on the area (opened on October 2017 by the Anse-Bertrand Community and the National Park)*

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## Anse Laborde (AZ)

Anse Laborde, a renowned seaside cove, starting point of the northern cliffs.

It is bordered by the Pointe de la Petite Vigie, advanced sentinel of the urban stretch of water.

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## Trou de Man Louis (BA)

The only accessible beach with Anse Laborde on this side, barely visible from the cliffs (on the leeward side); the place for cliff fishing, including for 'bougo' (shellfish).

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## 'Yaya' (BB)

Yaya is a mystical space to the north of the village, where you may encounter spirits and other beings (mentioned in the story of Man Koko).

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## Caribbean site (BC)

The site of the village of the last Caribbeans in Guadeloupe, until the beginning of the twentieth century, in the heart of what was then known as the Caribbean Reserve.

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### Pointe Montagnier (BD)

A rare viewpoint of this part of the cliffs, open to the Caribbean Sea and the Canal de la Guadeloupe.

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### Pointe de la Grande Vigie (BE)

Pointe de la Grande Vigie, with its parking area and its double pathway to explore the site, going towards the point.

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### Petite Tortue (BF)

Pointe de la Petite Tortue, a cliff overhang shaped like the head of a turtle.

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### Savane Desrosières (BG)

Savane Desrosières : vast space of the Caribbean Reserve, with its pools and grazing land, open to the never-ending movement of the Atlantic waves.

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### Couloir de Budan - St Jacques (BH)

The end of the Anse-Bertrand plateau, where we see a row of the more northerly sugar works of eighteenth century Guadeloupe, including those of Budan and St Jacques.

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### Anse Pistolet (BI)

The Pointe de la Grande Vigie's only maritime access and the natural entrance to the south-west plain from the eighteenth century onwards, L'Anse Pistolet nestles between the cliffs occupied by the Amerindians millennia ago.

*(The Anse is visible 400m to the north of the main road).*

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