

Notice to walkers:

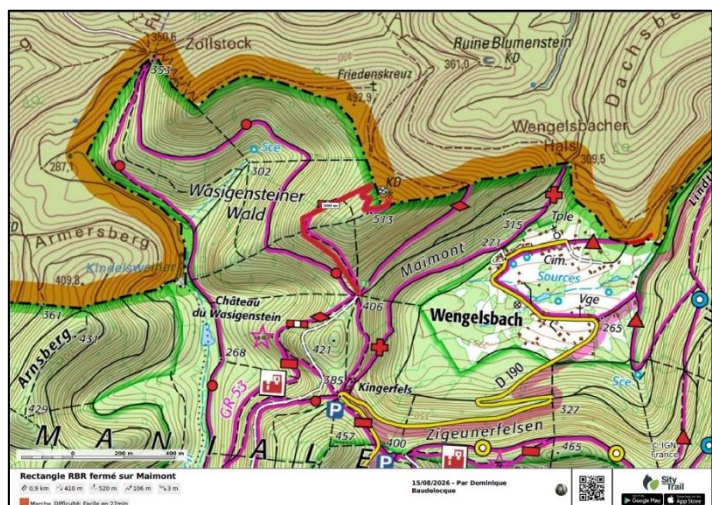
Disruption on trails between the border, Obersteinbach and Windstein. Do not approach the machinery, and do not cross the signs or barrier tape in areas affected by damage or forestry work.

Conditions are expected to return to normal by the end of August, except for the GR 53, which will remain diverted for six months between the Obersteinbach wash house and the Gabelfels. Passing through this area is extremely dangerous.

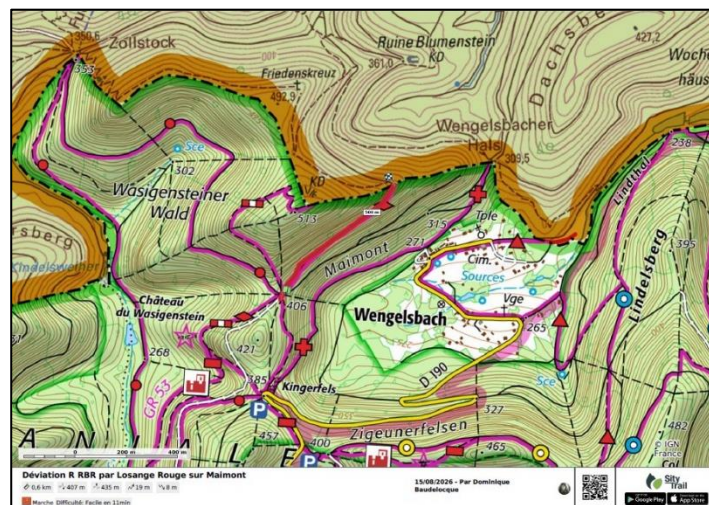
1. Northern Obersteinbach area:

> Closure of the section of the Red-White-Red Rectangle trail  in the Maimont area (1), with a diversion via the , see (2):

(1)



(2)



> The Schlossberg area has been restored

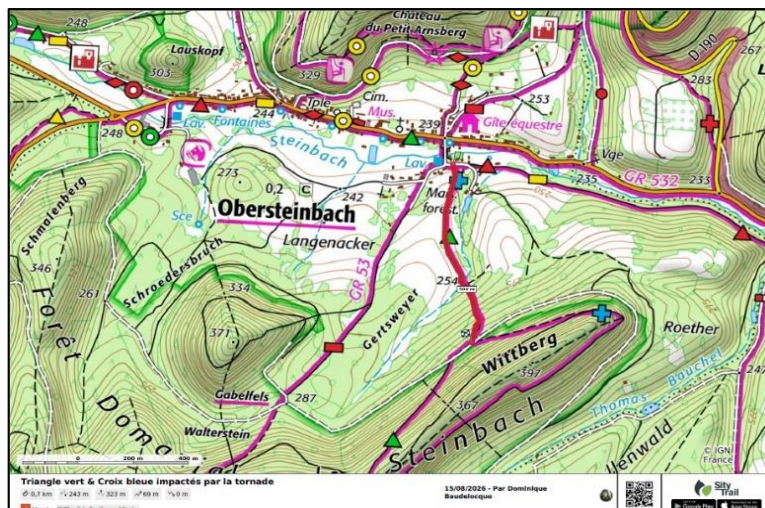
> Red Diamond  : no disruption

> GR 53  : no disruption

> Alsace Fortified Castles Trail  : no disruption

2. South-eastern Obersteinbach area:

> The section  and  between the washhouse and Wittberg has been reopened since late morning on 21st August (see route highlighted in red):



