



LA ROUTE VERTE: LEISURE ROUTE

Heights & Horizons

Description

The «Heights & Horizons» Leisure Route takes you from Balsthal to Couvet for a real energy boost that will blow your mind! The Passwang Pass and the Vogelbergfluh in the Thal Nature Park offer a breath-taking panorama over Basel, to the North, and the Alps in the South. The two passes on the next stage reward you as well with magnificent views. You will then reach the charming medieval town of St-Ursanne, the gateway to the Doubs Nature Park, with its meandering Doubs river. Take the time to visit a franchises-montagnes horse breeding farm before passing through the Chasseral Nature Park on the crest of Mont-Soleil. You will then travel between dry stone walls, testimony to a long regional tradition, and wind turbines, creating the energy of the future. This Leisure Route ends with a small glass of “green fairy” in the beautiful Val-de-Travers.

La Route Verte's Leisure Routes last 4 to 5 days and are made up of shorter stages. This gives you more time to discover the parks' living landscapes and enjoy regional products.

Legend (detailed maps)



Where to sleep



Where to eat



Places of interest



E-bike rental/repair

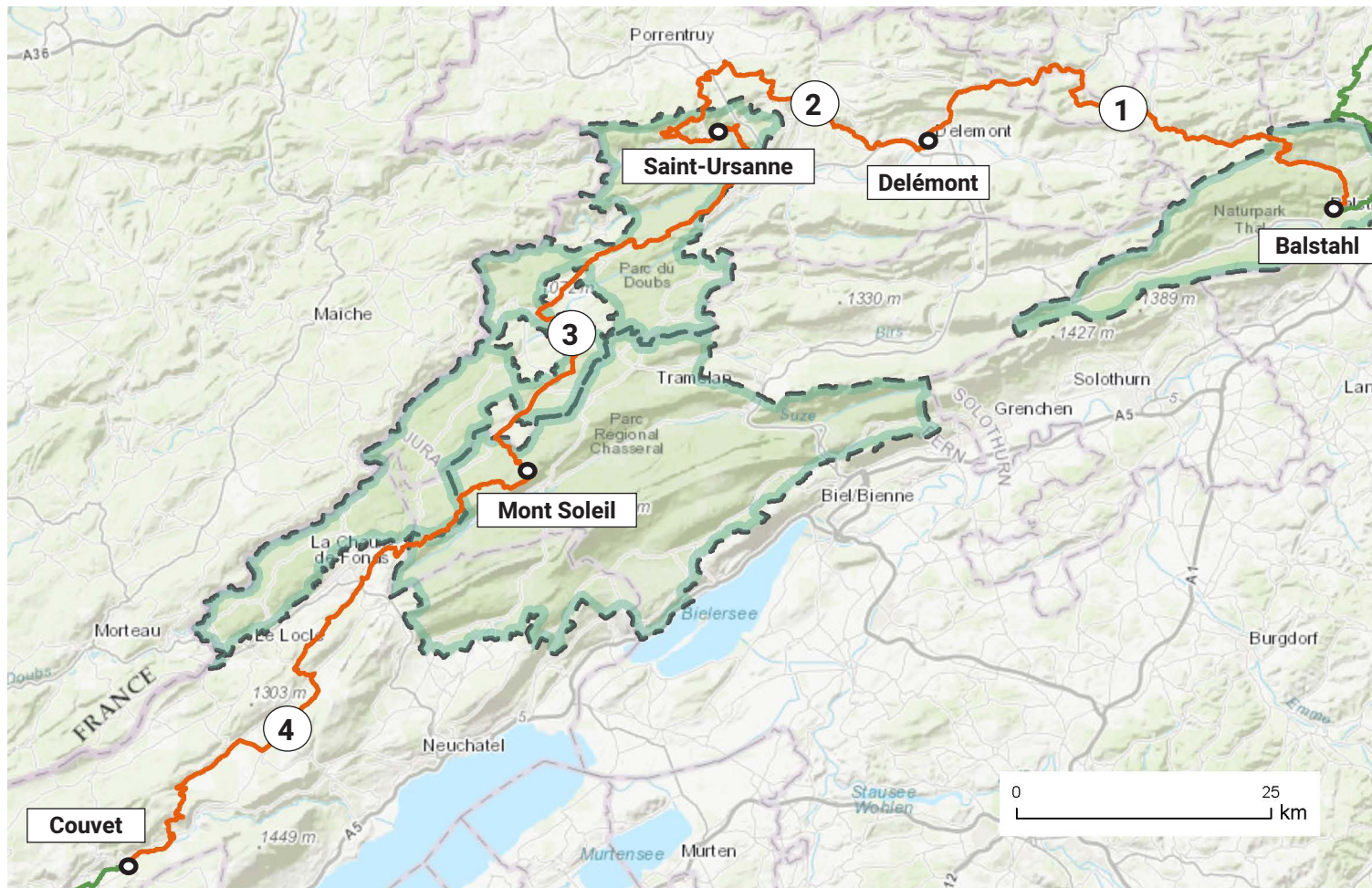


Information



Park boundaries

Leisure Route Heights & Horizons: Balsthal – Couvet



Sources

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Stage 1: Balsthal - Delémont



Balsthal – Neuhüsli

From Balsthal, follow the itinerary 71 of «Cycling in Switzerland» which leads you to the Passwang. You ride between steep cliffs and pass Mümliswil, a charming village in which you can find the unique HAARUNDKAMM museum. After Ramiswil, the road starts to ascend – get your legs ready for the climb to the Passwang. Be careful, as this cantonal road can sometimes be busy. If you still have some energy left, it is worth making a little detour to the Vogelbergfluh, where you can enjoy a superb view over the Alps and the city of Basel. After that, the road goes downhill to Beinwil Neuhüsli.

See maps 1 and 2



Neuhüsli – Liesbergmüli

From Beinwil Neuhüsli you follow itinerary 348 of «Cycling in Switzerland» into the charming region of Schwarzbubenland. With wonderful views, you continue your

descent and follow the Lüssel River in Erschwil. The route continues through the hilly landscape to Bärschwil, on the northern side of the Fringeli mountain, where you can visit the village via a geological theme path. The road then leads you through the Laufen valley, where you follow the river Birse to Liesbergmüli.

See maps 3 to 5



Liesbergmüli – Delémont

At Liesbergmüli, change to itinerary 23 of «Cycling in Switzerland» following the Birse river until you reach Delémont.

