

# VFS01v - Alternative route - Pontarlier-St-Croix

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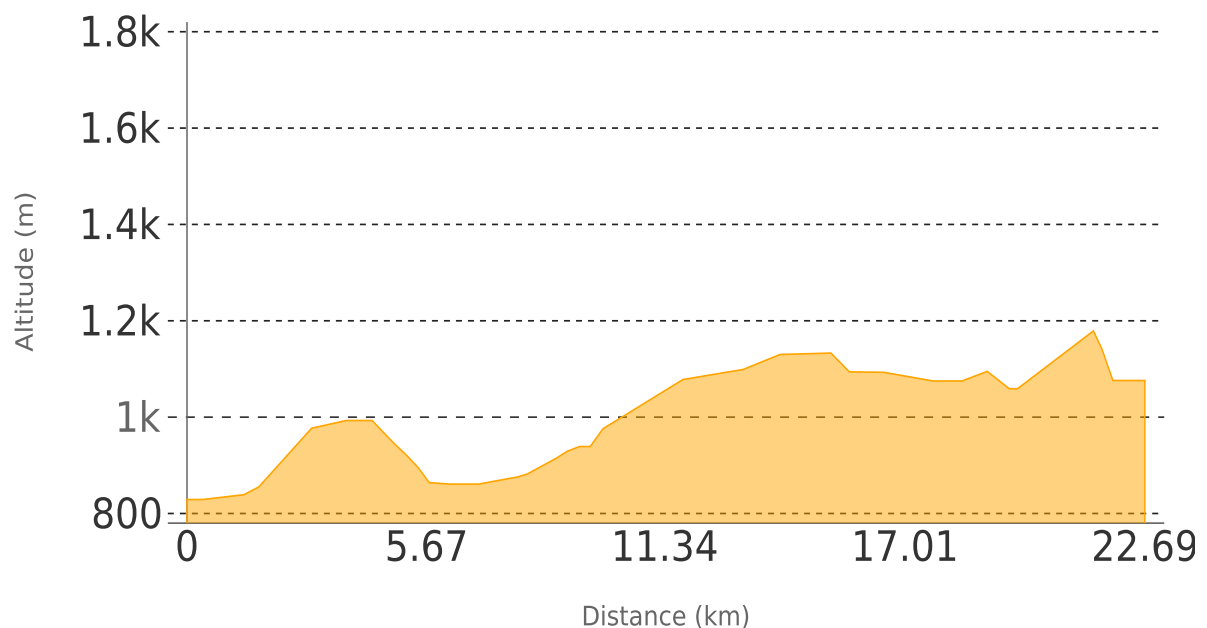
**Total length** 23.0 km