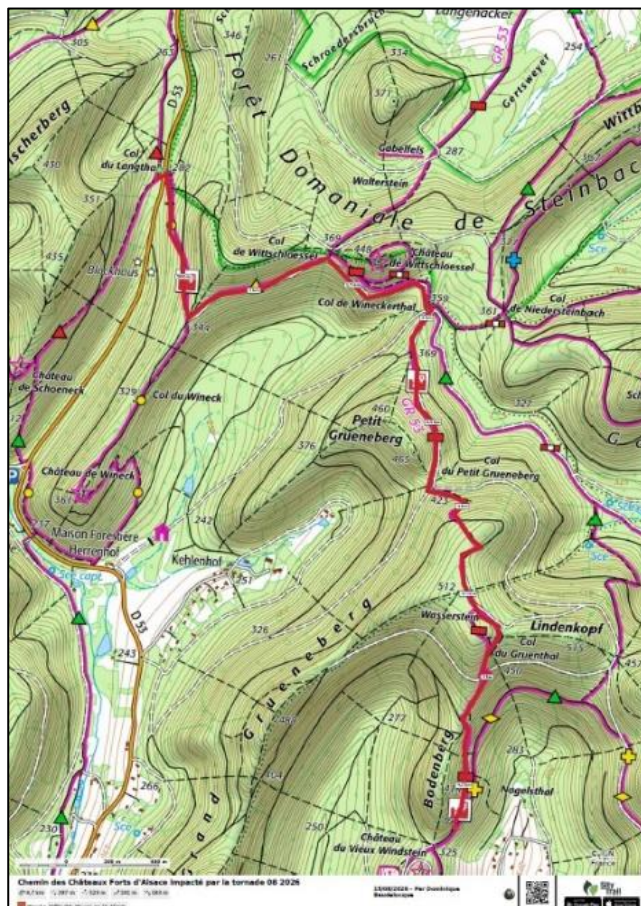
3. Southern Obersteinbach area until the end of week 35 (30/08):

> Closure of the entire Yellow Diamond trail leading to the Wineck  between the Langthäl Pass and Herrenhof, of the marked trail  between the Langthäl Pass and Wittschloessel Pass, and of the  between the Wineck Pass at elevation 344 and the Wittschloessel Pass.

> Access to the Wittschloessel ruins, marked by , is also closed.

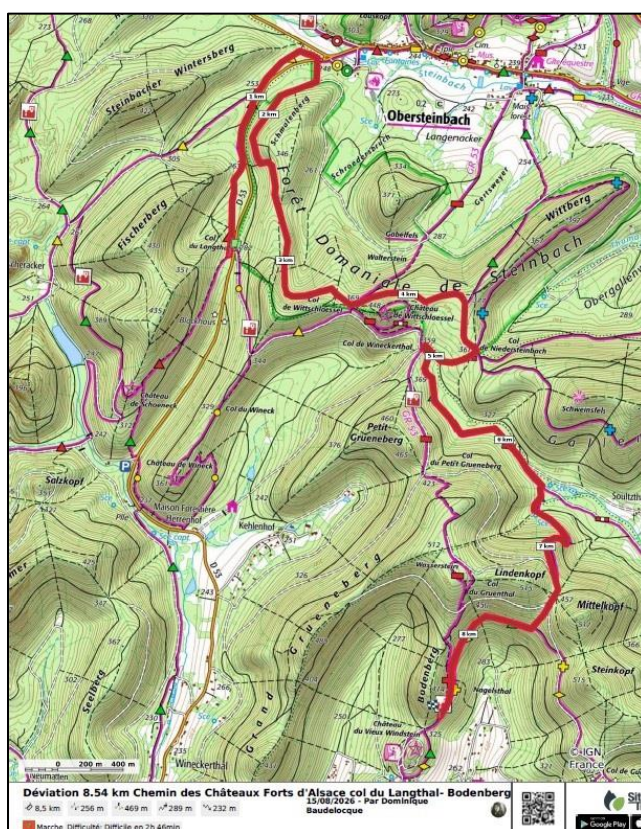
> Closure of 5.1 km of the marked trail  and GR 53  between Wittschloessel Pass and the bottom of Bodenberg, passing by the “Wasserstein”:

Closures of  and GR 53  listed above: see the red route shown alongside.