See map 6

Length

45 km

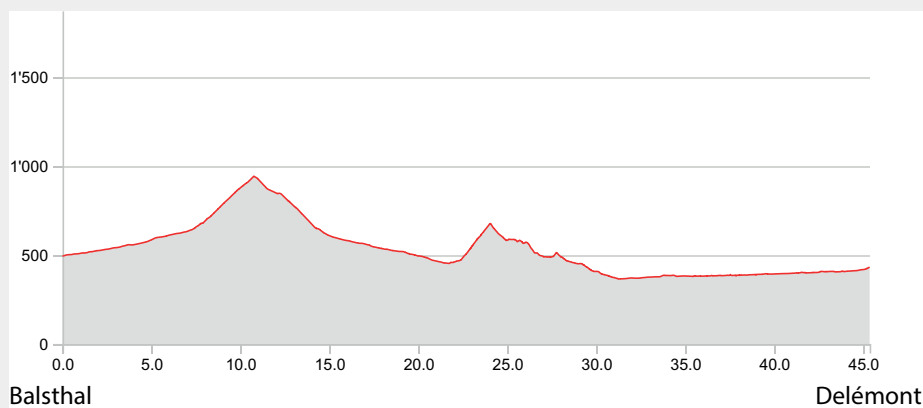
Ascent

856 m

Descent

918 m

Heigth Profile



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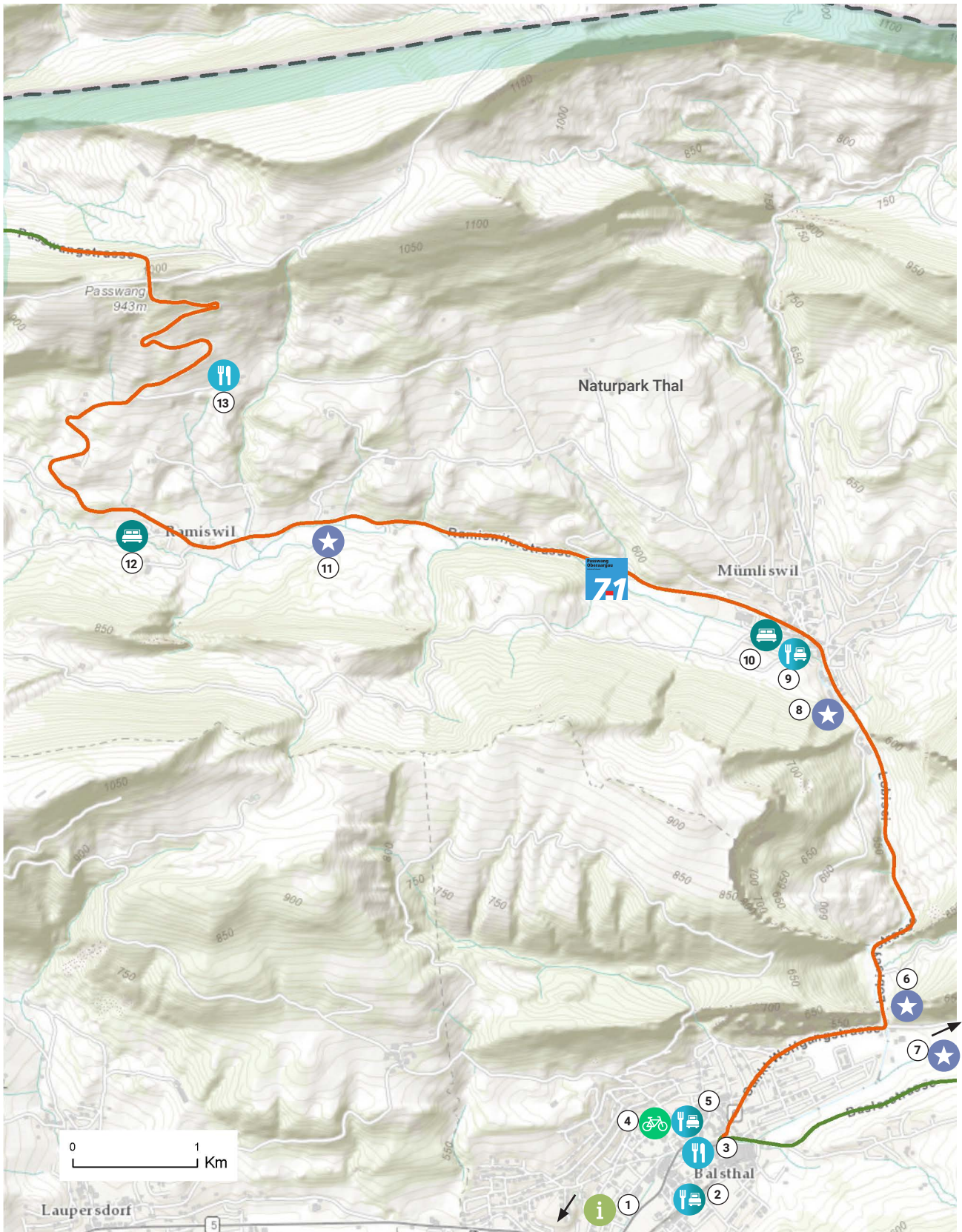
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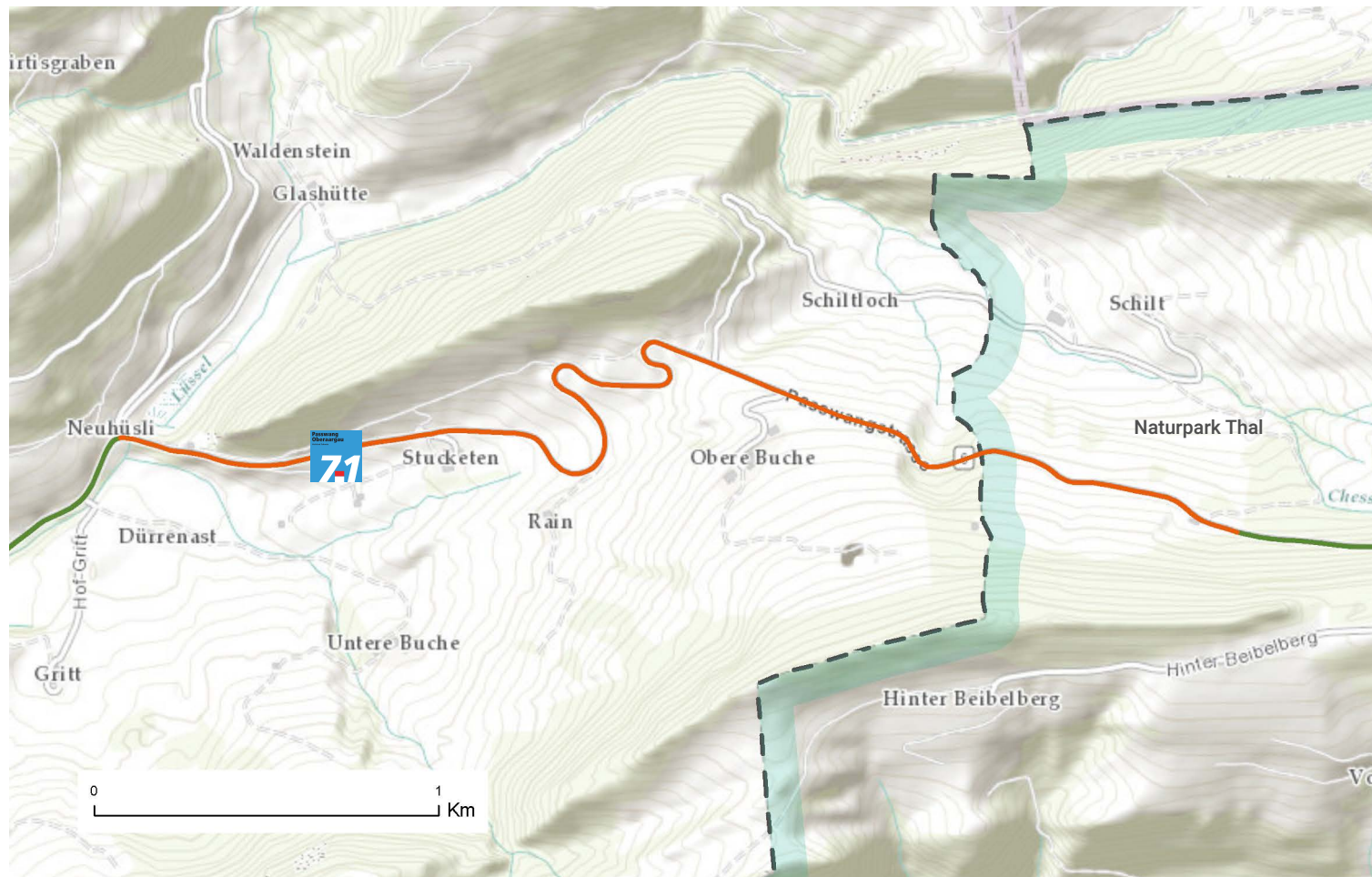
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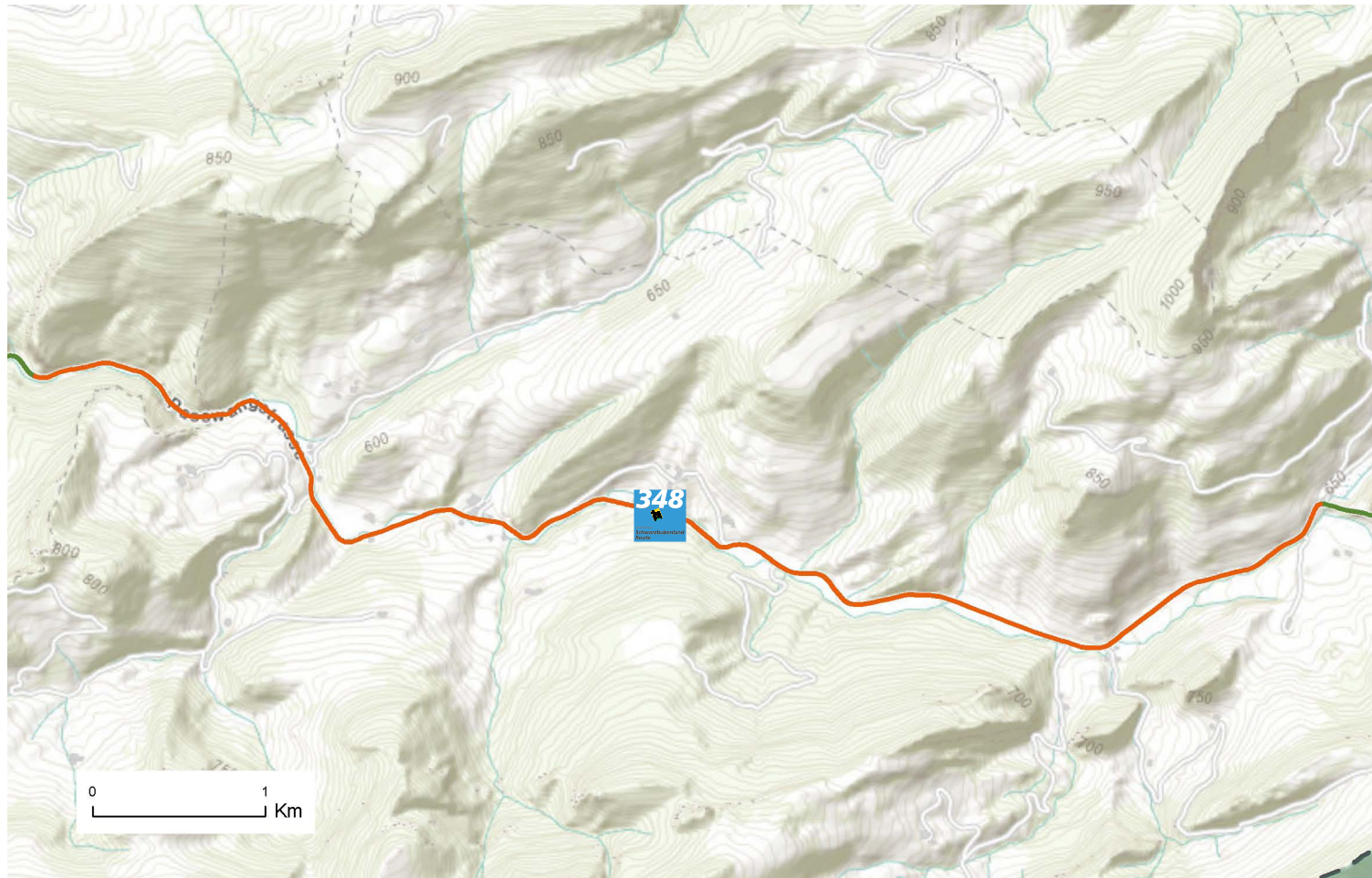
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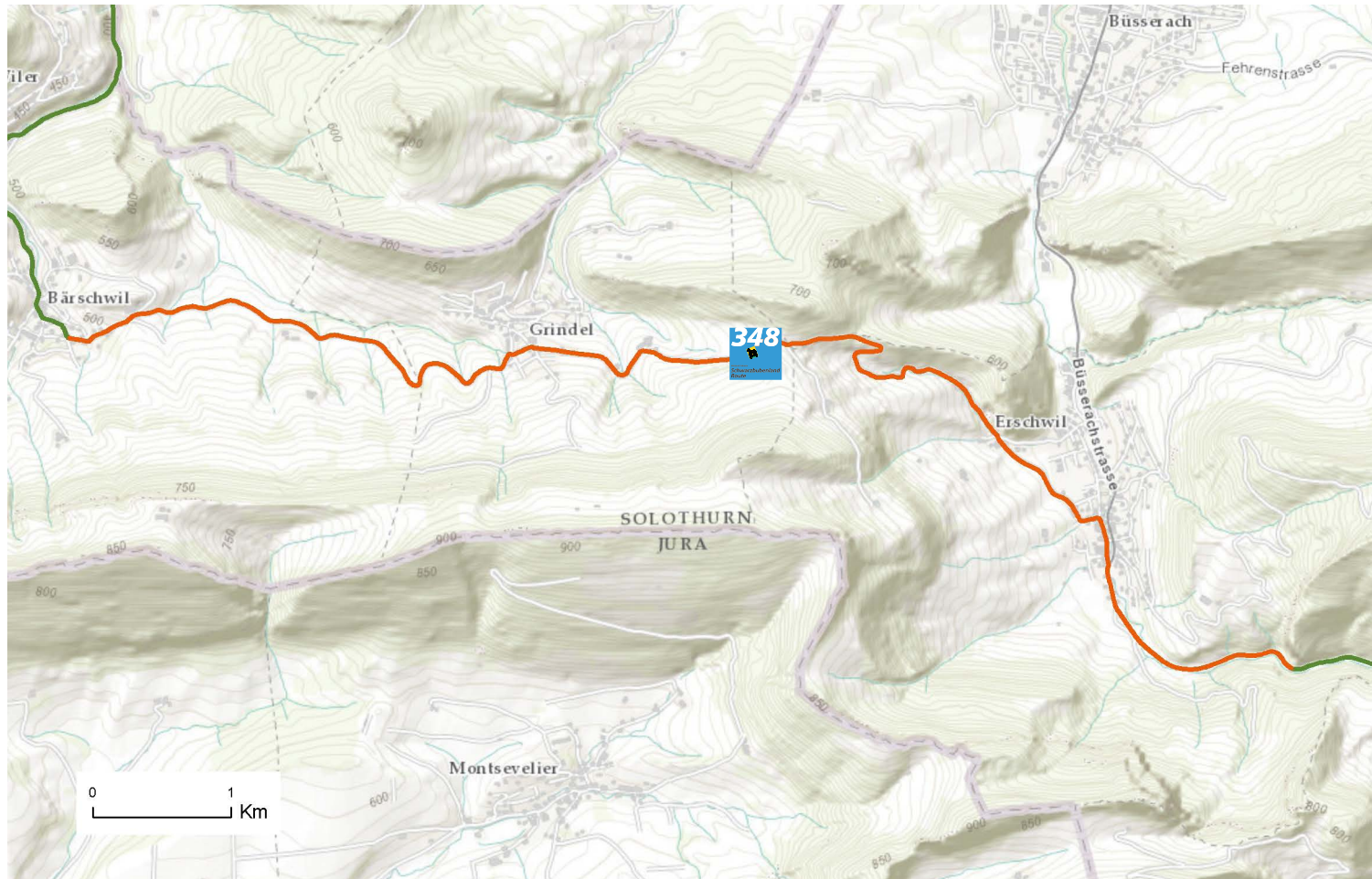
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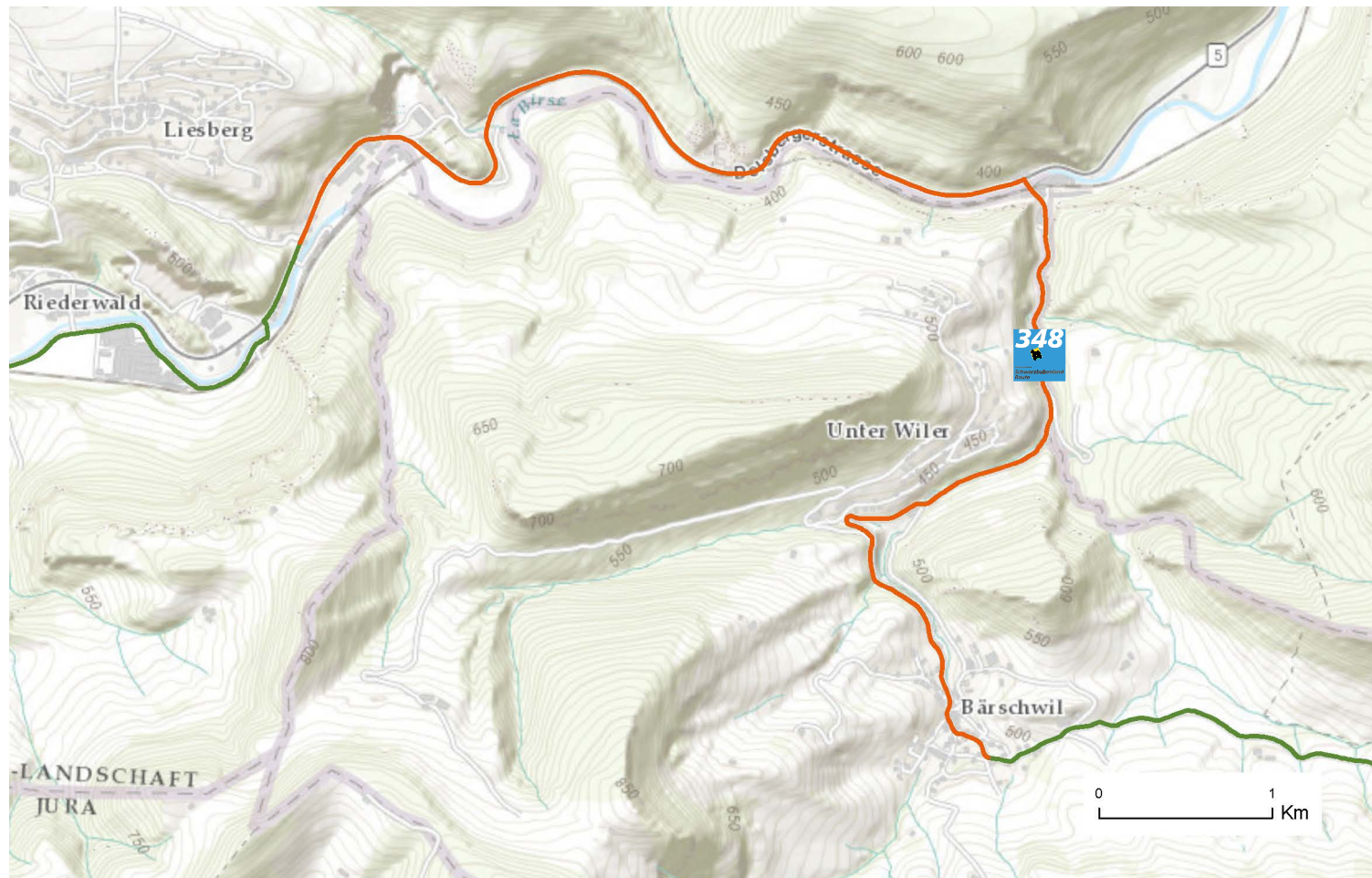
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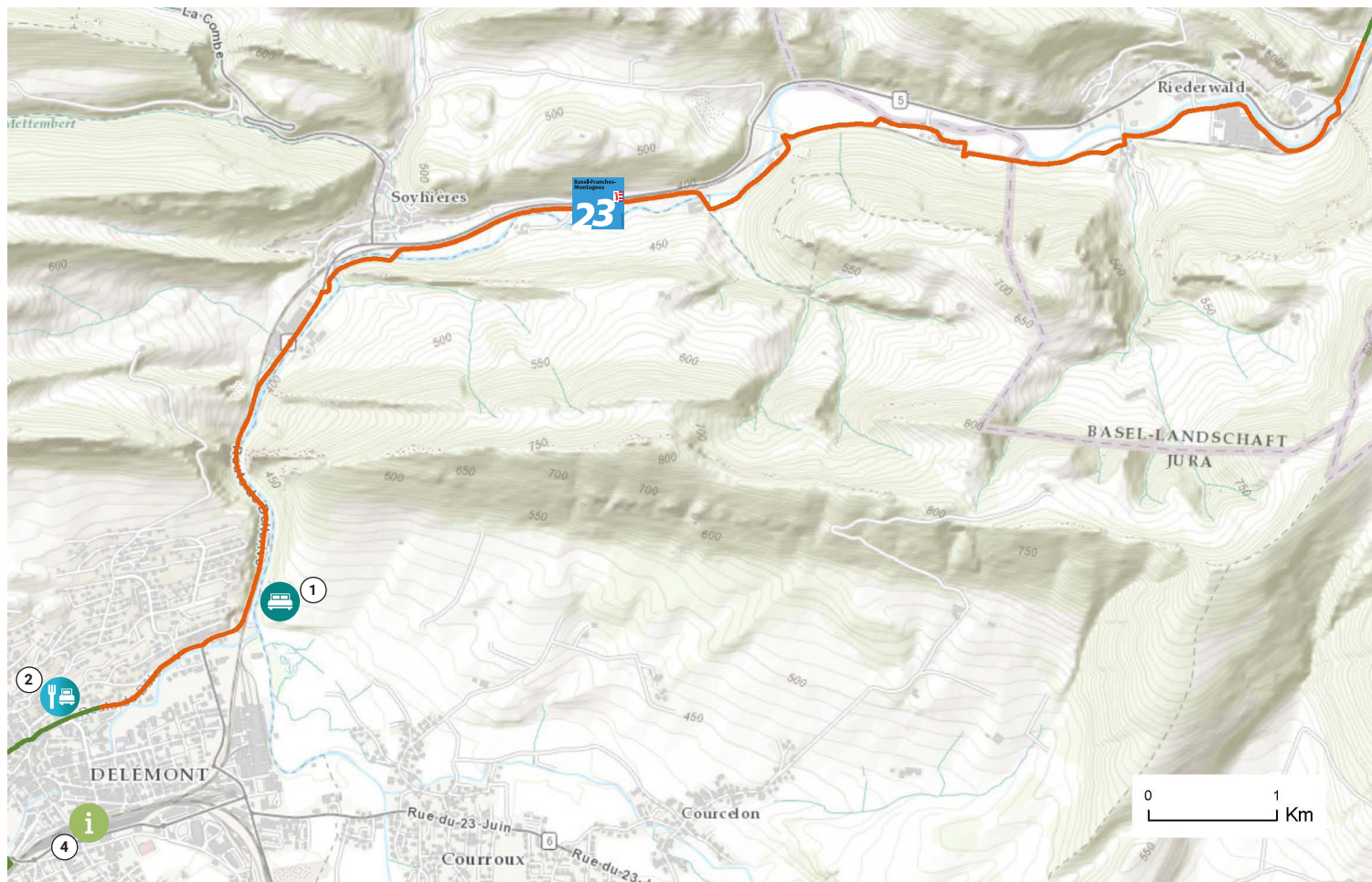
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Stage 2: Delémont - Saint-Ursanne



