

# Loosthal nature trail

Pays de Hanau - Neuwiller-lès-Saverne



*DISCOVER THE NATURAL TREASURES OF THE PAYS DE LA PETITE PIERRE THANKS TO OUR INTERPRETATION TRAIL*

## ***A fragile beauty***

*Here you are at the entrance to the Northern Vosges Natura 2000 site and the La Petite-Pierre National Game and Wildlife Reserve. This is a rare and protected natural environment. Please respect it. To get the most out of your visit, try to soak up the forest atmosphere ...*

This refreshing forest trail will allow you to admire splendid views but also to discover amazing species of trees. An ideal walk for the whole family!

## **Useful information**

Practice : Walking

Duration : 1 h 20

Length : 4.1 km

Trek ascent : 117 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Point de vue

# Trek

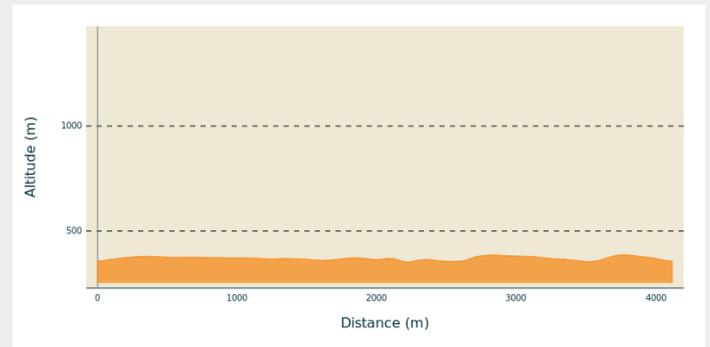
**Departure** : Forest house of Loosthal - GORNA

**Arrival** : Forest house of Loosthal - GORNA

**Markings** :  Club Vosgien

**Cities** : 1. Neuwiller-lès-Saverne  
2. La Petite-Pierre

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 352 m Max elevation 386 m

Complete guide book [here for download](#)

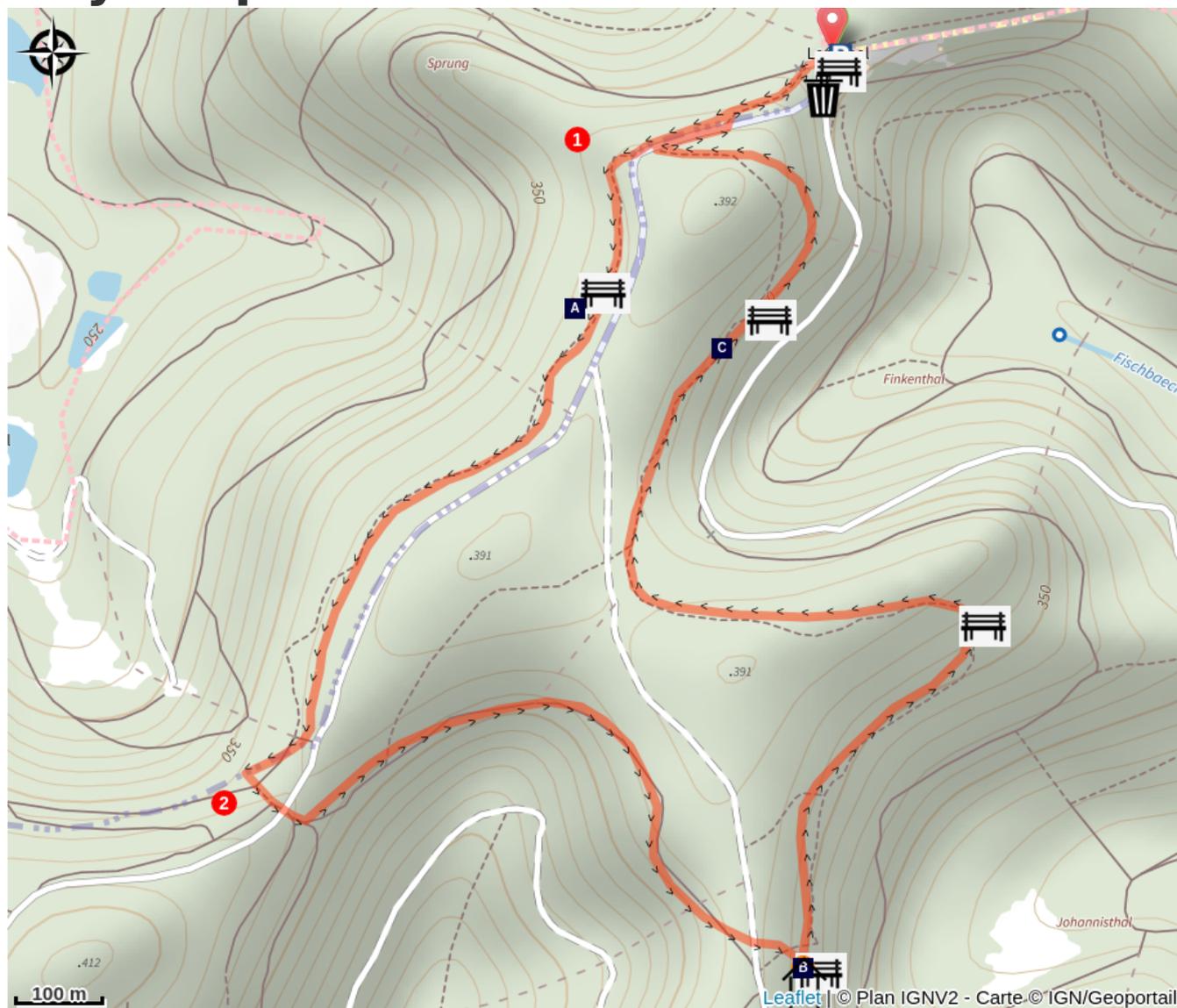
Possibility to buy the paper version by contacting the Park or the Tourist Office of La Petite Pierre

