Les Piards / Lamoura

Tour du Jura - Sport

Départ
Les Piards

Arrivée
Lamoura

Durée
2 h 27 min

Distance
36,91 Km

Niveau
I cycle a lot

Thématique
Mountains

This iconic Tour du Jura Vélo Sport stage through the heart of the Parc Naturel Régional du Haut-Jura leads cyclists to the climb up Septmoncel's famed hairpin bends. Featuring repeatedly in Tour de France stages, this remarkable ascent links Saint-Claude, capital town of the Haut-Jura area, to the Jura ski resort of Les Rousses. Guiding riders through impressive limestone gorges, high-altitude forests and deep valleys known as combes, this beautiful cycling stage also provides the opportunity to learn more about Jura craft traditions in the museums at Saint-Claude, Lajoux and Lamoura.

Cycle route from Les Piards to Lamoura

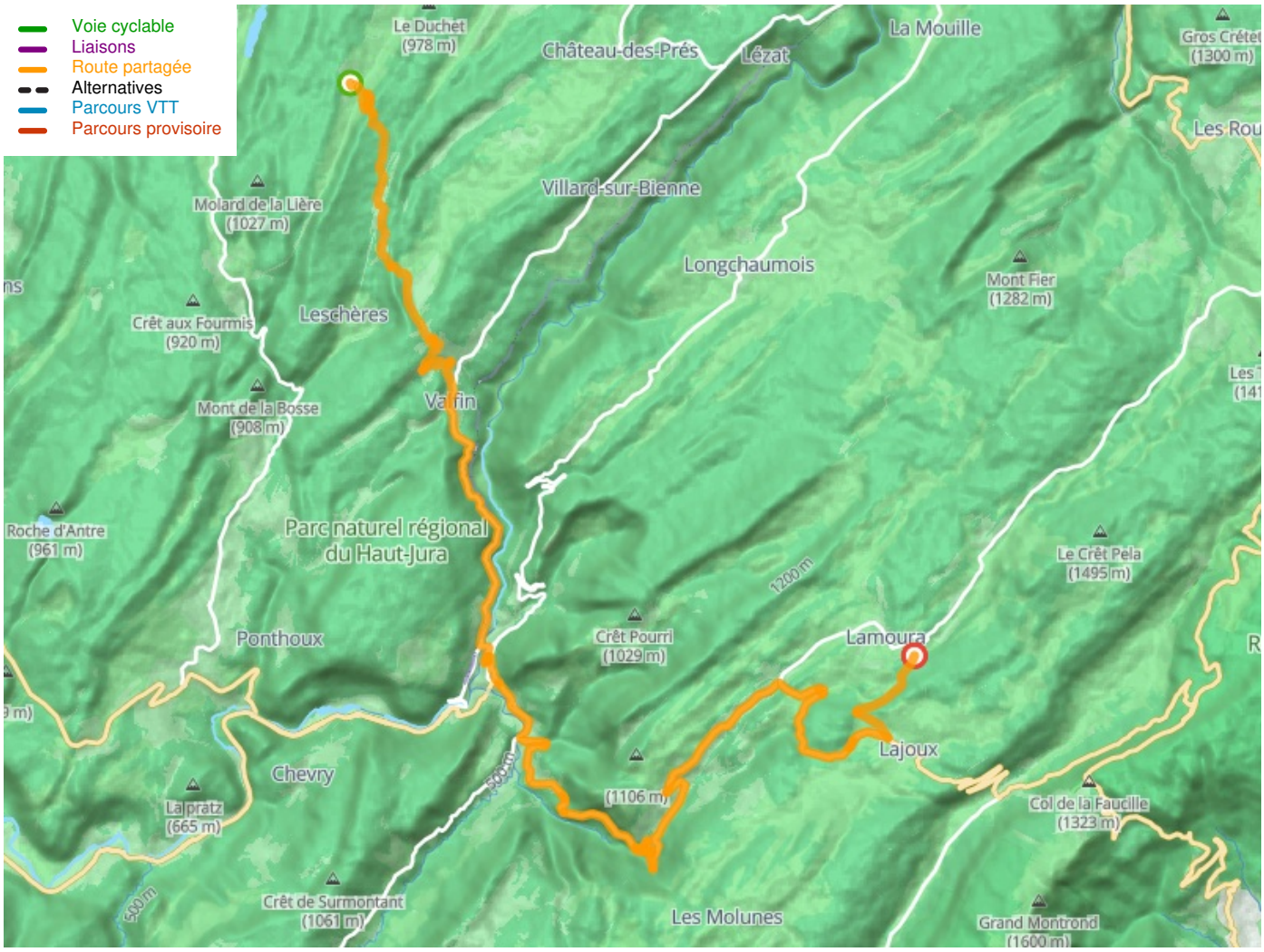
After a stretch on quiet little roads along the Plateau du Grandvaux, there's a steep, winding descent to Les Près-de-Valfin, then you join the D437 road, which is much busier, as well as being winding (take care), to coast on to Saint-Claude. In Saint-Claude, take the direction of Septmoncel's hairpin bends (''lacets'' in French) via the D436. This mountain road is very steep, with an average gradient of 4.5% over 16km, plus it has very many bends and can be very busy at rush hour. Take care, therefore, cycling as far as Lajoux.

