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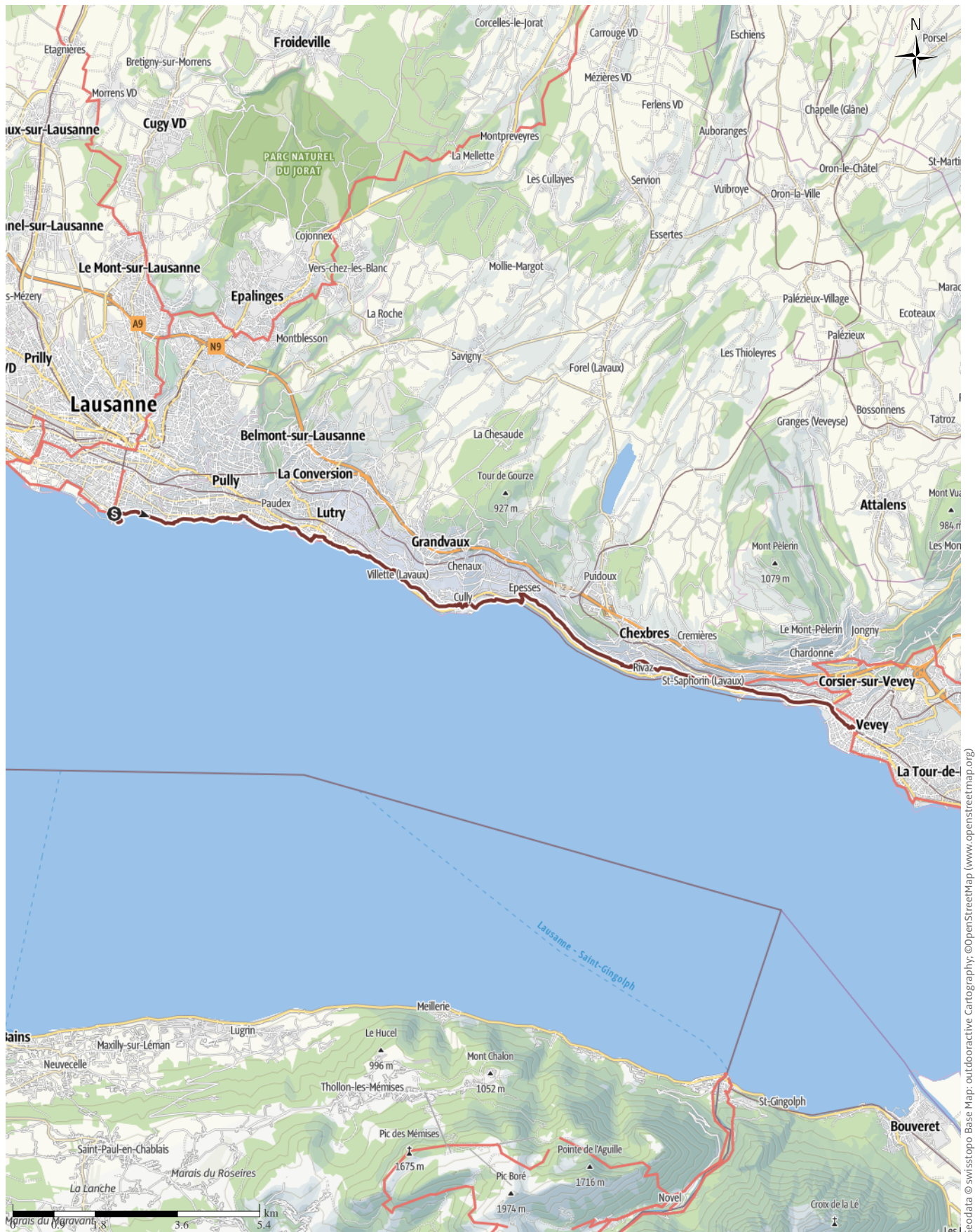
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