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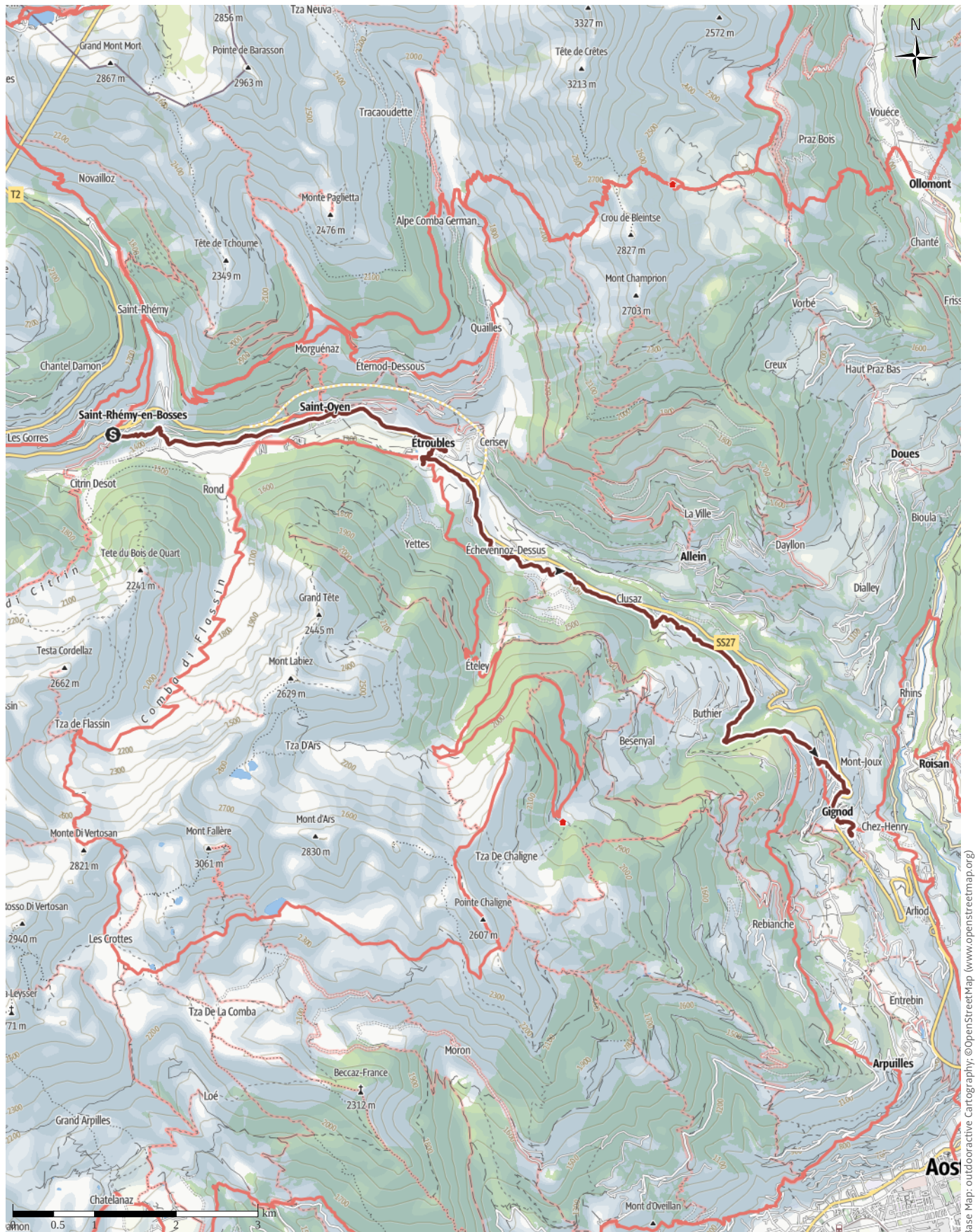
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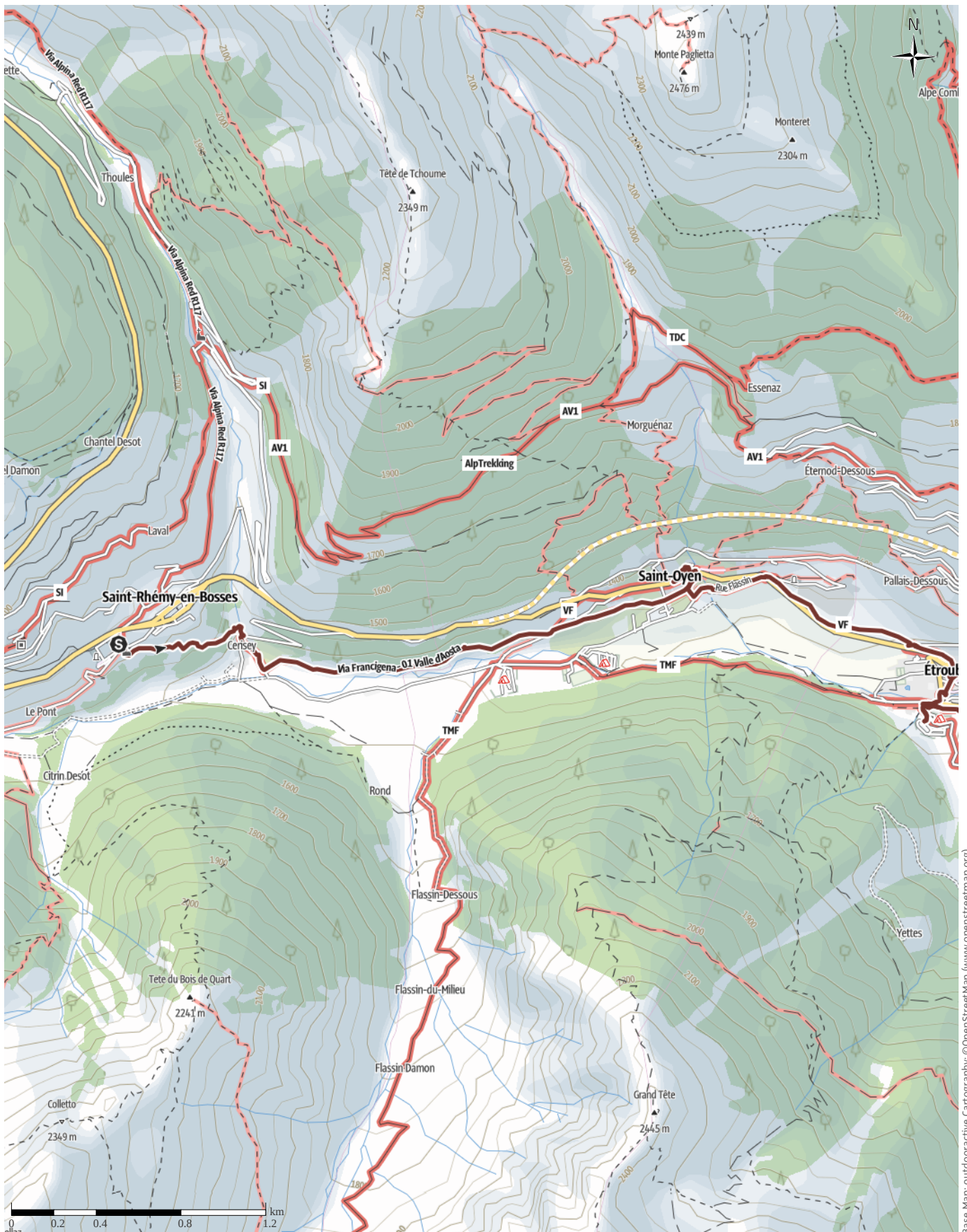
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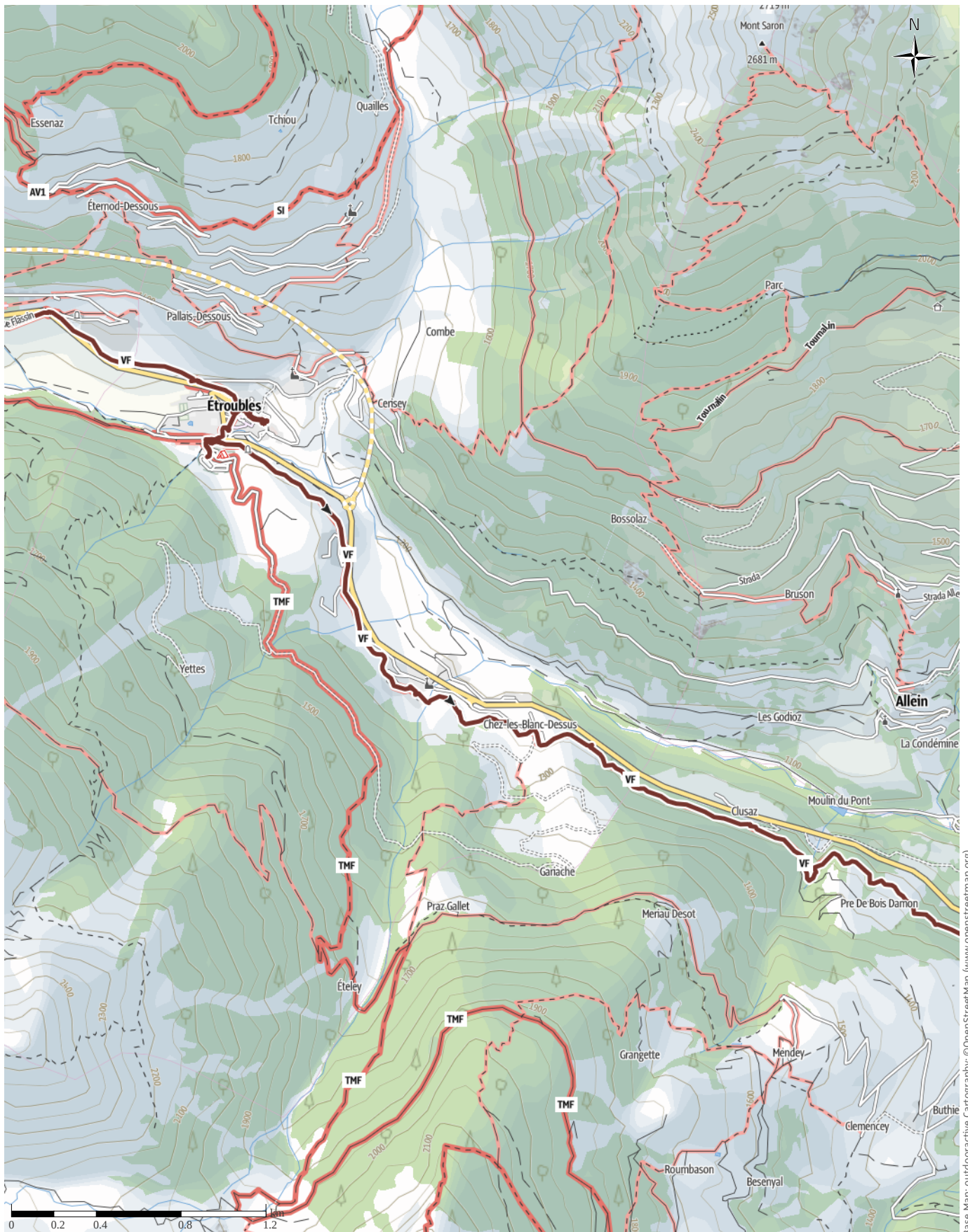