Delémont – Cornol

Upon arrival in Delémont, capital of the canton of Jura, you follow itinerary 64 of «Cycling in Switzerland» until the village of Cornol. While in Delémont, we recommend visiting the old town, where you can admire enchanting colourful buildings. After the village of Develier, you take on the second pass of the day, the Col des Rangiers, which will reward you with an exceptional panorama. The route then takes you to the Baroche region, birthplace of the famous Damassine, a renowned brandy from the land of Ajoie.

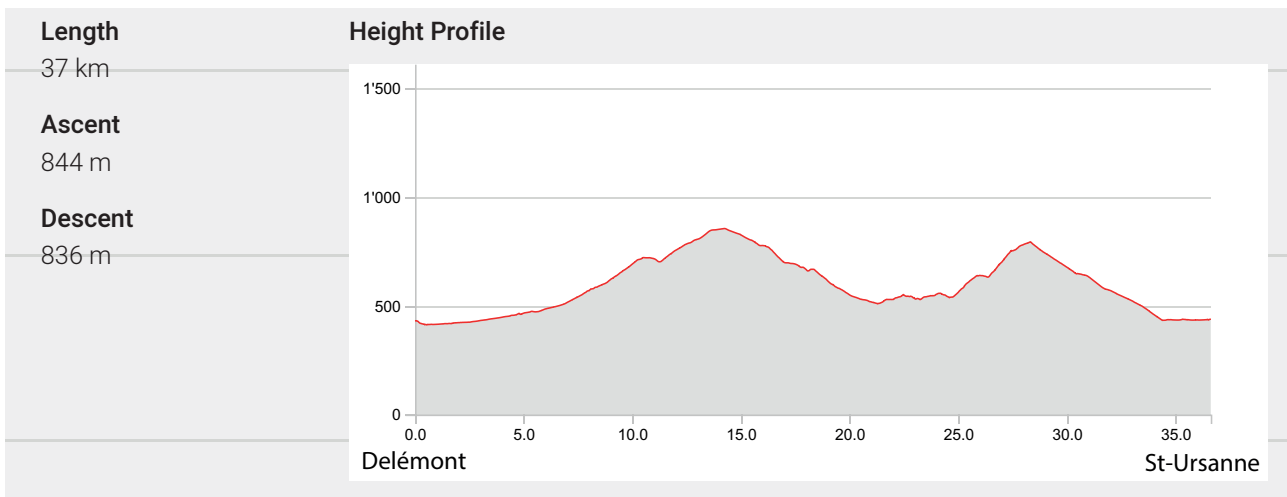
See maps 7 and 8



Cornol – Saint-Ursanne

In Cornol, turn onto the itinerary 7 of «Cycling in Switzerland». The Col de la Croix connects the plains of Ajoie to the Doubs valley. This is the third and last pass of the day, each twist in the road offering you beautiful views of the landscape. You finally arrive in the Doubs Nature Park, where you can enjoy a well-deserved descent into the medieval jewel of St-Ursanne.