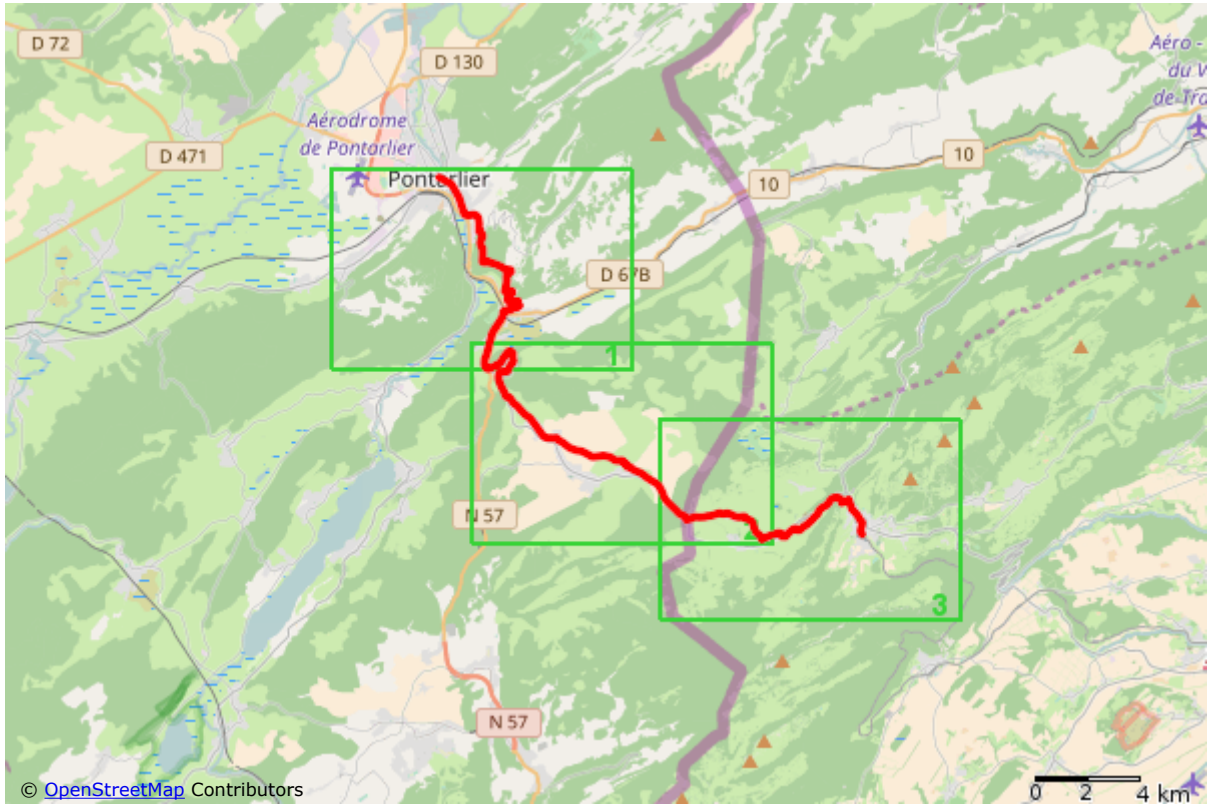
## Description

The last leg of the route, ascending to pass the Jura Mountains starts at Pontarlier. For a few kilometres the Via Francigena moves in the same direction as the itinerary of the Absinthe Trail which connects the comtoise city to the Val-de-Travers, both places with strong ties to the beverage. At the sluice of the Joux begins an obligated course for the passage to Switzerland. Facing this strategic site are the Joux castle and the Larmont fortress. Between forests and pastures, the route continues to rise in altitude, crossing the primitive landscapes of the Haut-Doubs until its arrival at the village of Fourgs, it then proceeds to pass the border at la Grand'borne and arrives at Sainte-Croix through L'Auberson.