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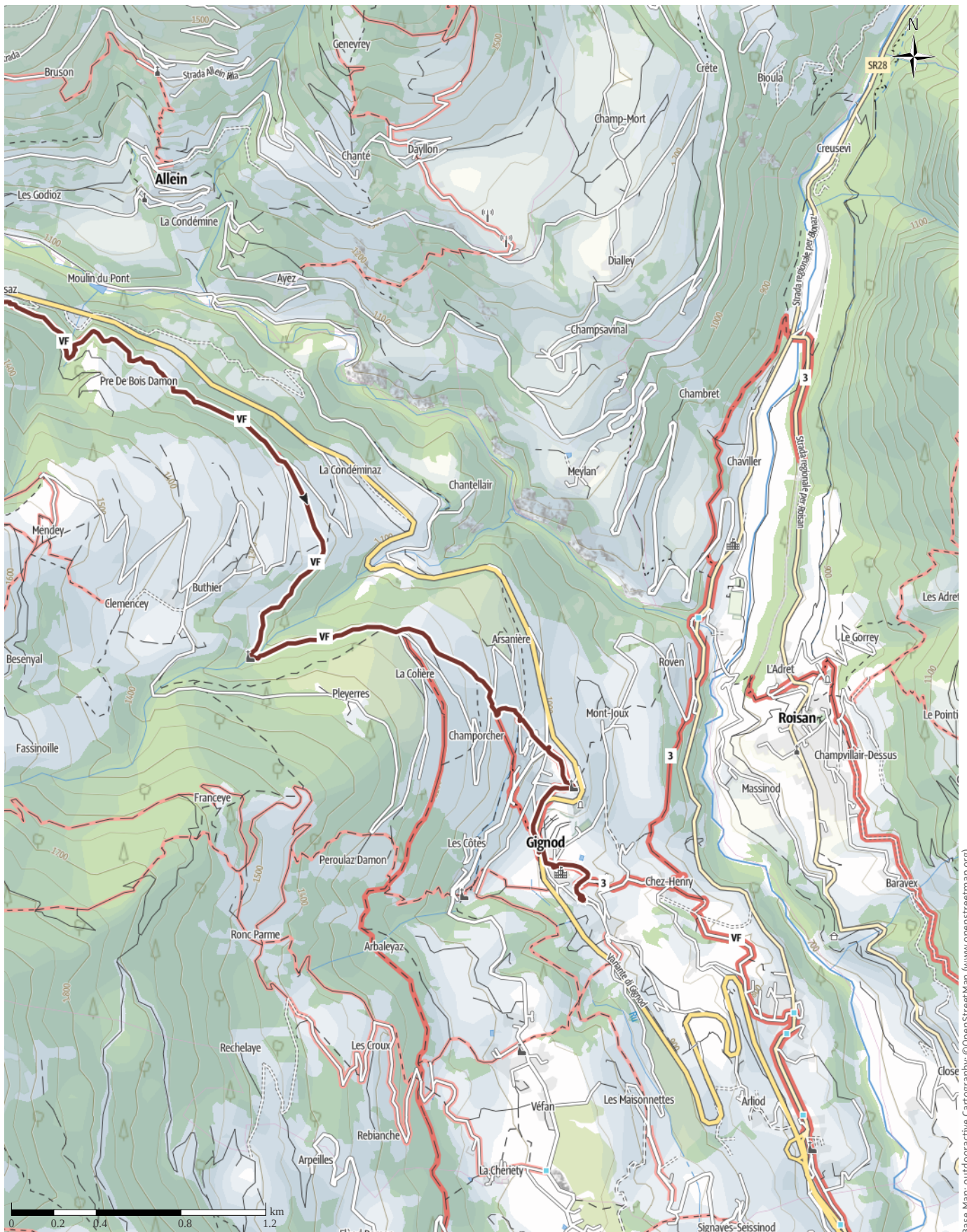
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Base Map: outdooractive Cartography; ©OpenStreetMap (www.openstreetmap.org)