See map 9



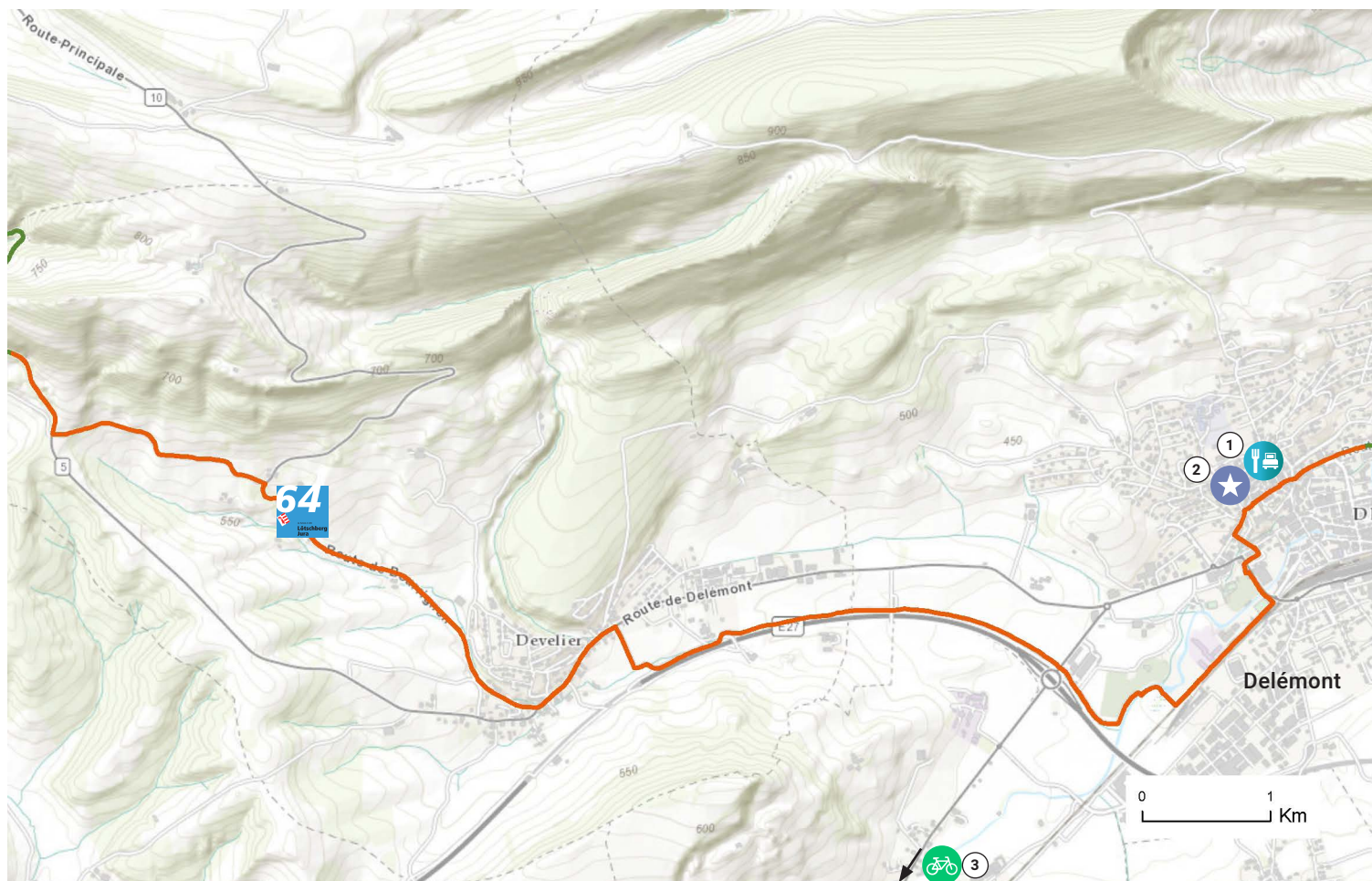
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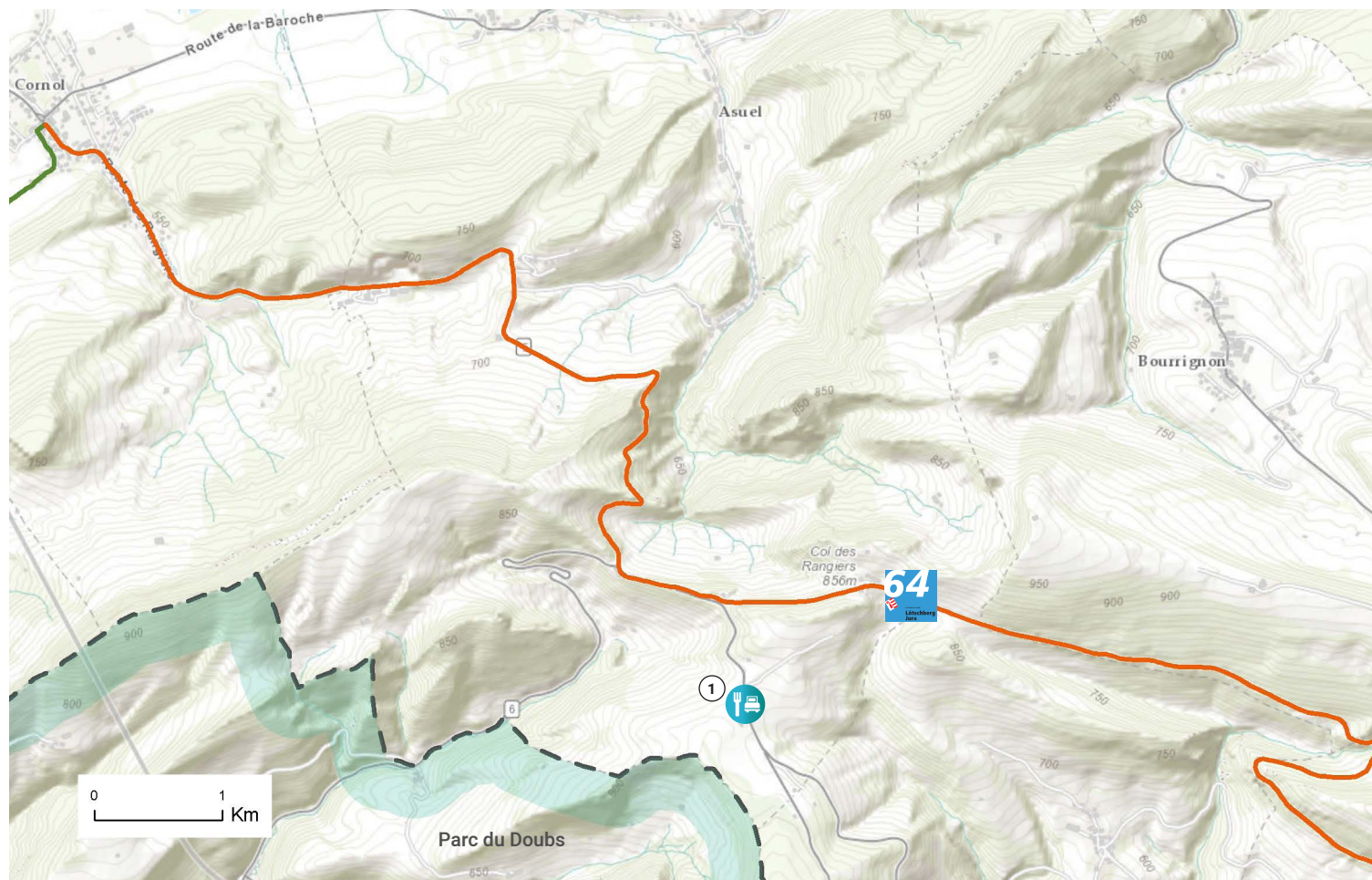
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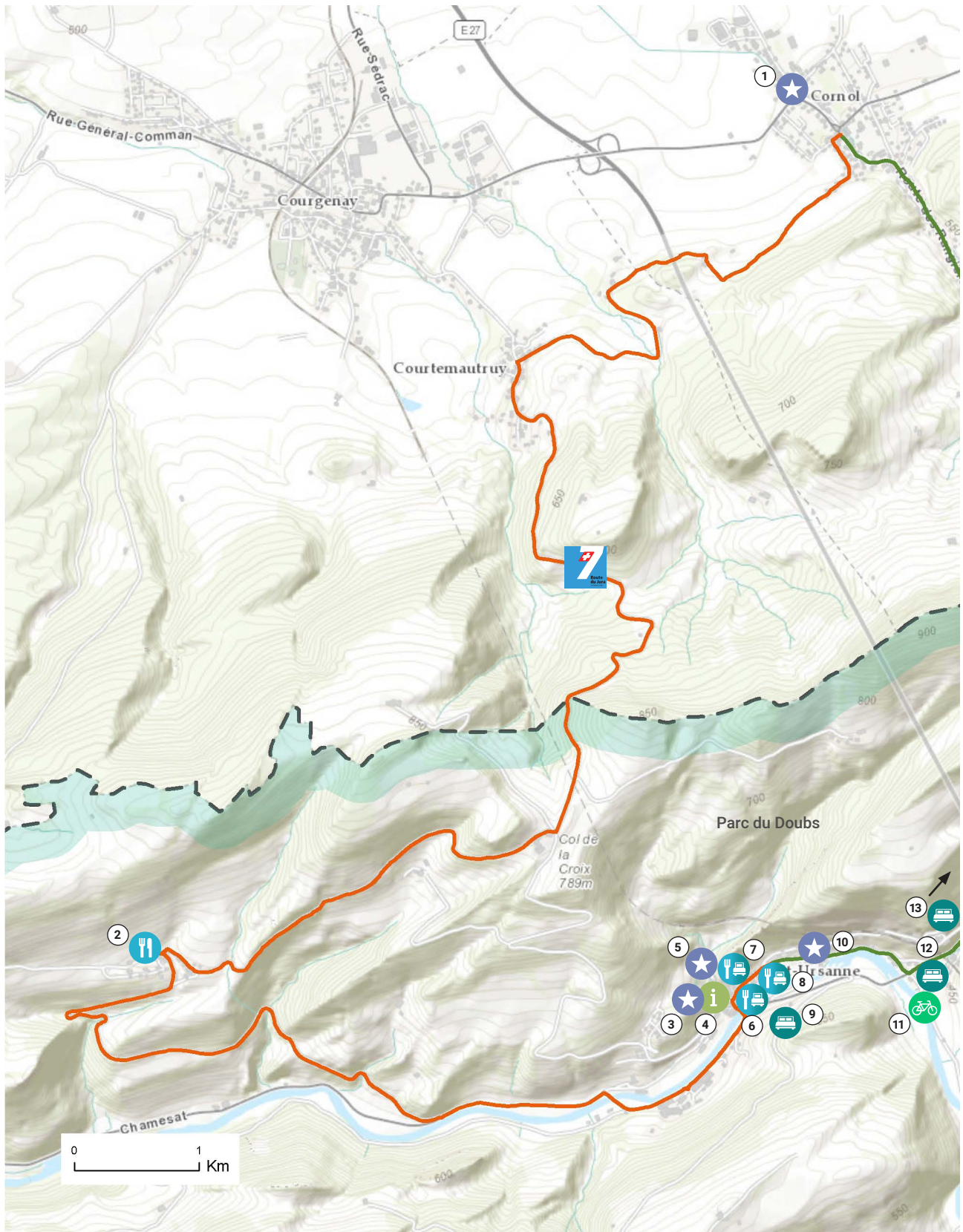
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Stage 3: Saint-Ursanne - Mont Soleil



Saint-Ursanne – St-Brais

Exit the village of St-Ursanne by following itinerary 7 of “Cycling in Switzerland” in the direction of Saignelégier. Turn to your right after the railway bridge and to find a small idyllic road climbing between the hillside pastures and the forest, offering you spectacular views of the Doubs valley. When leaving La Seigne-Dessus, the road turns right and provisionally becomes a path before joining an asphalt road that takes you into the village of St-Brais.

See map 10



St-Brais – Saignelégier

After ascending through the village overhung by a stunning cliff, you reach the vast plateau of the Franches-Montagnes, a typical landscape of the Doubs Nature Park. Herds of horses, sometimes accompanied by cattle, graze in semi-liberty in the heart of wooded pastures bordered by dry stone walls. This gentle and slightly hilly landscape leads you between Jura farms and majestic spruces, to the village of Saignelégier. Feel free to visit the esplanade where the “franches-montagnes”

Horse Show and Market takes place, attracting more than 40,000 visitors each year in mid-August.

See maps 11 and 12



Saignelégier – Mont-Soleil

About 4 km from Saignelégier, in the direction of Tramelan, enjoy the tranquillity of the “Étang de la Gruère”, a small lake situated in the heart of a nature reserve. The Étang de la Gruère is a peat bog lake located in a hollow on the plateau. From there, continue to the village of Les Breuleux, which is famous for its history of watchmaking and horse breeding. At the end of the stage, you start the ascent to Auberge de l'Assesseur, a beautifully restored old mountain farmhouse located on Mont-Soleil in the Chasseral Nature Park.