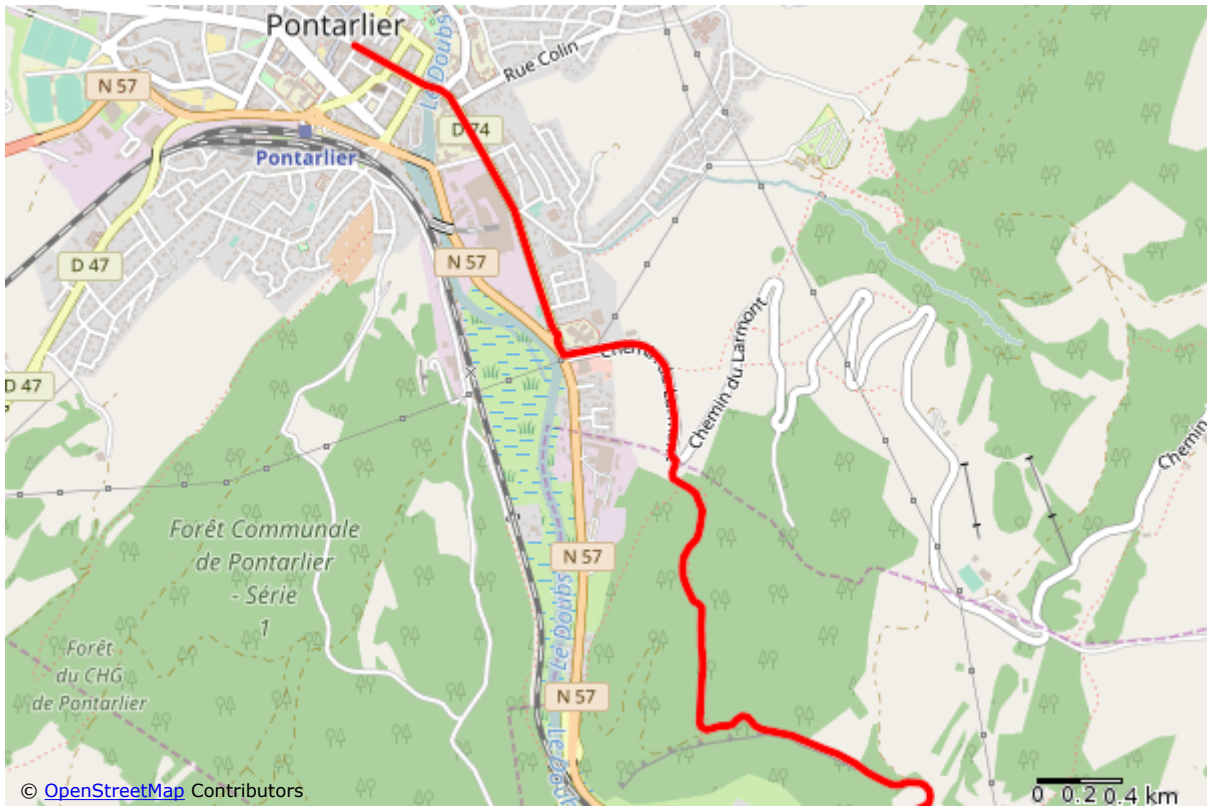
## Elevation chart

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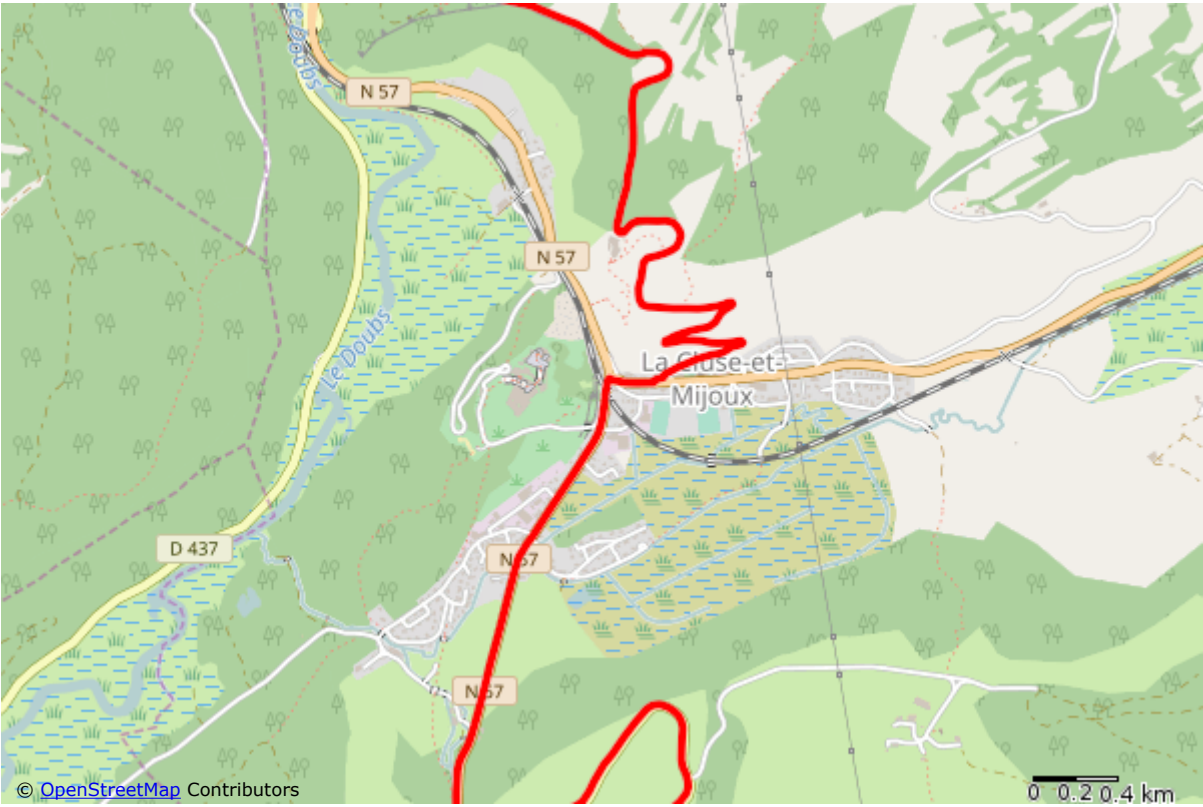