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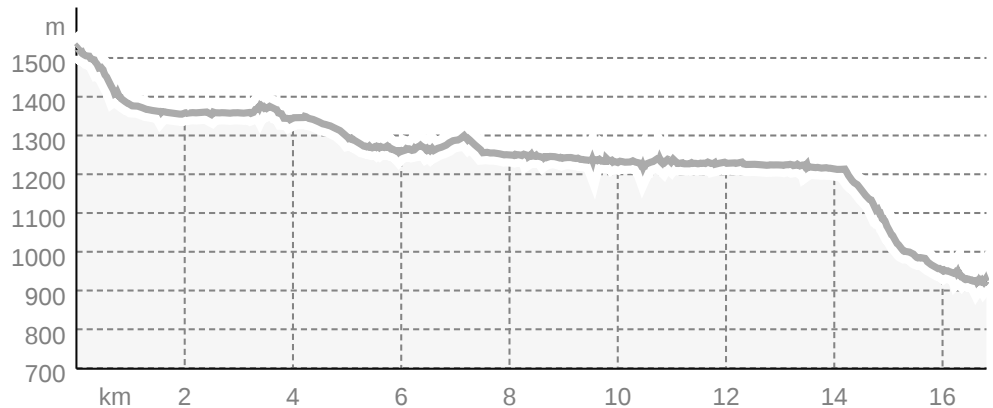
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Track types