Practical information

- All manner of services available in Saint-Claude, Septmoncel and Lamoura
- Train station accessible at Saint-Claude
- Accommodation available in Saint-Claude, Septmoncel-Les Molunes, Lajoux and Lamoura
- Accueil Vélo-accredited accommodation in Lamoura (Hotel des Arobiers)
- Electric bike recharging point freely accessible at the Maison du Parc in Lajoux
- Bike repair facilities in Saint-Claude

Don't miss

- Haute vallée de la Bienne
- Saint-Claude, French capital of pipe-making and diamond-cutting : Musée de l'Abbaye; Musée de la Pipe et du Diamant; the cathedral…
- Ligne ferroviaire touristique des Hirondelles (a tourist railway line)
- Lacets de Septmoncel (a series of hairpin bends) and the Chapeau de Gendarme (a curiously shaped geological formation)
- Hautes-Combes landscapes
- Lamoura: Musée des Lapidaires (on precious-stone cutting); Lamoura lake and peat bog
  Comté cheese-tastings in local cheese-making facilities known as fruitières
- Lajoux: Maison du Parc Naturel du Haut-Jura



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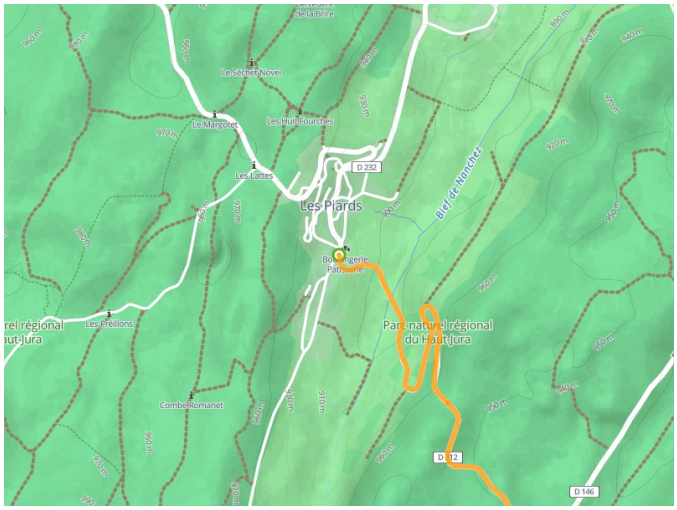

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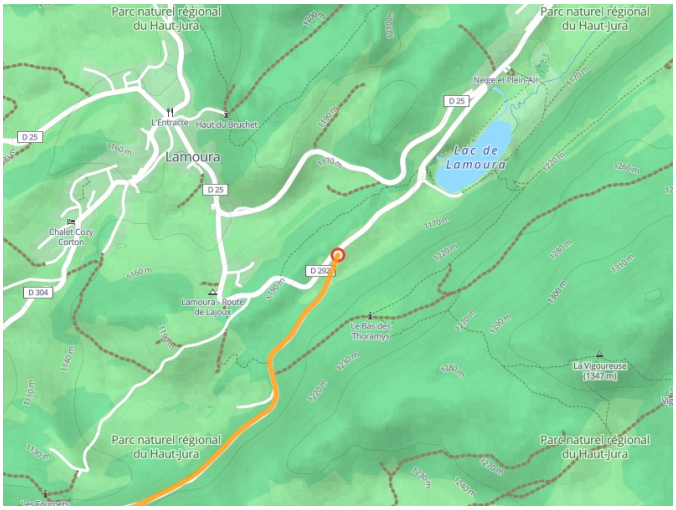
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