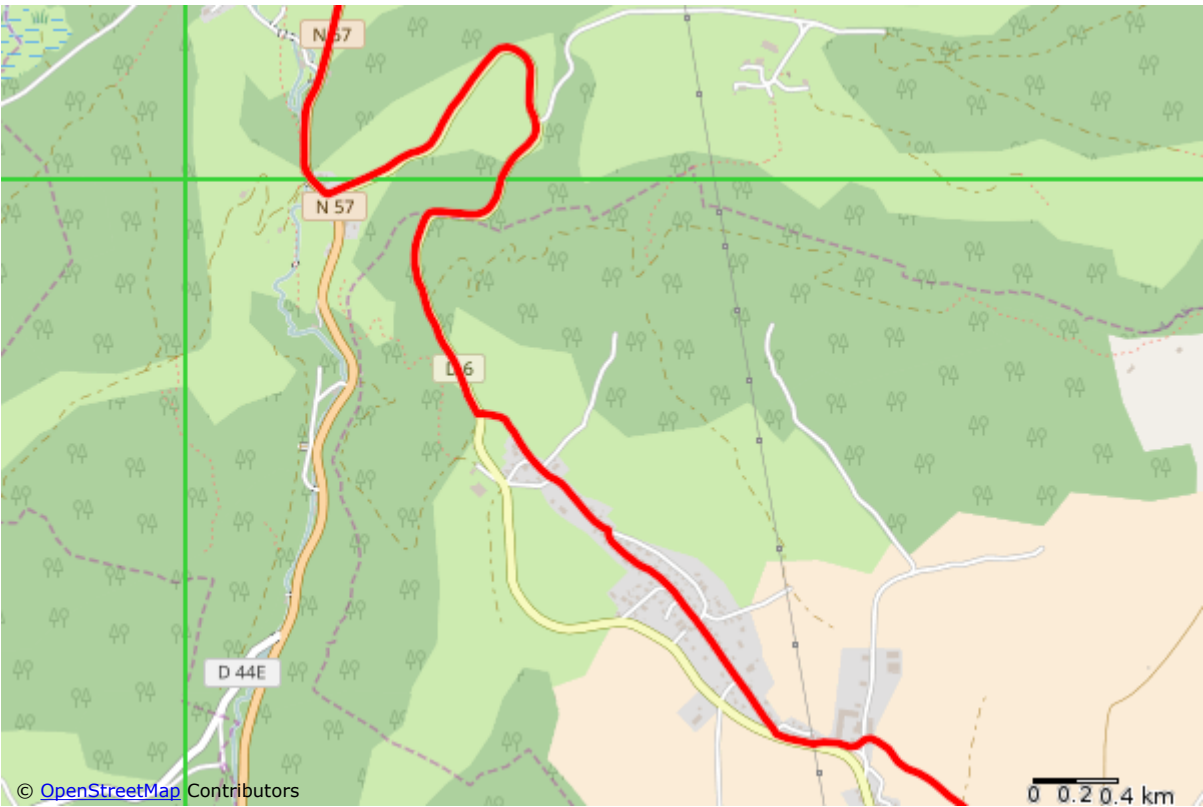
Overview map



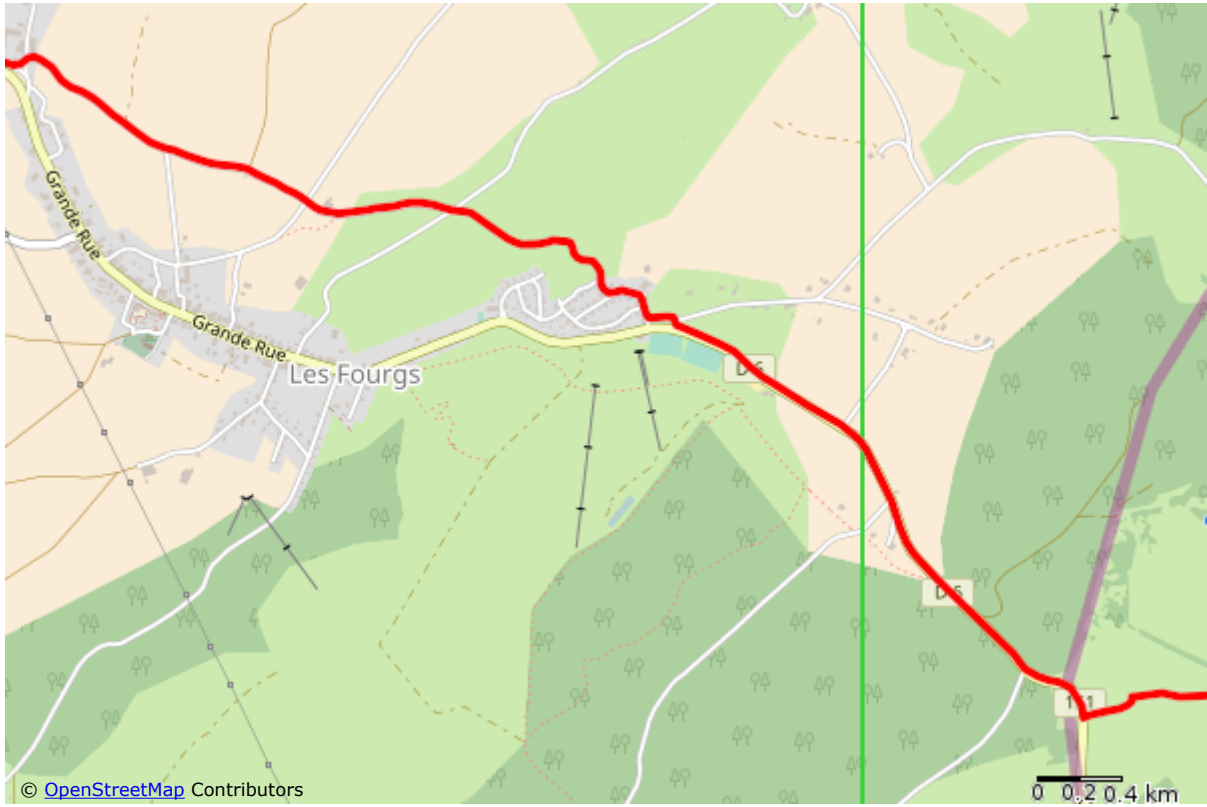
Detail map #1