Length 16.8 km

Elevation profile



route data

Pilgrim Walk

Distance 16.8 km

Duration 4:40 h

Ascent 47 m

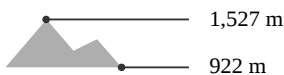
Descent 652 m

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

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A generally gentle downhill walk past medieval villages with a steep downhill ending.

After a hearty breakfast in the cellar of the building with our B&B apartment, we set off downhill into the autumn mists. The land levelled out into a pleasant valley, and we continued to St.Oyen, where we looked around the church, but failed to find an open coffee shop. On leaving the village, we passed by a farm named Château Verdun, which during the Middle Ages, supplied food to the hospice, and today offers pilgrim accommodation. From there, it was a short walk to Etroubles, where we had been taken 10 minutes by car the previous evening to eat! The old village of Etroubles was deserted, despite signs offering pilgrim stamps and sustenance, but we walked around the almost deserted village, visited the church, and then met a local who pointed us to a niche in the town square with

a pilgrims' welcome table and stamp. (Sue also helped the only other visitor's by taking their picture for them.) On the way out, we came across an open grocery store on the edge of a campsite and managed to purchase some necessities. As we continued downhill, we started to follow the traditional, open irrigation channel, called Ru Neuf, which we followed for most of the afternoon, pausing at a convenient bench for something to eat. Following the water course in its gentle downhill flow, we came to a grotto in the bend of a valley, the "Je te salue" grotto, with a white marble statue of Mary, as well as a wooden carving of a Via Francigena pilgrim. From there, we suddenly went steeply down to the village of Gignod with its imposing medieval tower, pausing at the church before continuing down to the hotel we had booked for the night. Here too, the restaurant was closed, but the friendly staff arranged to have a pizza delivered which we could eat with a glass of beer in the reception / breakfast room.

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

Takeaway route for iPhone and Android



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Website

<https://out.ac/ldrKaV>



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
	Statel 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