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Length

45.9 km

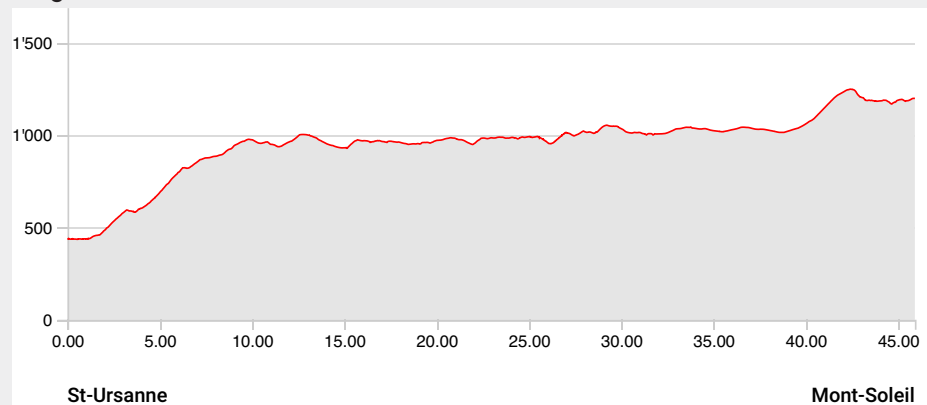
Ascent

1327 m

Descent

565 m

Height Profile



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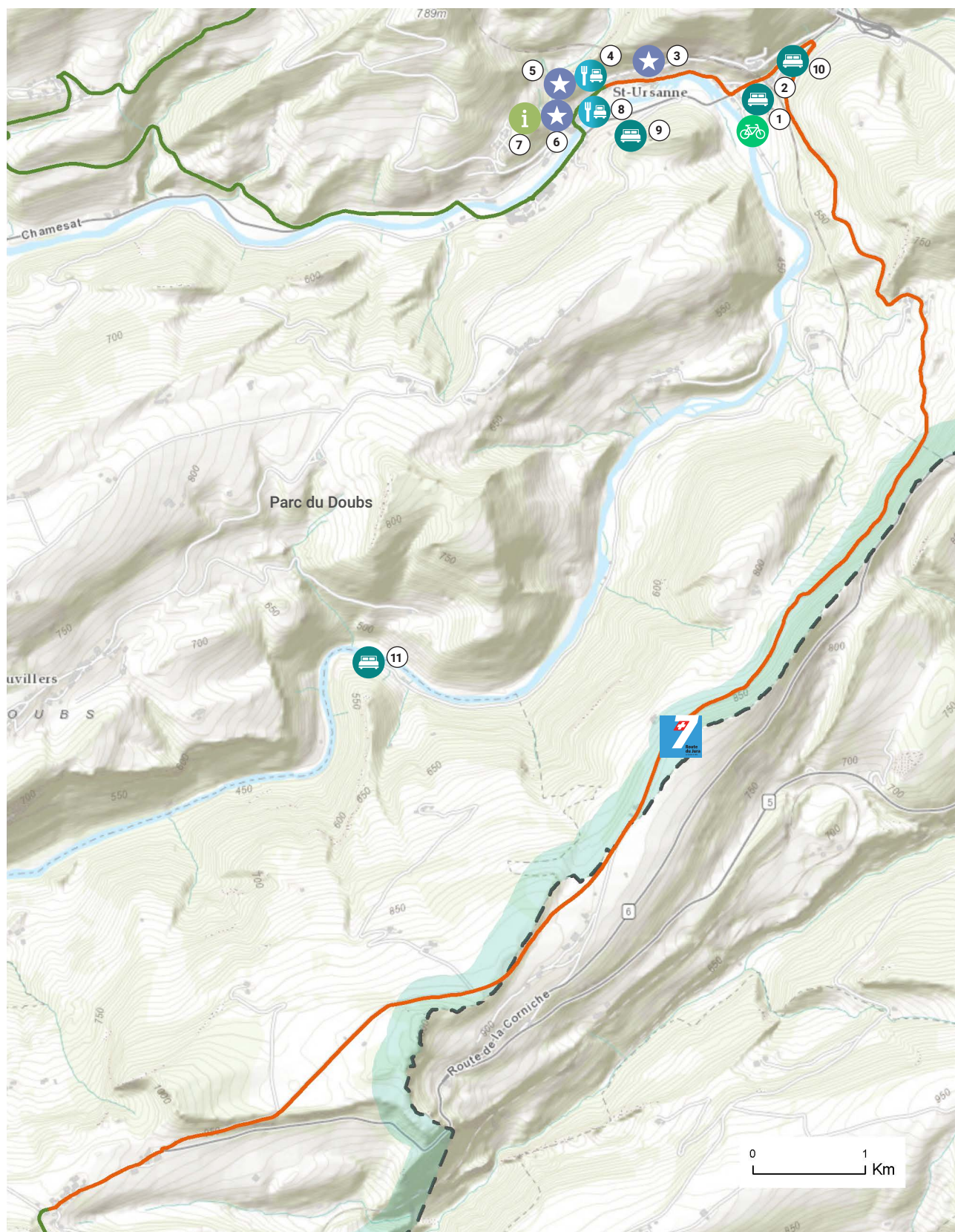
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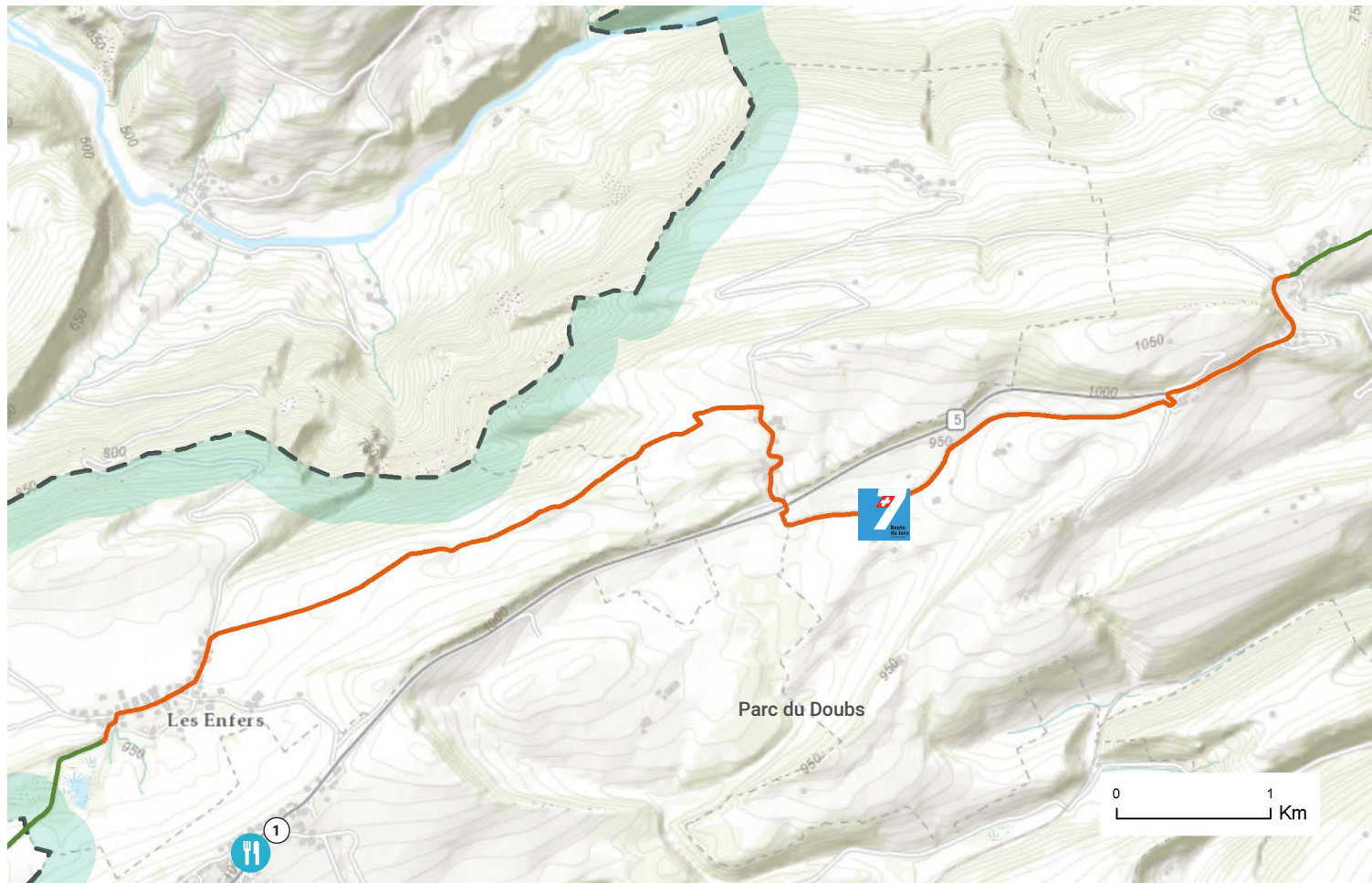
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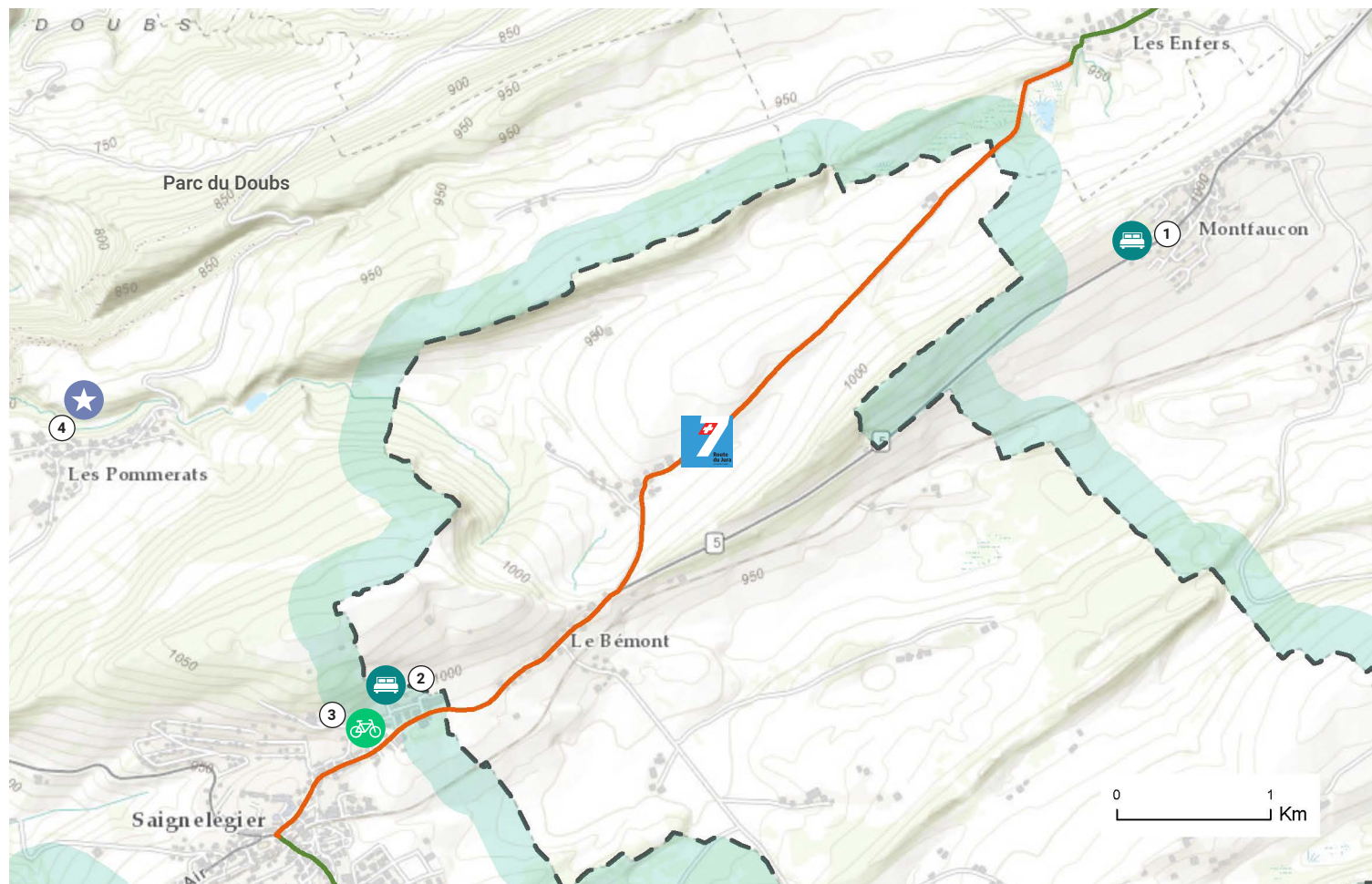