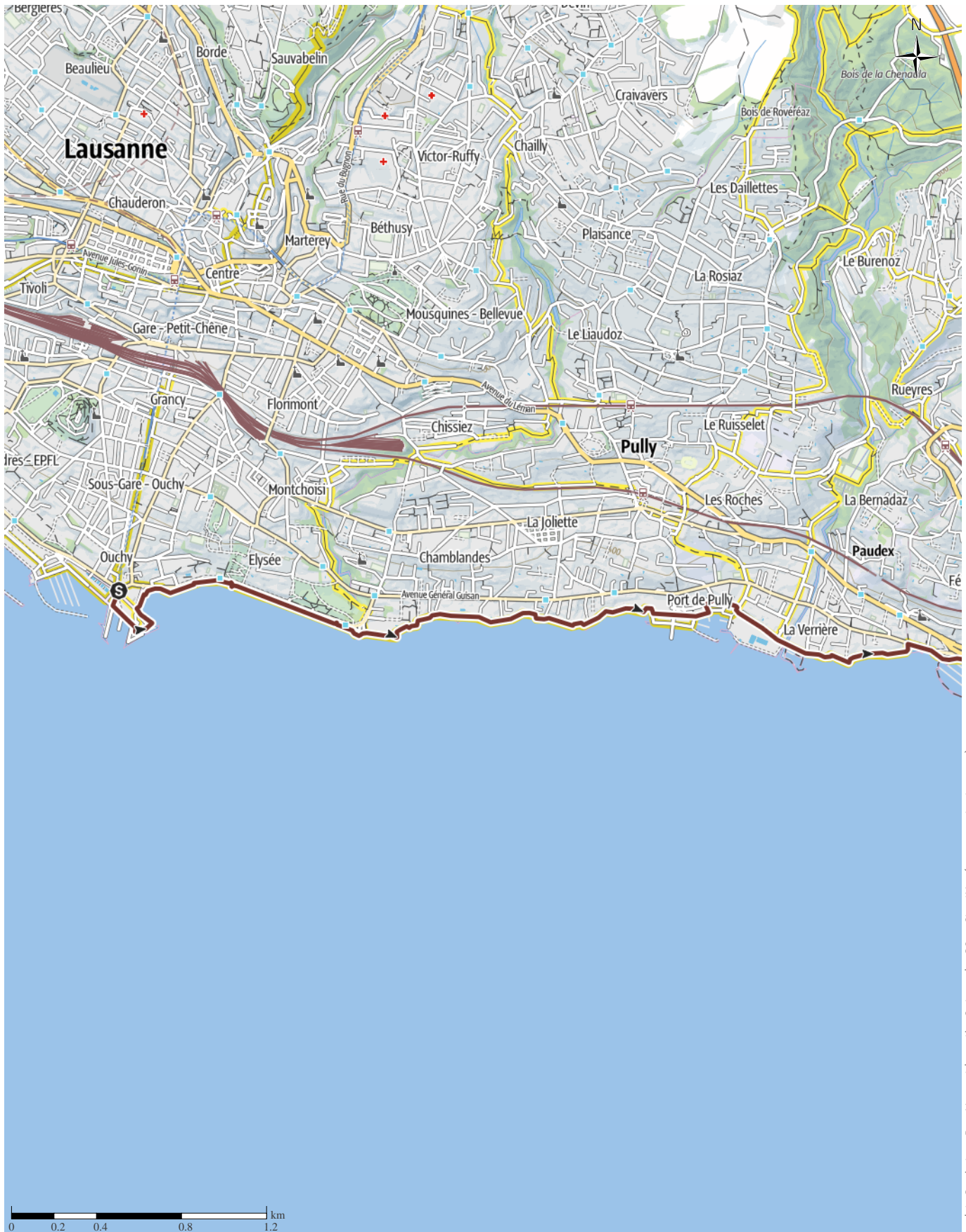
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