

20250415_Pontarlier-LaCluse

↔ 9 km

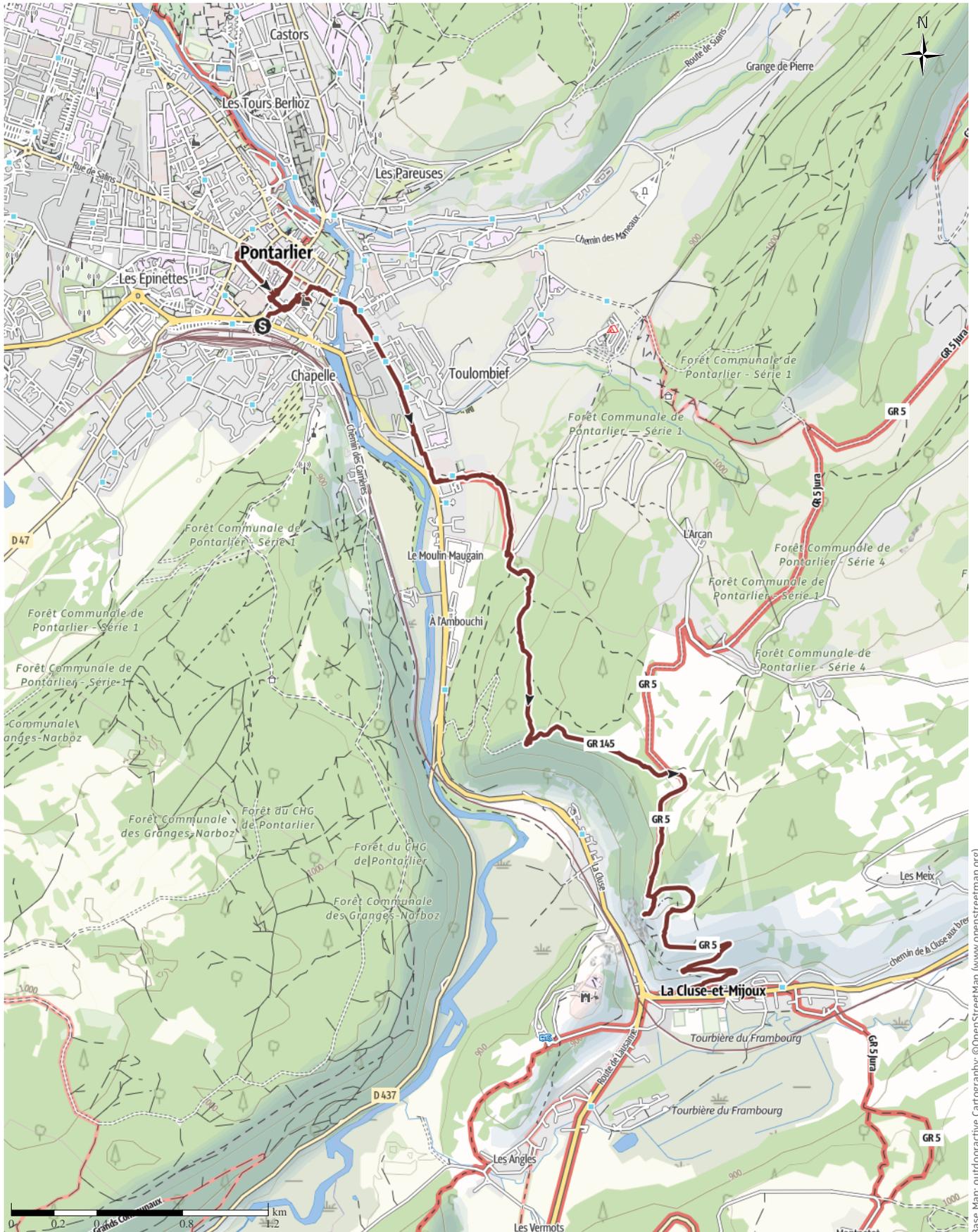
🕒 2:45 h

▲ 234 m

▼ 204 m

Difficulty

moderate

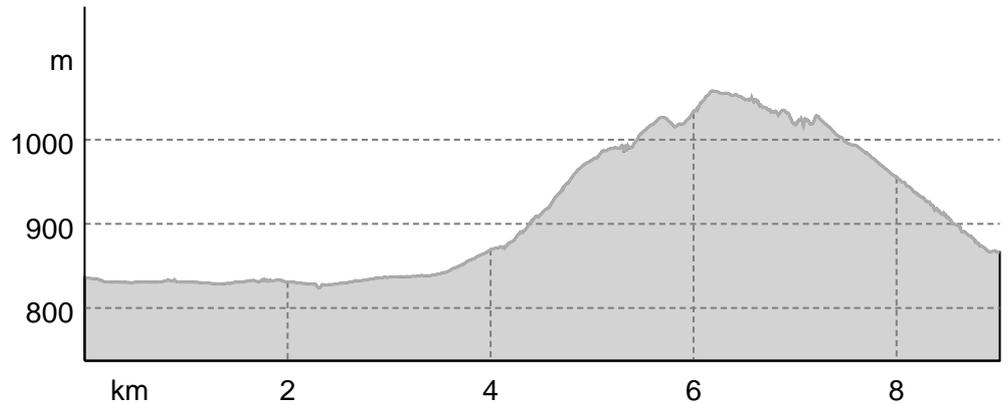


Base Map: outdooractive Cartography. ©OpenStreetMap (www.openstreetmap.org)

Track types

Length 9 km

Elevation profile



route data

Pilgrim Walk

Distance 9 km

Duration 2:45 h

Ascent 234 m

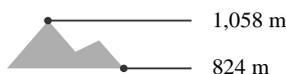
Descent 204 m

Difficulty moderate

Stamina

Technique

Altitude



Best time of year

JAN | FEB | MAR
 APR | MAY | JUN
 JUL | AUG | SEP
 OCT | NOV | DEC

Ratings

Authors

Experience

Landscape

Community

More route data



Angus Carrick

Update: April 17, 2025

From Pontarlier, around the town, and then up through the woods to walk a short stretch of the VFF47 to

La Cluse et Mijoux.

We set off from home by train to Pontarlier, and had a look around the town as we waited for the Tourist Office to open. We did get a pilgrim stamp, but very little other information! Pontarlier occupies the ancient Roman station of Ariolica, on the road from Urba (modern Orbe,) to Vesontio (modern Besançon). We visited the church of Saint Bénigne, whose origins are unknown, but was certainly an important transit point in the 11th century. Afterwards we sat next to one of the town gates (it was being renovated and covered in scaffolding) and ate some delicious pastries we had bought from a local bakery. We set off through the

town, across the river and up into the hillside, where we discovered a notice board describing the route along the Jura from Mandeuze to Culoz, the GTJ, which we were going to cross, and we in fact joined a section of the GR5 for a few kilometers. We walked through the forest on fairly steep and stony forest tracks to a spectacular viewpoint, the Belvédère du Fer à Cheval, looking out on the Chateau de Joux. After enjoying the view and sharing it by video call to a grandchild, we continued on up through the forest until we joined the much wider and better made route of the GR5, part of the Jura Route. This led us to Fort