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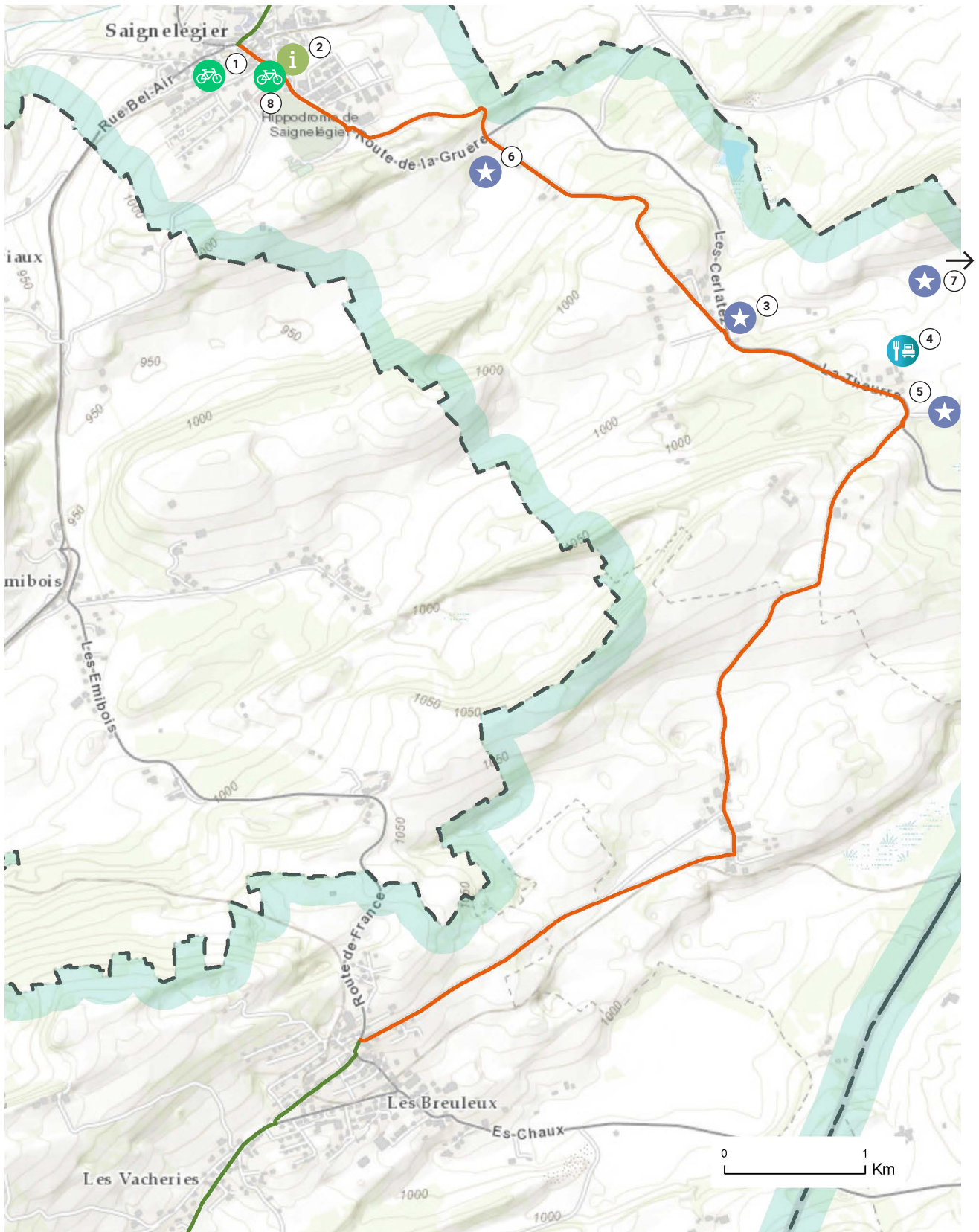
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13. Saignelégier – Mont-Soleil



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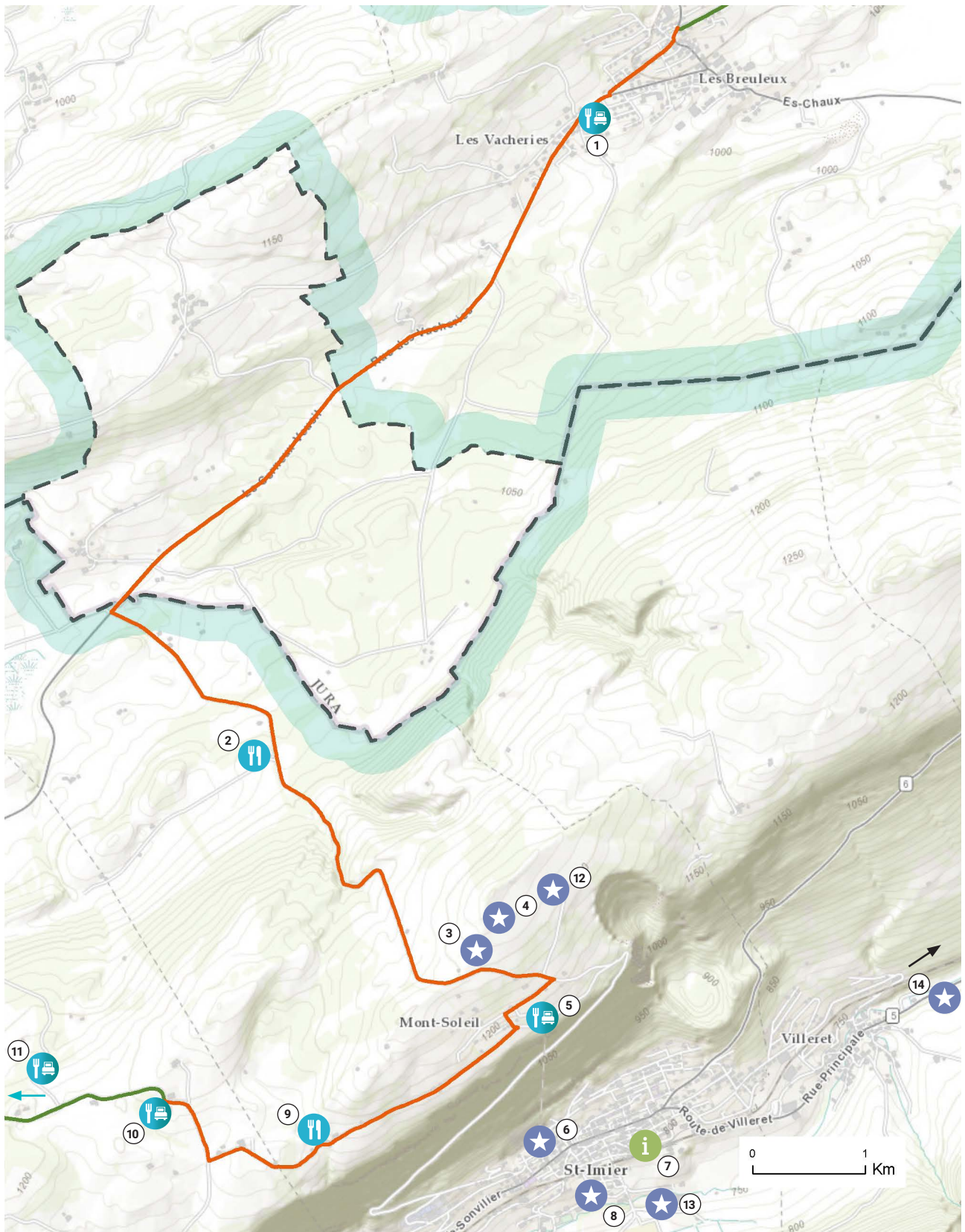
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Stage 4: Mont-Soleil - Couvet



Mont-Soleil – La Chaux-de-Fonds

Depuis le Mont-Soleil, suivez la route des crêtes qui longe presque sans dénivélé la Vallée de Saint-Imier. À la hauteur de La Cibourg, un coup d'œil en arrière permet d'admirer le Chasseral et son antenne connue loin à la ronde, comme un phare posé sur la montagne. D'une hauteur de 1'606,2 mètres, il est le 4e plus haut sommet jurassien. Après une dernière petite montée, vous découvrirez, au loin, la singulière métropole horlogère de La Chaux-de-Fonds. Une fois arrivé aux abords de la ville, n'hésitez pas à y faire un saut pour découvrir son urbanisme horloger, inscrit sur la liste du Patrimoine mondial de l'UNESCO, ses villas Le Corbusier et ses décorations de style Art nouveau.

See maps 15 and 16



La Chaux-de-Fonds – Les Ponts-de-Martel

From the Bas-du-Reymond roundabout, follow the signs for the itinerary 7 of "Cycling in Switzerland". Three successive climbs of medium difficulty await you before

the descent into the Valley of La Sagne. Shortly after Les Petits-Ponts, take time to admire the magnificent rocky cirque of Le Creux du Van on your left. At Les Ponts-de-Martel, take a short break and stroll along the magnificent Peat Bog educational trail.

See maps 17 and 18



Les Ponts-de-Martel – Couvet

From Les Ponts-de-Martel, head towards the Pellaton Ridge. This will be the last climb of the day. You can then enjoy a nice descent taking you down a 350m drop to Travers and reach Couvet by following the Areuse river. Today's stage takes you from an altitude of about 1,150 m to 750 m in Val-de-Travers, in the land of absinthe makers, the distillers of the famous «green fairy». A rather pleasant difference in altitude for this beautiful stage.