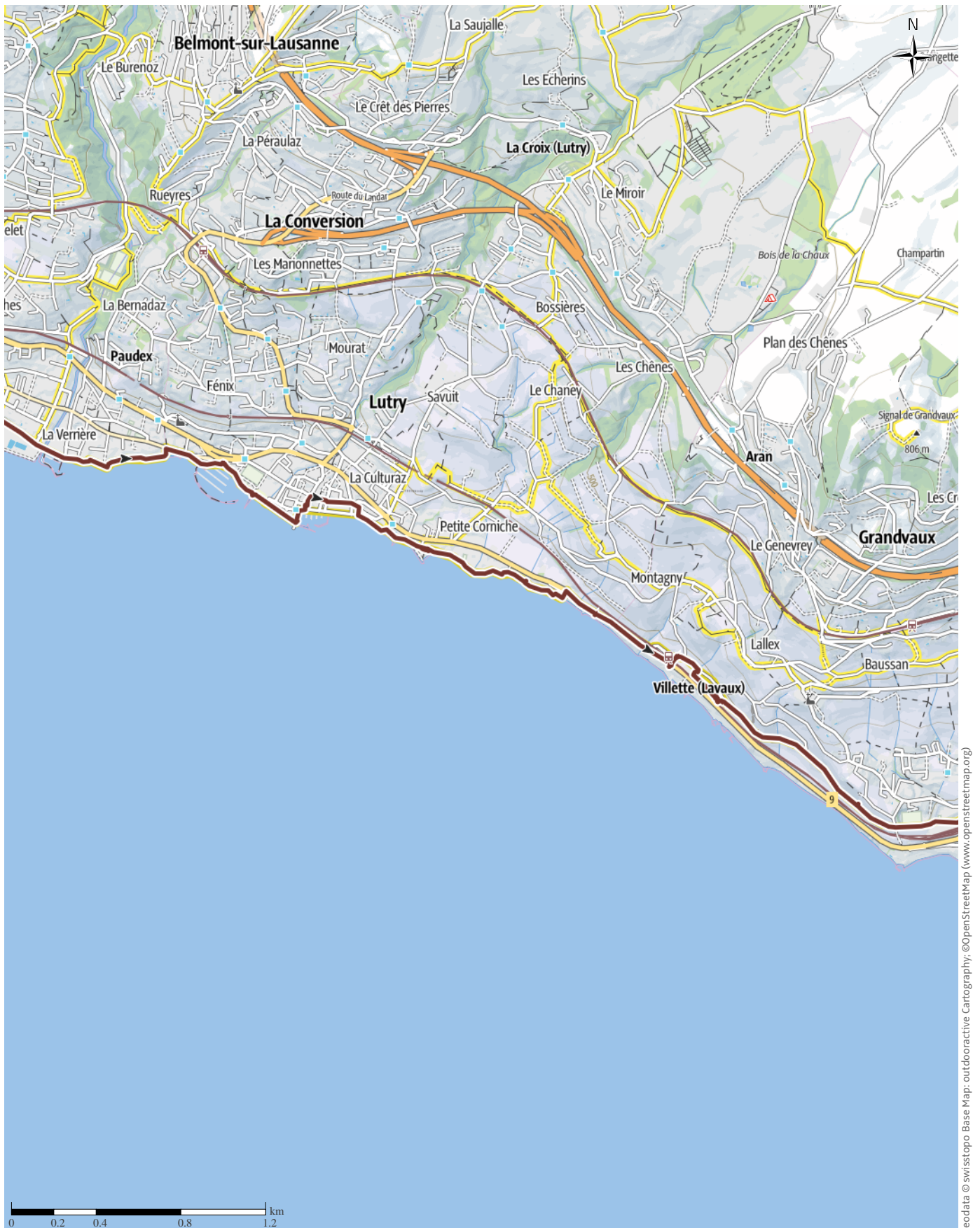
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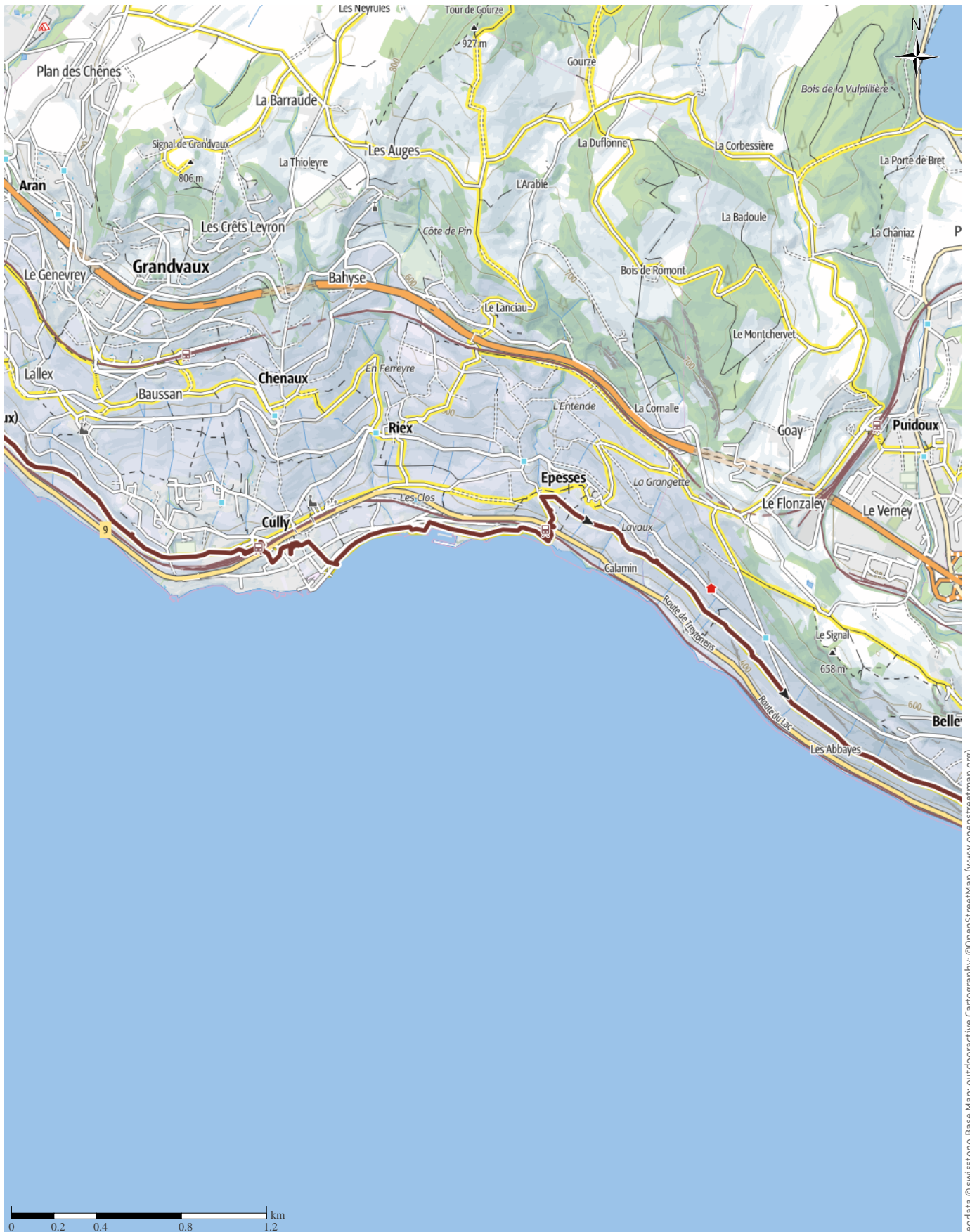