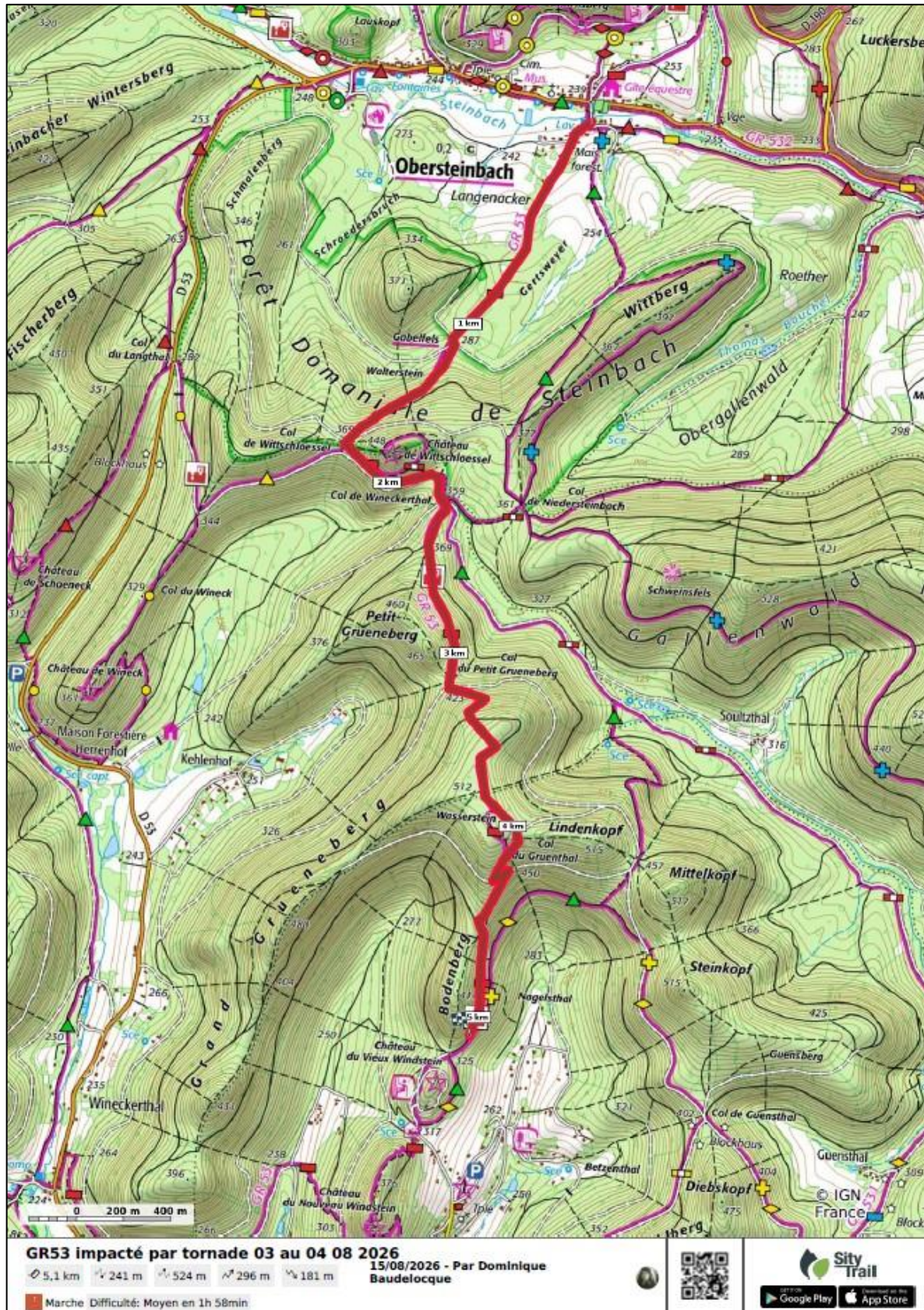
“Castles” diversion between Langthäl Pass and Vieux-Windstein until 20/08 to 30/08 :

follow the red triangle  northwards, then the yellow triangle  to the road D 53. Cross straight over and continue on the unmarked forest track that branches off to the right up to Wittschloessel Pass, then go around the Wittschloessel ruins from the north (see the red route shown alongside). Then follow the green triangle  on the right until the junction with the GR 53 east of “Bodenberg” (see bottom of the map).