Exit the car park by the forest path below the Breitschloss forest road, then climb the stairs and continue on the road.

Leave the road to take the yellow ring trail on the right, then turn left. Further, take the path on the right to admire a beautiful view of La Petite-Pierre. Take the signposted path and turn right at the marker marked 21 to admire a second point of view. Resume the trail following the yellow ring tags.

At the junction, climb the path to the left. Cross the road and join the place called Lach. Follow the yellow ring markers to the Hirschfels, then continue on the path through the Loosthal Rock. Continue on the path to the stairs. Get off on the road then take the stairs to re-borrow the forest path and join the parking lot.

# On your path...



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# All useful information

## **AdVICES**

Carte IGN : 3714 ET

En cas de problème, composer le 112. Attention, le secteur peut ne pas être couvert par la réception des téléphones mobiles.

Avant de commencer cette promenade, assurez-vous d'être en assez bonne condition physique pour enjamber de potentiels troncs d'arbres couchés sur le chemin.

Attention, l'escalier à la fin de la promenade qui permet de rejoindre la route forestière du Breitschloss peut être glissant par temps humide.

## **How to come ?**

### Transports

- Gares TER les plus proches : Obermodern, Ingwiller (ligne TER Strasbourg – Sarreguemines-Sarrebruck)
- Gare TGV la plus proche : Saverne (ligne TGV Paris-Strasbourg et lignes TER)
- Itinéraires en Alsace : [www.vialsace.eu](http://www.vialsace.eu)

### Access

From La Petite-Pierre, take the D7 towards Ingwiller then take the D134 right to Loosthal.

### Advised parking

Loosthal Forest House Parking

**i Information desks**

**Tourist Office of Hanau - La Petite Pierre**

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## 🌿 La Petite-Pierre Viewpoint (A)

A very nice view on La Petite-Pierre on the right, Imsthal below and on the Vosges hills bristling with trees in front.

Attribution : PNRVN - A.Serylo

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## 🌿 Rocher de Hirschfels (B)

The geological movements of the deformation of the Vosges have caused numerous fractures in the sandstone. It is through these zones of weakness in the rocky masses that runoff water infiltrates and enlarges the cracks in the course of time, sometimes causing the detachment of whole sections of rocks that slide down the slopes. Their remains can still be found today in the forest, as small isolated rocks, of which the Hirschfels is an example.

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## 🌿 Rocher du Loosthal (C)

In good weather, this magnificent viewpoint on the Vosges hills bristling with trees allows to see the castle of Hunebourg, on the left.

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