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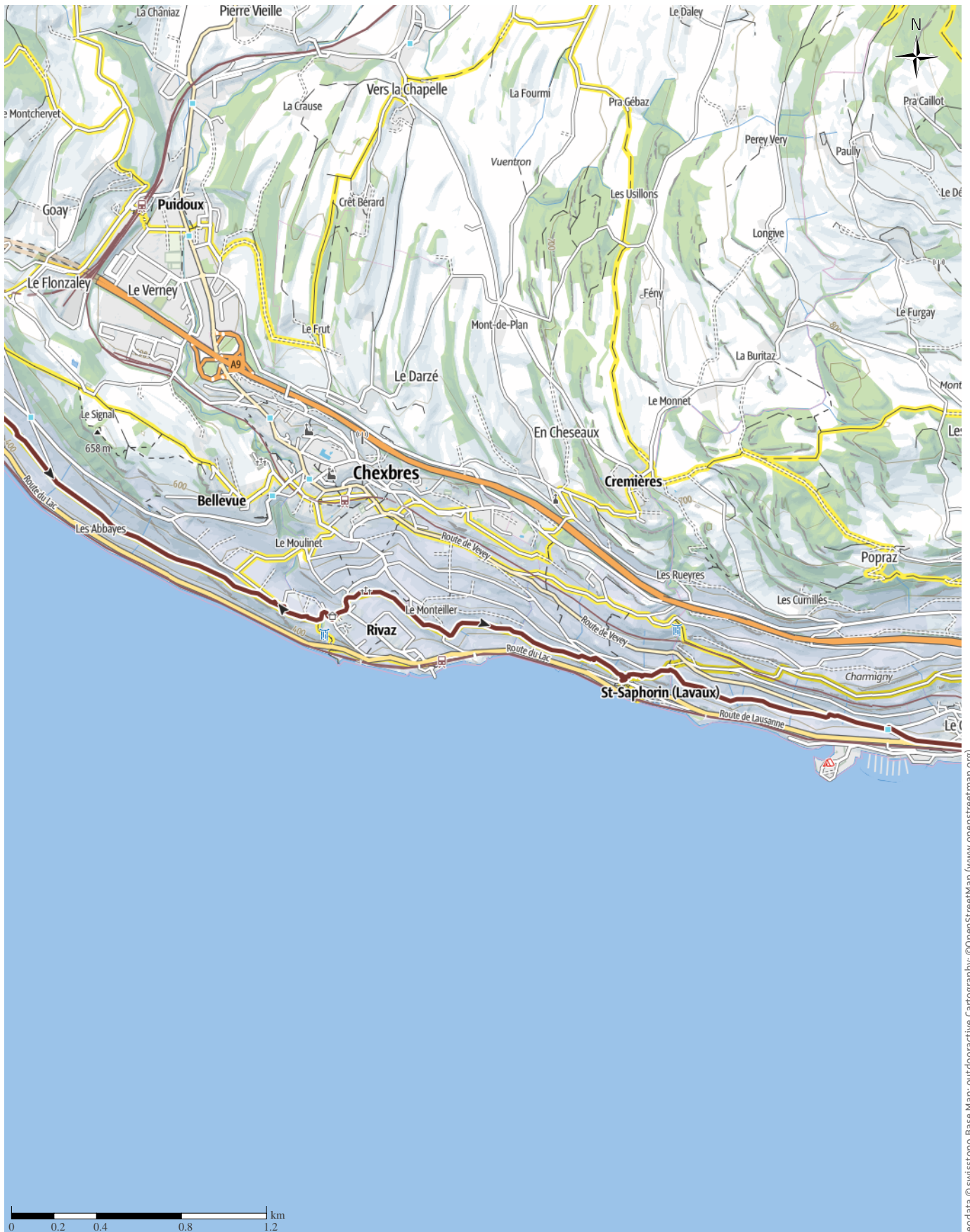