Detail map #2



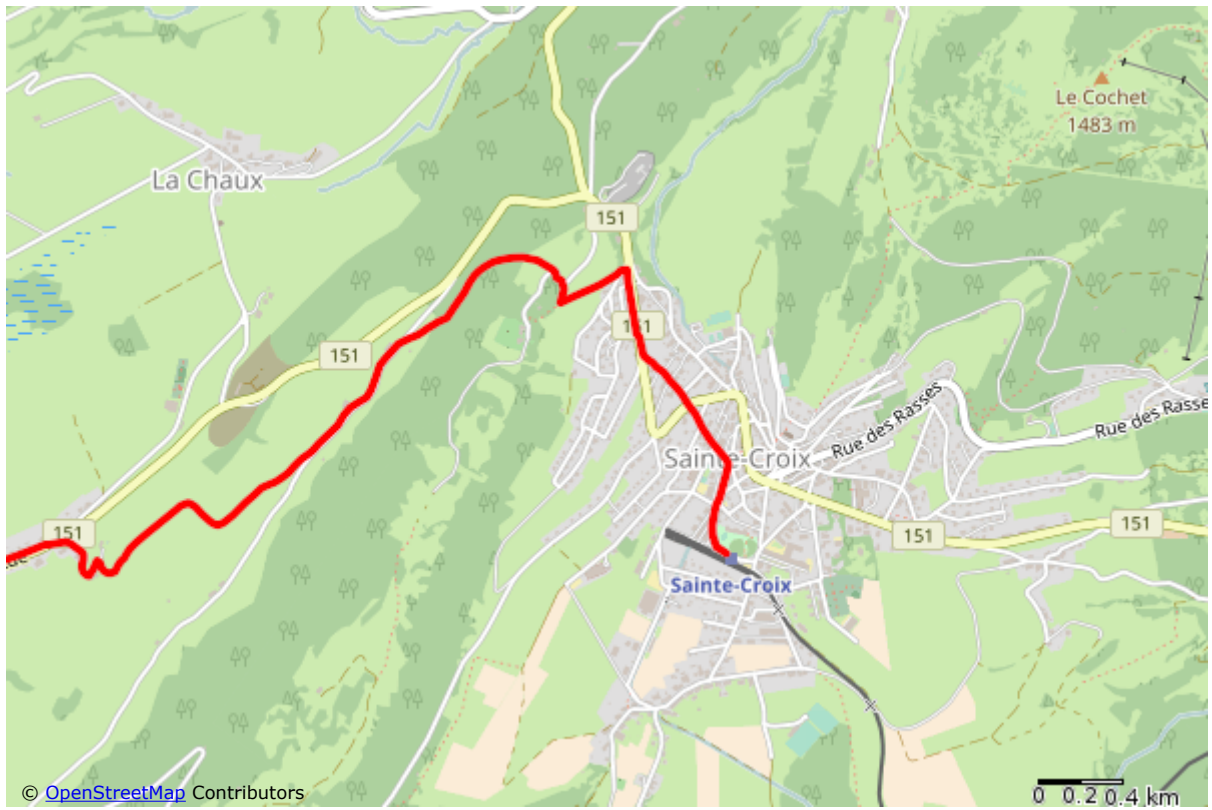
Detail map #3



Detail map #4



Detail map #5



Detail map #6