« RUISSEAU DES PITOUNES » VALLEY



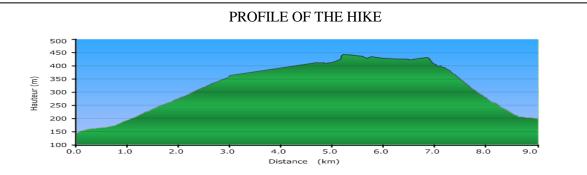
Length: 12.5 KM

Type : Loop

Difficulty Level : Intermediate

Elevation : 300 meters

Starting Point You can access the SIA road along Route 1, situated at 8.3 km of the John registration centre (Accueil John). Parking along the Route 1.



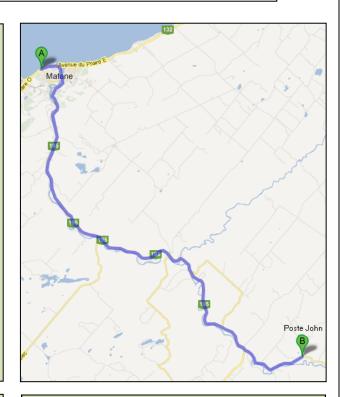
DESCRIPTION OF THE HIKE

From the starting point on Route 1, take a recent forest road for 500 meters. Leave this road to the right (East) and take another forest road less recent.

The climb is gentle and constant and a viewpoint of the Vallée du Ruisseau des Pitounes is reached 3.0 KM away. The trail still continues in the forest road up to the IAT. Head to the right (north) on the IAT and reach 150 KM further the Ruisseau des Pitounes and the campsite with the same name. Two camping platforms, one shelter (lean-to type) and a dry pit toilet are available for hikers in this part of the trail.

From the Ruisseau des Pitounes, head South on the IAT and reach, 2.2 kilometers lower, a viewpoint overlooking the Vallée du Ruisseau des Pitounes. A hundred metres further, the SIA joins the Route 1 access trail junction. It is necessary to take this trail and the descent is slight and constant in the grip of a former forest road up to Road 1.

Return to the starting point by getting on Route 1 heading West, 3.5 km further. Alternative: to avoid returning to the road by foot, it is possible to leave a second car at the junction point of the trail with Route 1. This junction is located at 11.7 kilometers from the John registration centre (Accueil John).



LOCALISATION

From Matane, get on the 195 for approximately 35 kms. After the St-René village, turn to your left on the secondary route which brings you to the Matane wildlife reserve. There is only 5 kms left before the John registration centre.

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