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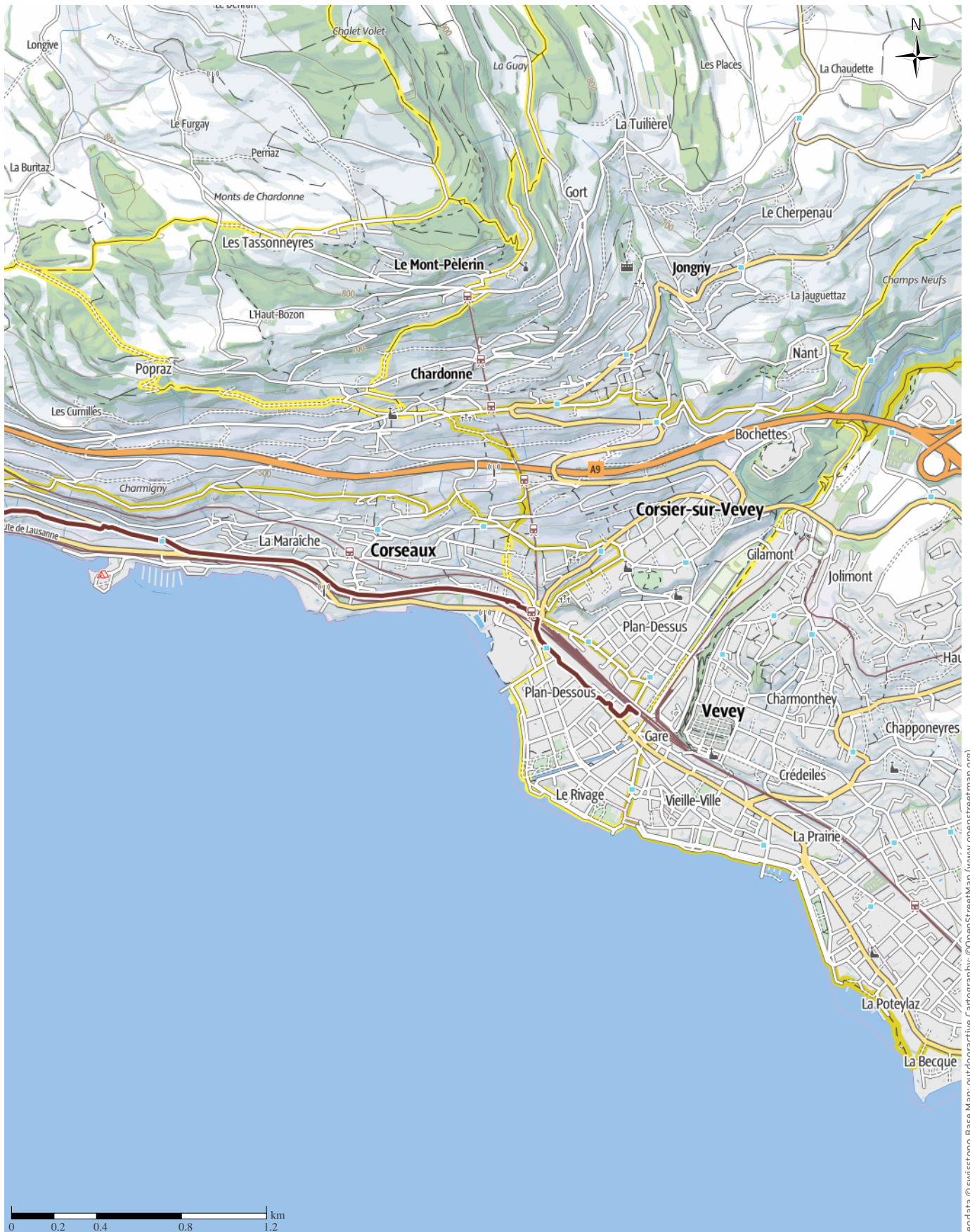
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