See maps 19 and 20

Length

49.6 km

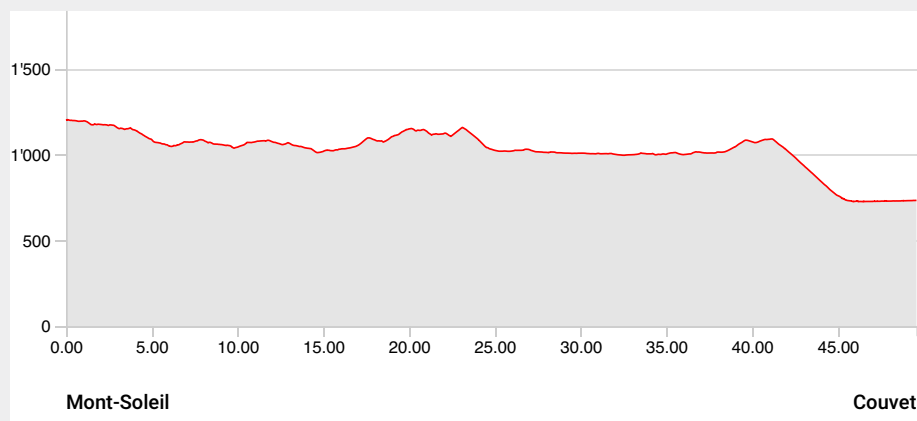
Ascent

574 m

Descent

1041 m

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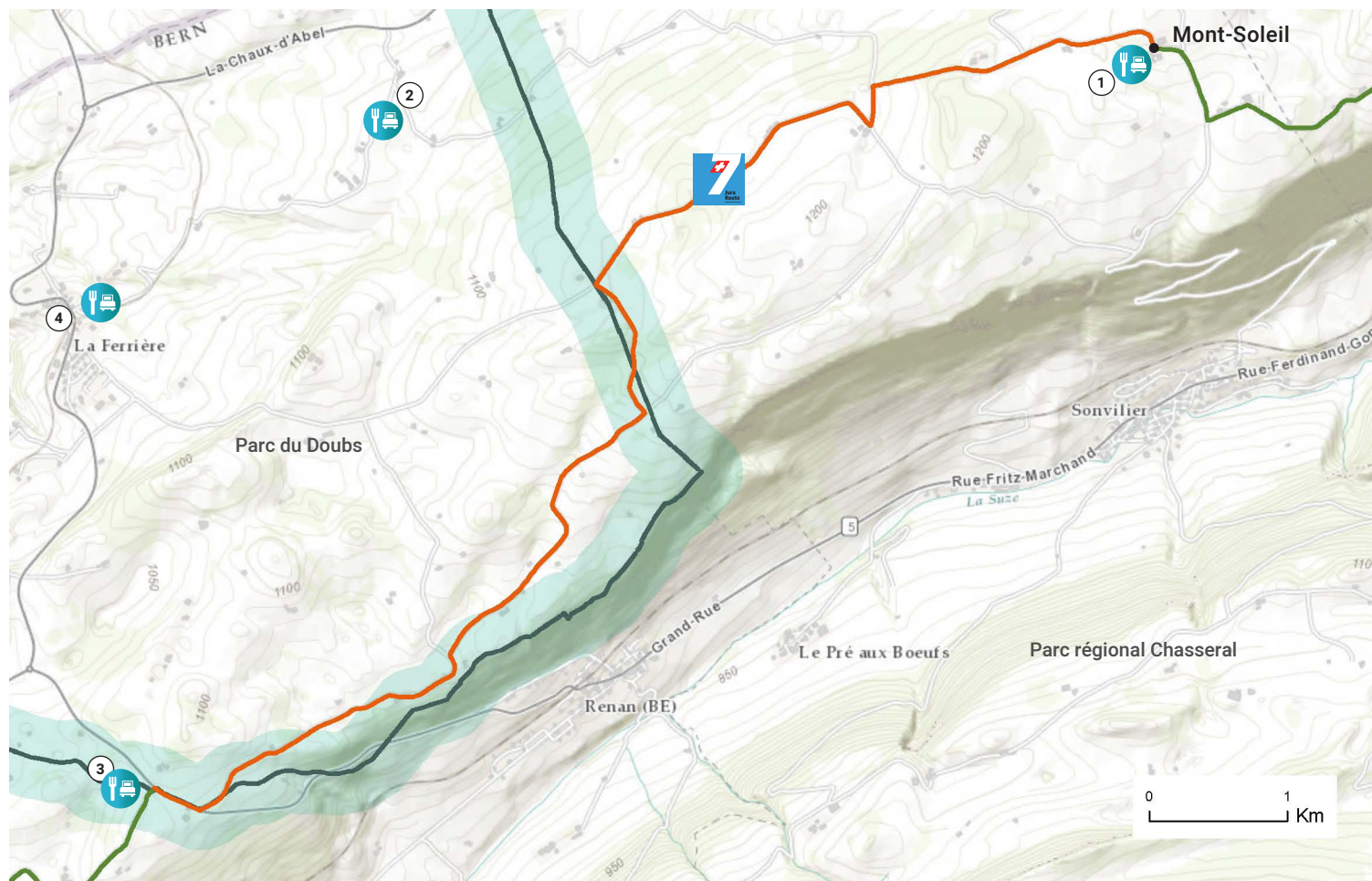
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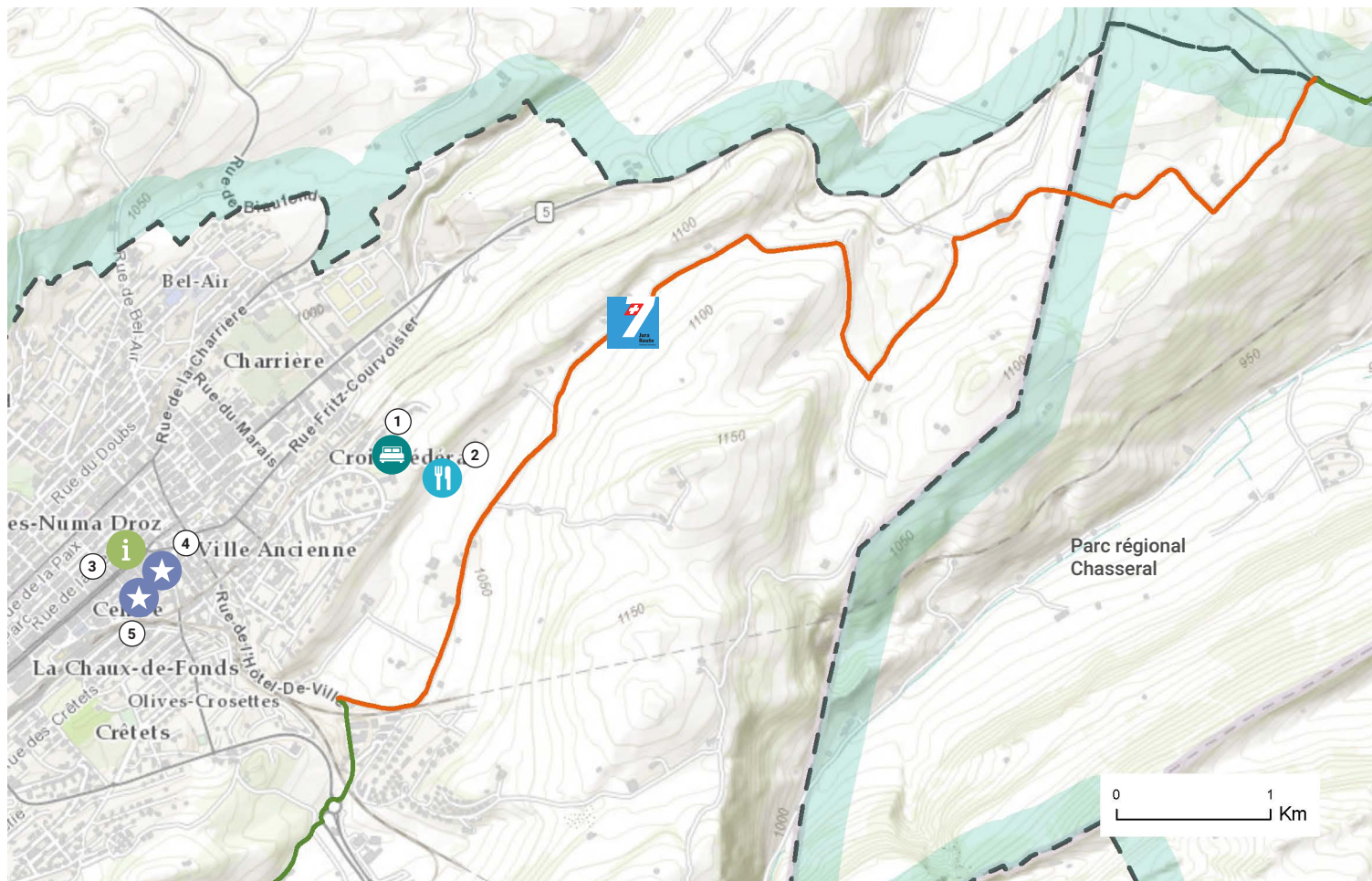
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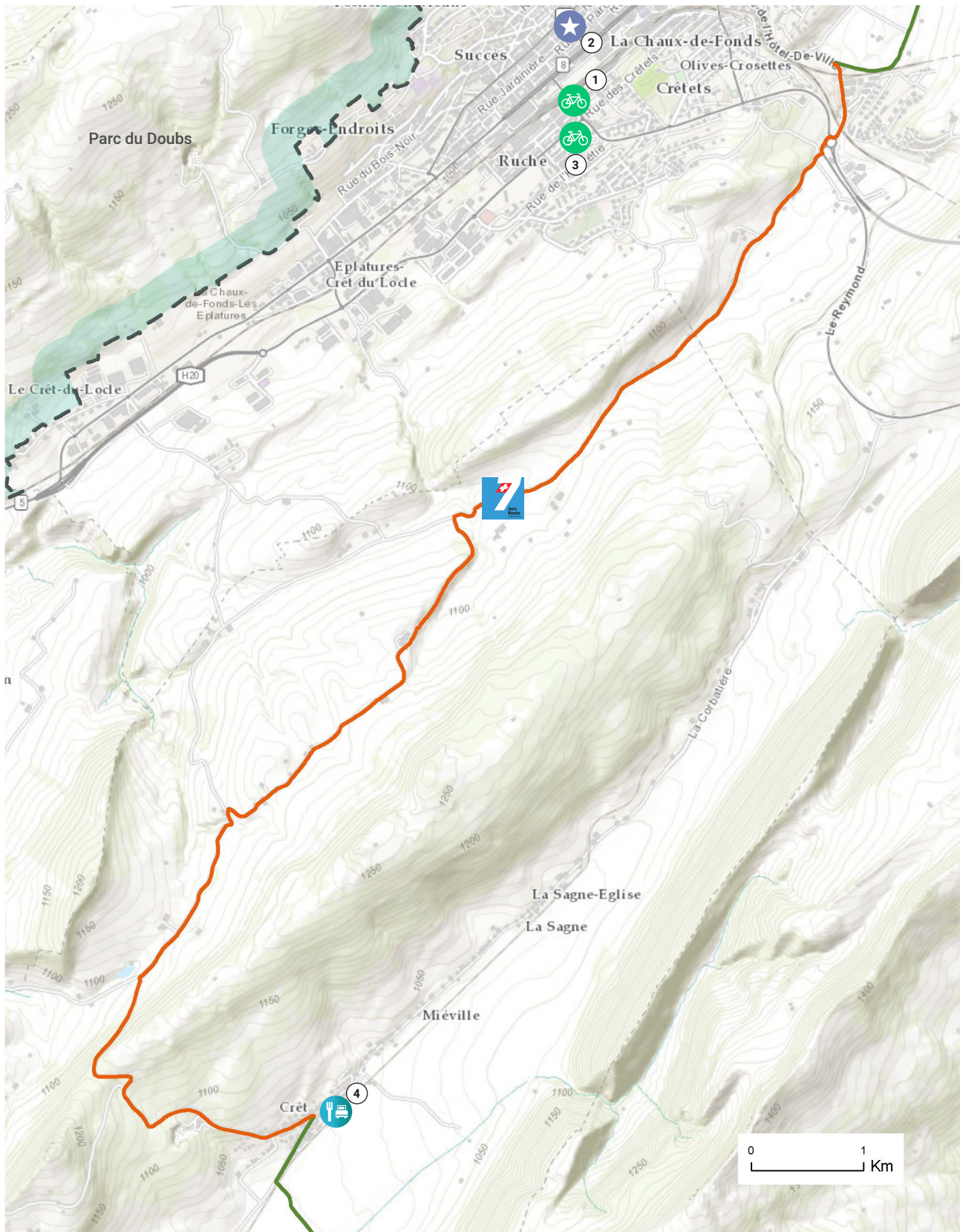


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17. La Chaux-de-Fonds – Les Ponts-de-Martel



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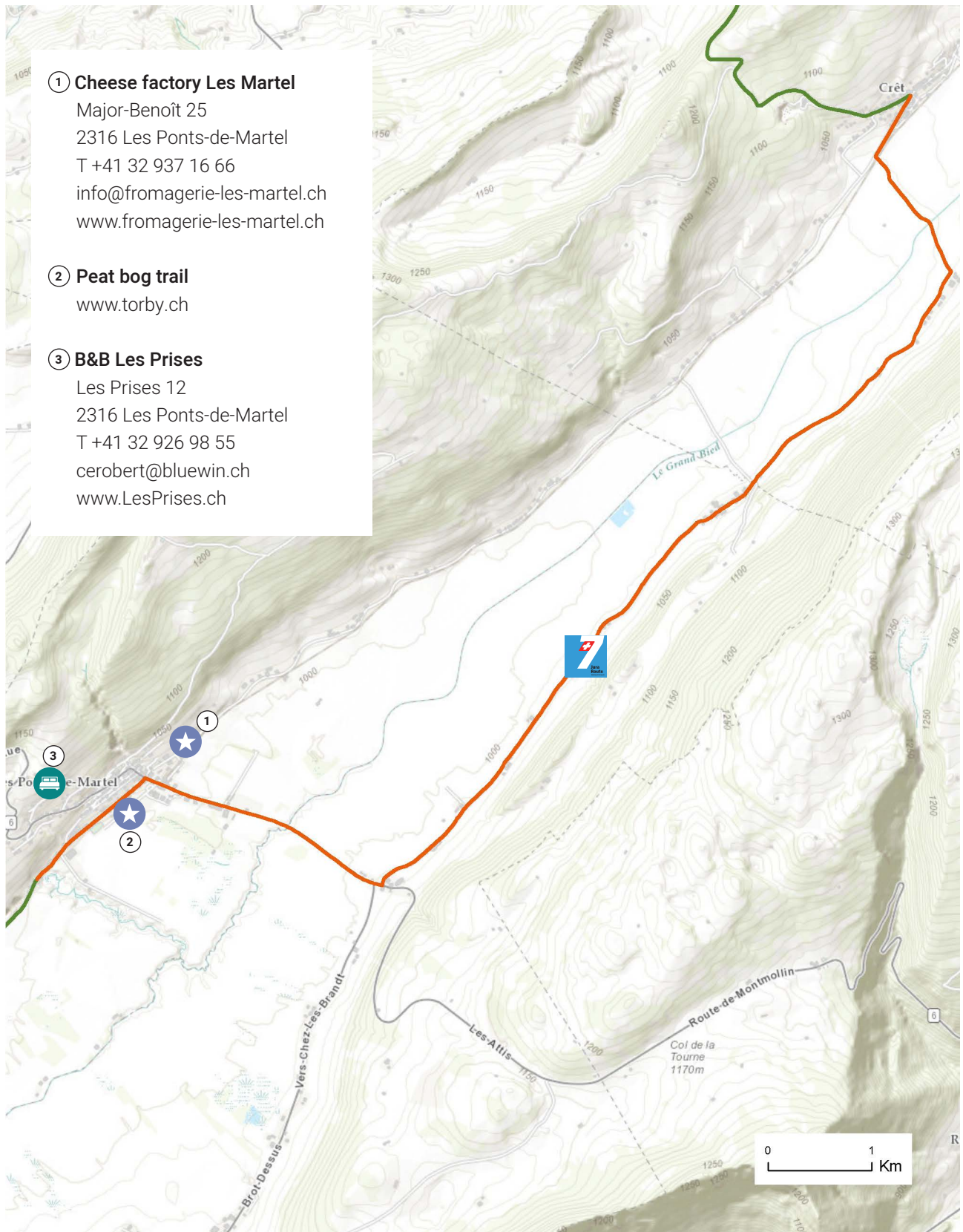
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18. La Chaux-de-Fonds – Les Ponts-de-Martel



