

LA MAISON DE LA FORÊT
BKASSINE

TRAIL ATTRACTIONS

- / Bkassine Pine Forest
- / View of Jezzine Cliffs marking the border of the Shouf and Jezzine regions
- / Ancient Watermill & Jezzine River

PLACES TO VISIT

- / Picnic Area
- / La Maison de la Forêt adventure park, artisan shops and eatery

USEFUL CONTACTS

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Red Cross: 140
Civil Defense: 125
Police: 112

CONTACT INFO

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This adventurous trail passes through the wilderness of the **Bkassine** forest - expect breathtaking views of the **Niha** fortress, the impressive Jezzine cliffs and waterfall as well as an exploration of an 18th Century watermill and the charming village of Bkassine. Begin your journey at the entrance of **La Maison de la Forêt**, walk past the adventure park and take a right into the wild heading east west. Cross the Sahleh Tahda spring and continue left on a sandy trail, passing through wild ferns to reach the Tala Aboul Sahel road. Take a left, head north for about 50m, then continue down a sandy trail through the Beit el Lik pine forest to cross the Said Tananer River.



Continue uphill, onto a wide path to reach the Jezzine Misrieh road, take a right, then left into the dense pine forest. Take in the incredible view across the valley of the **Jezzine** and **Azibe** waterfalls, the **Niha** fortress, a stunning natural wonder dating back to 1635, and the cliff which marks the border of the **Shouf and Jezzine regions**. The trail continues eastwards into a wilderness of ivy and ferns. Walk towards the Jdeidet Bkassine road with views of the village of **Aray** and the monastery of **Bhannine**.

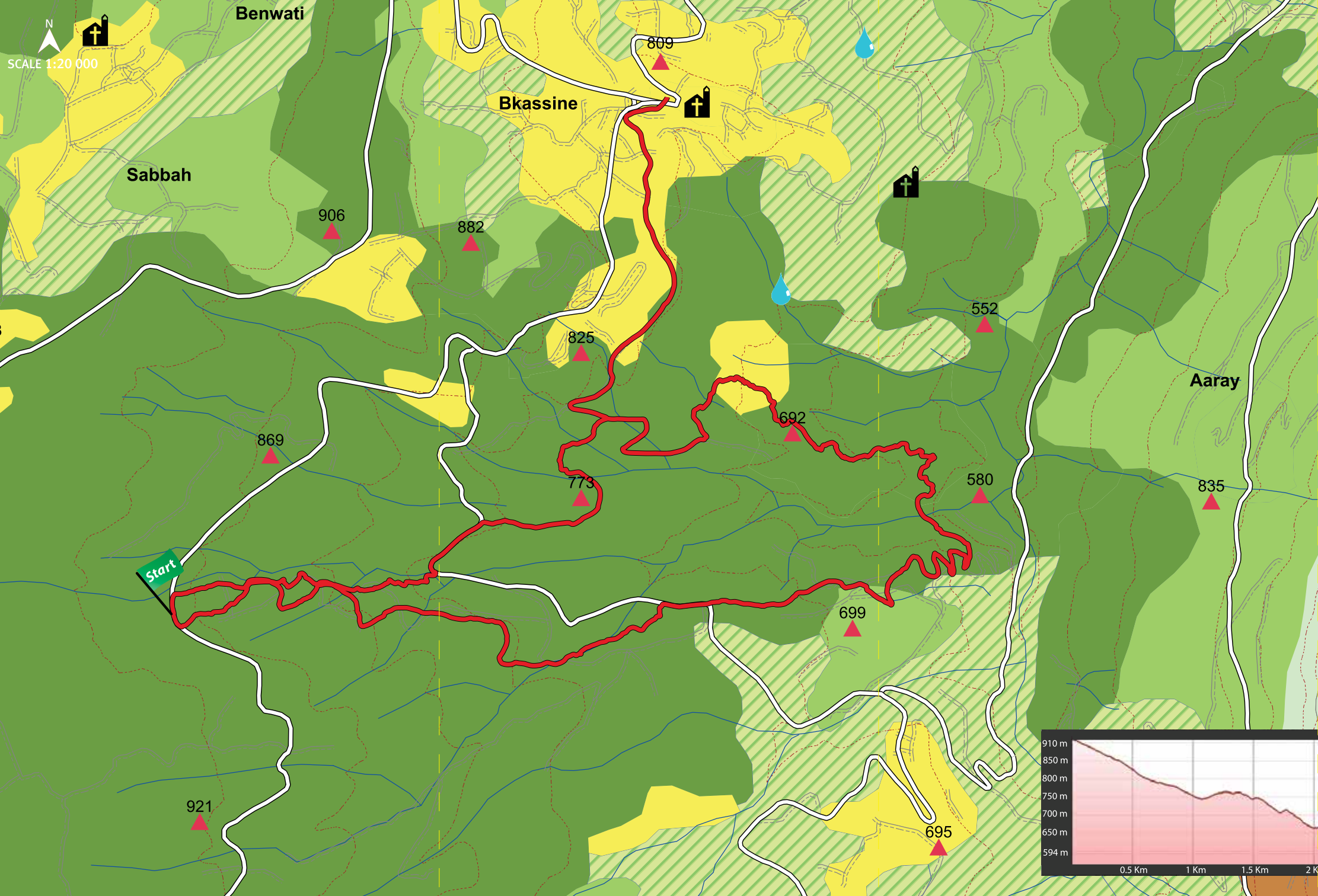


Option 1: Cross over the road and head east down towards the Jezzine river to the AKI watermill. Take a rest on the riverbank under the cool shade of the trees. Head back up and walk through a meadow following the flow of the river. Head up north along a stone trail, a path which donkeys used to take carrying their heavy load from the mill to **Bkassine**. Reach a track road and head east west to reach the Jdeidet Bkassine road. Cross the road and head up into the forest to reach the Beydar al Ramel campsite. From here, a beautiful walk through the majestic pines passing diverse fauna and flora will lead you to the adventure park, the rustic cottages and the eatery of **La Maison de la Forêt** - the perfect place to rest after this adventurous hike.



Option 2: Continue on for a longer walk, mostly uphill but worth it as you will explore the beautiful village of **Bkassine**. Take a left north east and head through the forest towards a paved road. Take a right towards the stone steps leading up to **Bkassine village square**, dominated by the magnificent Mar Takla church. Take a tour of this charming village featuring remarkable stone red roof houses, a fascinating barbershop and an old post office. Then head back on a paved road to **La Maison de la Forêt**.

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MAP LEGEND

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| | Church | | Saida Jezzine Highway |
| | Mosque | | Walking Trail |
| | Police Station | | Major Roads |
| | Civil Defence | | Minor Roads |
| | Hospital | | Elevation Contours |
| | Hotel | | Streams |
| | Historic Monuments | | Urban Areas |
| | Serail | | Coniferous Forests |
| | Spot Heights | | Broadleaved Forests |
| | Water Springs | | Olive Fruit Trees |
| | Trail Marker | | Vineyards |

* Trail Markers are located along the trail for Guidance

TRAIL TERRAIN

*Option 1
 Elevation Minimum: 594 m
 Elevation Maximum: 910 m
 Elevation Average: 742 m
 Total Distance: 5.3 Km
 Maximum Slope: 42.4% - 35.5%
 Average Slope: 14.5%, -15.5%