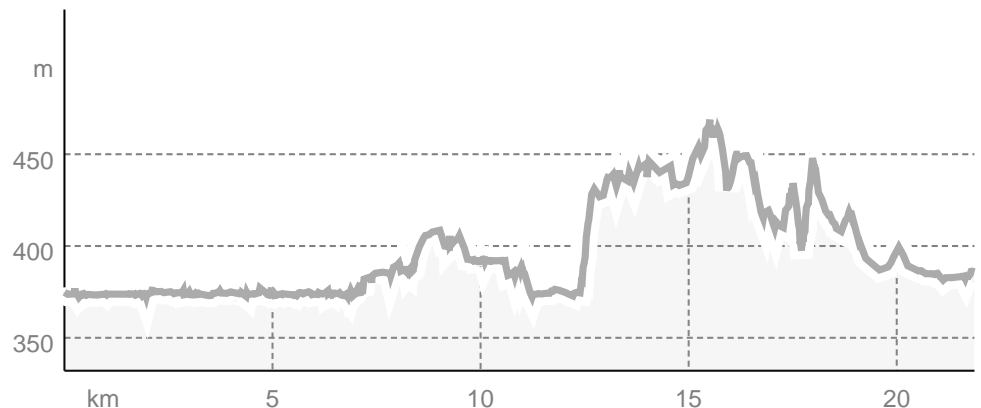
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Track types