Mahler, where we saw a few other walkers, including a German going to Barcelona, and a family of cyclists. From there, it was gently widening down to the Eglise Saint-Pierre de la cluse et Mijoux, where Sue got a stamp from the Mairie, and the information that no one knew the bus times to Switzerland. After consulting the on-line SBB App, we decided to take several busses and trains back to Bern. We got some sandwiches from a local café/bakery, and waited at the bus stop for the bus to Switzerland, which arrived on time. The trip back went without a hitch, giving us a scenic tour of the valley of Traver.

For more information and photos, see Angus&Sue's

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website

Roadbook

Starting point / trailhead

Pontalier

Coordinates:

DD: 46.901062, 6.353766

DMS: 46°54'03.8"N 6°21'13.6"E

UTM: 32T 298451 5197569

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Point of arrival

La Cluse et Mijoux

Protected areas

Biosphere reserve

Corniches Calcaires Du Département Du Doubs

Takeaway route for iPhone and Android



Scan QR code, save this route offline, share with friends and more...

Website

<https://out.ac/1a0x4E>

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Chateau de Joux

Photo: Angus Carrick, Community

Legend

Topography

	Wood, forest
	Moor, swamp, marsh
	Heath
	Residential area with single building
	Industrial area with single building
	Cemetery
	Golf course
	Sportsfield, stadium
	Stadium
	Open-air pool
	Vineyard
	Petrograph
	Country border
	State border
	District border
	Contour line
	Special use area
	Nature reserve

Topographic signs

	Summit cross
	Elevation point
	Rock
	Cave
	Church
	Chapel
	Cemetery
	Palace/Castle
	Abbey
	Monument
	Ruin
	Mine
	Cairn
	Broadcasting tower
	Windwheel
	Water-/windmill
	Viewpoint

Road and track

	Motorway
	Highway
	Statal road
	Road
	Main agricultural road
	Agricultural road
	Trail
	Via Ferrata

Lifts and railway

	Ropeway lift
	Gondola lift
	Chairlift
	Ski-, draglift
	Aerial ropeways
	Railway
	Suburban train
	Subway
	Tram
	Railway station