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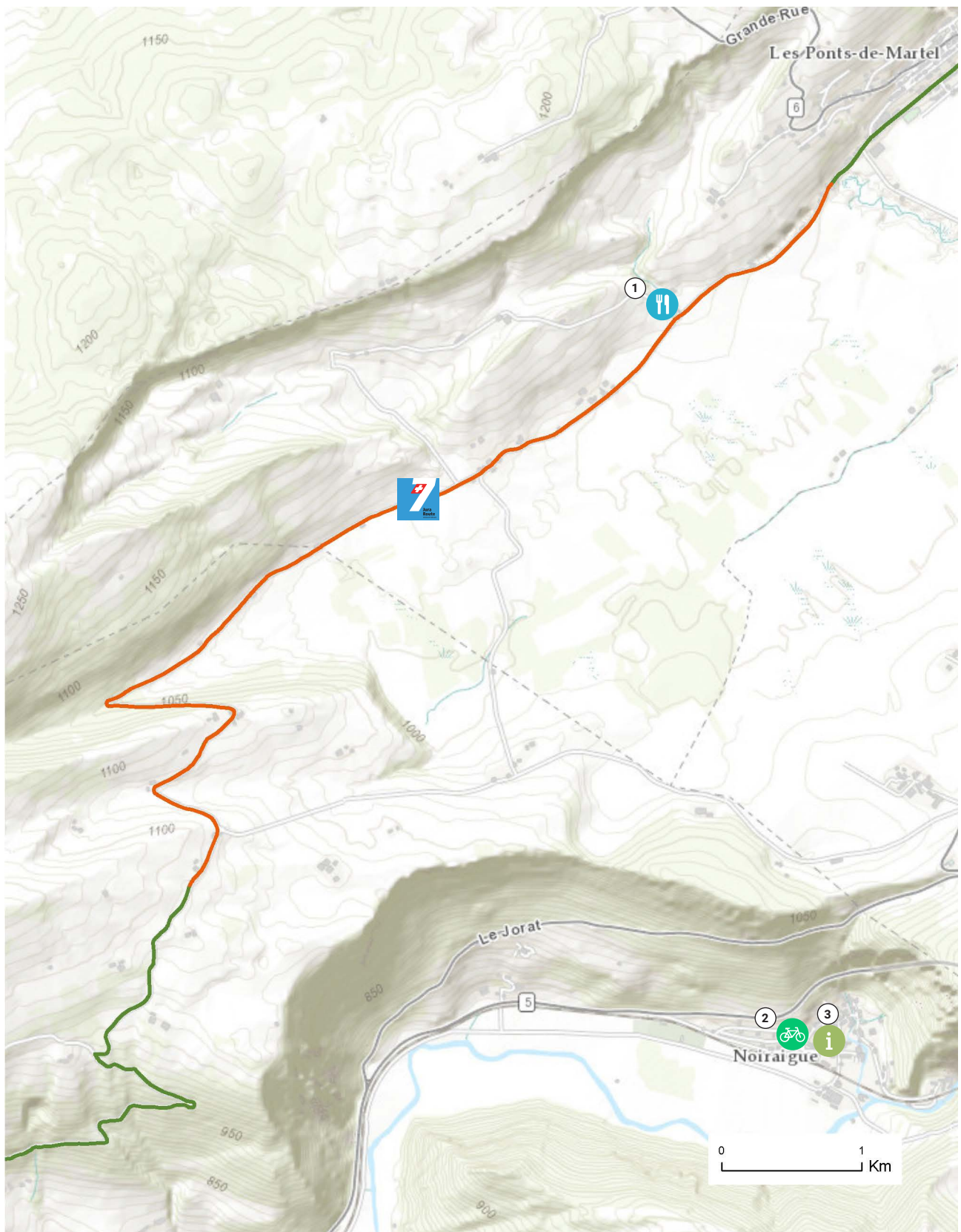
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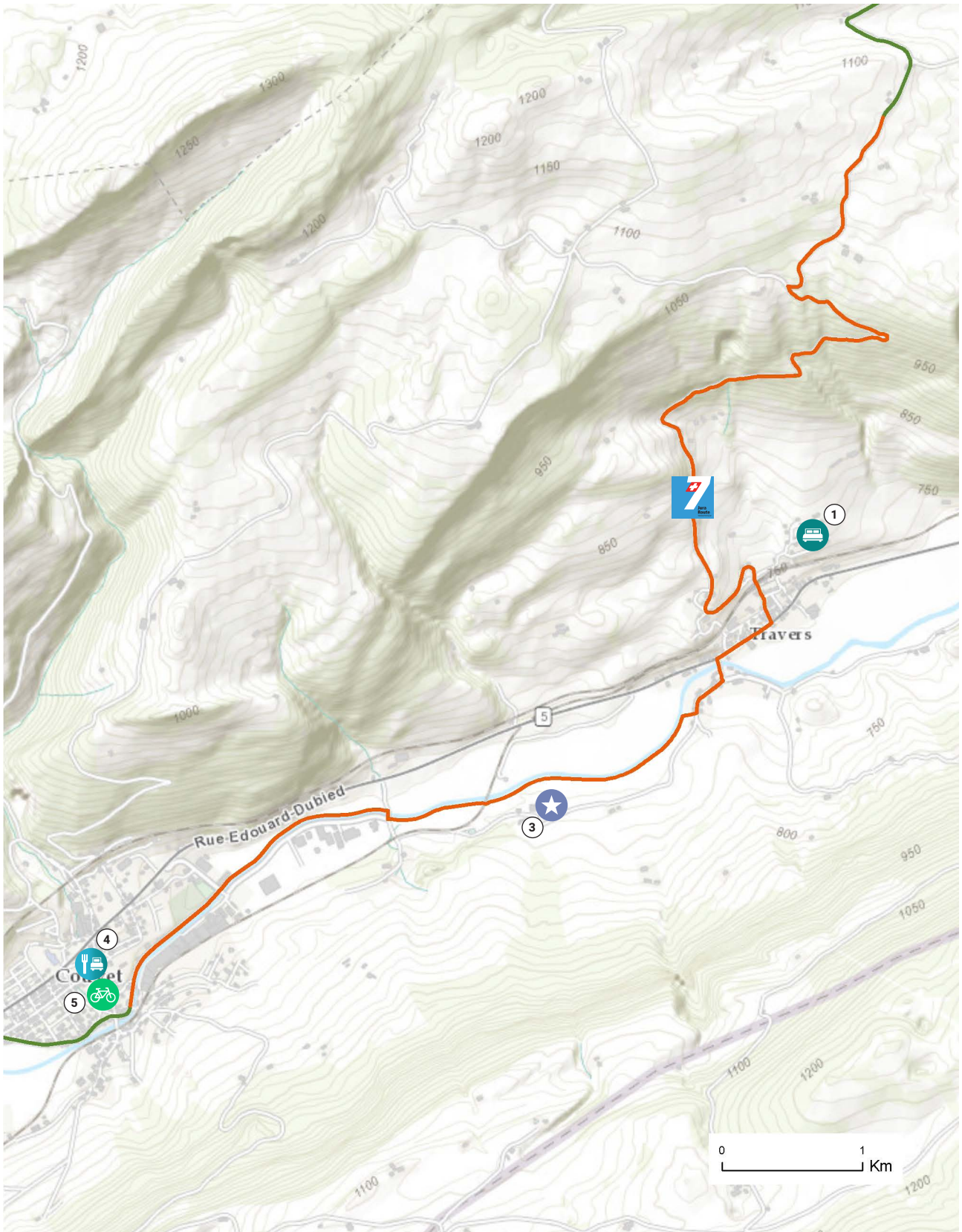
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The “franches-montagnes” horse Doubs Nature Park

Upon their arrival in the Franches-Montagnes, the first inhabitants cleared the dense uninhabited forests of this plateau located at an altitude of more than 1,000m in order to graze their cattle. They created areas that alternate between wooded and open spaces, typical of the Jura Arc: the wooded pastures. The “franches-montagnes” horse is inseparable from this ecosystem. Grazing in mixed herds of young and adult horses as well as cattle, this unique Swiss horse breed allows the maintenance of pastures by preventing the forest from closing in. Thierry Froidevaux and Brigitte Favre run the organic farm «Sous la Neuvevie» near Saignelégier, where they raise their own horses and cattle. They love to share their passion for the “franches-montagnes” breed with you during a visit of the farm.



Further information...

Upon their arrival, as early as the 12th century, the first inhabitants cleared the dense uninhabited forests of this plateau located at an altitude of more than 1,000m in order to graze their cattle. They created areas that alternate between wooded and open spaces, typical of the Jura Arc: wooded pastures. These very specific biotopes, consisting of land that is not deep enough to be cultivated, are a source of agricultural and forestry production with a high environmental value and a place for relaxation and recreation. They can be found all along La Route Verte.

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Today, this landscape of wooded pastures is a major tourist attraction of the Jura Arc but also reveals significant potential in terms of biodiversity. This particular

ecosystem provides a rich and varied habitat for many plants and animals that find shelter and hunting grounds. In the Franches-Montagnes, man, horse and untamed nature have been intimately intertwined for generations, in the heart of the majestic scenery you will travel through.



Thierry Froidevaux and Brigitte Favre are “franches-montagnes” horse breeders. For about six years, they have been running the «Sous la Neuvevie» organic farm near Saignelégier. Their love of horses, especially the “franches-montagnes” breed, goes back to their childhood. Thierry’s father and grandfather were both already breeding horses! Thierry perpetuates this important tradition with Brigitte and thus prevents this threatened breed

from extinction. In addition to horses, they also have a rare breed of cattle: the Rhaetian Grey. Their values? The well-being of animals, respect for Nature and sharing their passion. Book a visit and learn more about these majestic animals.



The Doubs Nature Park is working alongside a few “franches-montagnes” breeders to promote and encourage the existence of this breed of horse, that actively contributes to the preservation of the landscape. The Park offers activities such as; organization of farm visits, raising public awareness, promotion and information on questions related to this theme.

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Of horses and men

Come and observe the horses grazing in semi-freedom in the wooded pastures of the Jura plateau and visit one of the participating breeders.



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Dry-stone walls Chasseral Nature Park

When the Anabaptists were banned from the plain and sentenced to higher altitude by the Prince Bishops of Basel, they cleared the stony and wooded lands of the Bernese Jura and built the first dry-stone walls. At the time, these were used to demarcate between plots, reduce deforestation and contribute to destoning the soil. In terms of landscapes, they are nowadays the other typical Jura signature, alongside wooded pastures. Chasseral Nature Park and dedicated residents, such as Moussia de Watteville, are committed to restoring the masonry-free walls that have defied the centuries and shelter significant biodiversity. For those that are wondering, it is possible to take part in dry-stone wall restoration days.



Further information...

Throughout this fifth stage of La Route Verte, the landscape alternates between Jura ridges, spruce forests, agricultural valleys and wooded pastures. Stony and wooded lands cleared by virtuous pioneers. In the Bernese Jura region, they were often Anabaptists banned from the plain and sentenced to altitude by the Prince Bishops of Basel. .

Dry-stone walls were initially built to demarcate between plots, reduce deforestation and contribute to destoning the soil. They were therefore an appropriate solution in these stony soils where it was difficult to plant poles

These walls, free of masonry, have defied the centuries and constitute today the other typical Jura landscape signature alongside the wooded pastures.

Although initially built by man, dry-stone walls are well integrated into the landscape and are recognized by biologists as natural or semi-natural environments. They present significant reservoirs in terms of biodiversity and are home to many insects, reptiles, mammals and rock plants.

Dedicated residents like Moussia de Watteville invest a lot of time and effort to preserve this natural and cultural heritage. Moussia is one of the few people in the region to master this art. In June 2016, her passion became her profession and she has been self-employed since then. The stones are arranged delicately one on top of the other until a stable wall is created. In one day, Moussia can move up to a ton of stones! The know-how and techniques go back to a distant past and have been perfected over generations. It is a way of building that respects human beings, nature and the landscape. Moussia intends to live this passion for a long time to come and pass it on to others.

For the Chasseral Nature Park, dry-stone walls are a very important element not only for the landscapes, but also for the biodiversity they shelter. The Park thus supports the commitment of passionate people like Moussia and organises numerous projects to repair these walls. Sometimes organised with specific groups (residents, asylum seekers, people with disabilities, large companies), some projects are also open to members of the public wishing to discover this specific craft. If you are curious, come and live a unique experience by spending one or more days discovering and restoring this typical heritage.

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