Length 21.9 km

Elevation profile



route data

Pilgrim Walk

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Duration ⌚ 5:50 h

Ascent ▲ 186 m

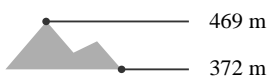
Descent ▼ 171 m

Difficulty difficult

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

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From the quays in Ouchy, the Via Francigena runs along the banks of Lake Geneva to Villette, before winding its way through the Lavaux Terraces, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, offering a superb view across Lake Geneva.

**** Beware of heat stroke walking through the vineyards! ****

We took the train back to Lausanne, and walked down to Ouchy quays, searching in vain for the Tourist Office. There was only an empty glass office where it had been, so we obtained a stamp from the CGN ticket office. We followed the promenade from the Chateau d'Ouchy and the ship harbour to the Place du Général Guisan. There is one magnificent garden after another along the quayside: the Olympic Park, the Elysée and the Parc du Denantou. We continued along the shore, enjoying the

cool breeze and the lapping of the waves, passing through the occasional village. At Villette, we came across a church with amazing wall paintings. From there, we climbed up the steep slopes into the vineyards.. In the 12th century, the Cistercian monks built many kilometres of stone walls to form terraces, which are still cherished and maintained by the winegrowers today. The grapes flourish on the sun-drenched slopes, with the sun reflected from the lake, and the residual warmth of the walls at night to nurture them. There is an incredible view across the vines and Lake Geneva to the Alpine chain on the other side. We stopped at Cully railway station for salad bowls from the local supermarket, and continued on past Epesses, followed by Rivaz and St. Saphorin. St. Saphorin is a charming wine village with narrow streets and Gothic church (16th century), nestling on the hillside between the lake and the vines. We should have stopped at St. Saphorin and taken the train home from there, because the heat and the concrete paths were getting to us. However, we went on, and when it was clear that we couldn't take any more climbing the hillside, It became clear that Sue had a case of heat exhaustion, so watch out for the symptoms: sweating, weakness, shivering, headache, confusion, etc. This can be very serious:

luckily Sue had a special cooling cloth for her neck, and we still had sufficient liquids with us. We abandoned the climb on the vineyard trail, and instead took a short cut on a cycle path and a main road directly into Vevey, where we arrived exhausted at the railway station just in time to take a train home.

For more photos and information, see [Angus&Sue's website](#).

Protected areas

Federal landscape inventory

Lavaux

Takeaway route for iPhone and Android



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Website

<https://out.ac/lcFNNv>



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
	Statat 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