4. Southern Obersteinbach area – marked GR 53 ■ : closure and alternatives

> 4.1 Closure of the GR 53 (see route below):

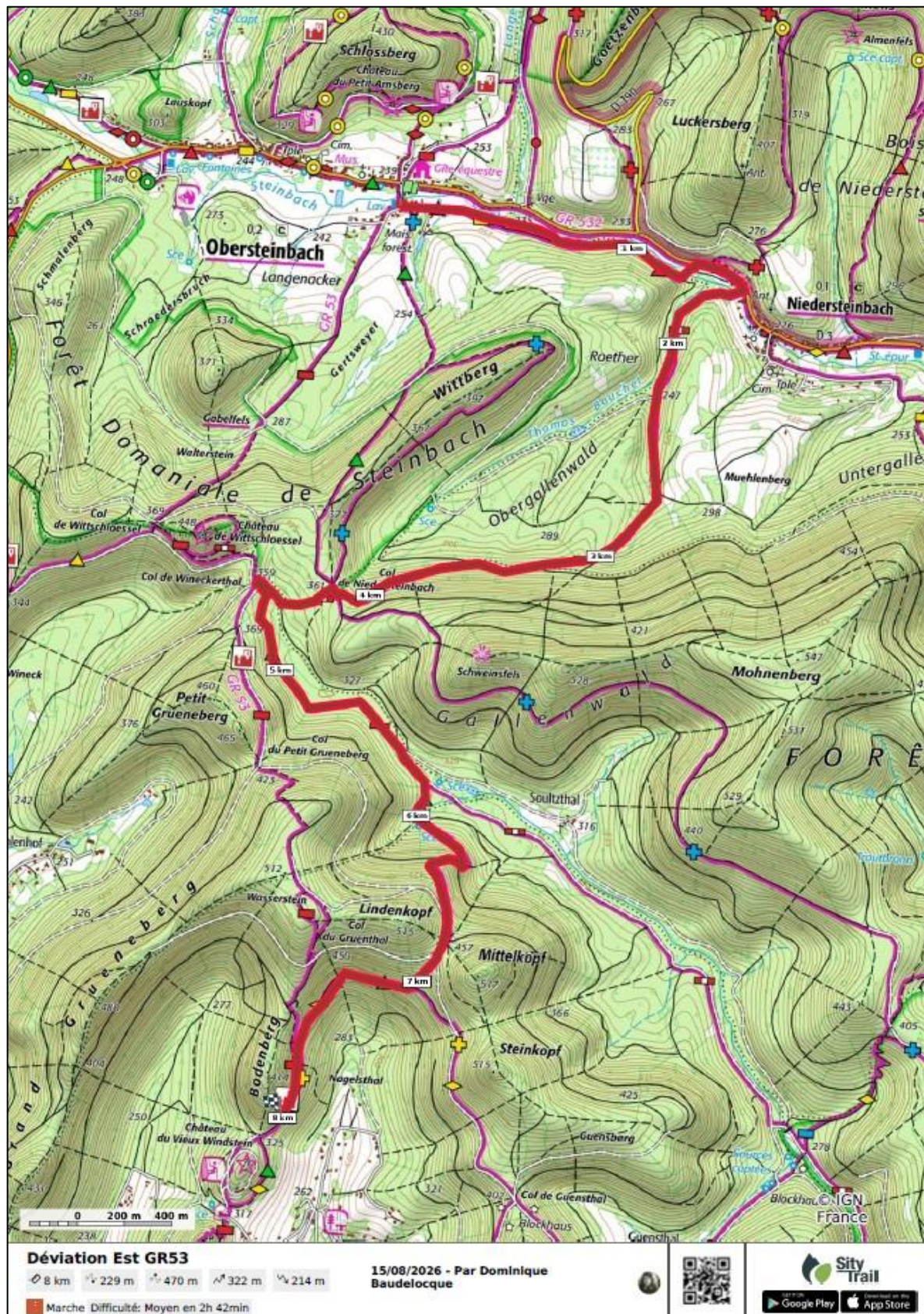


Note : The section between Gabelfels and the Wittschloessel Pass has been reopened by the ONF, making it possible to visit the Gabelfels and the Waldi shelter at the Wittschloessel Pass (fires prohibited) by completing the Forest Trails from the D53 road and ▲ + ■ path between the wash house and Wittberg, which reopened on 21 August. See section 4.4.

> 4.2 The 'East' alternative route for the GR53  crossing, via  , has been available since 21 August.

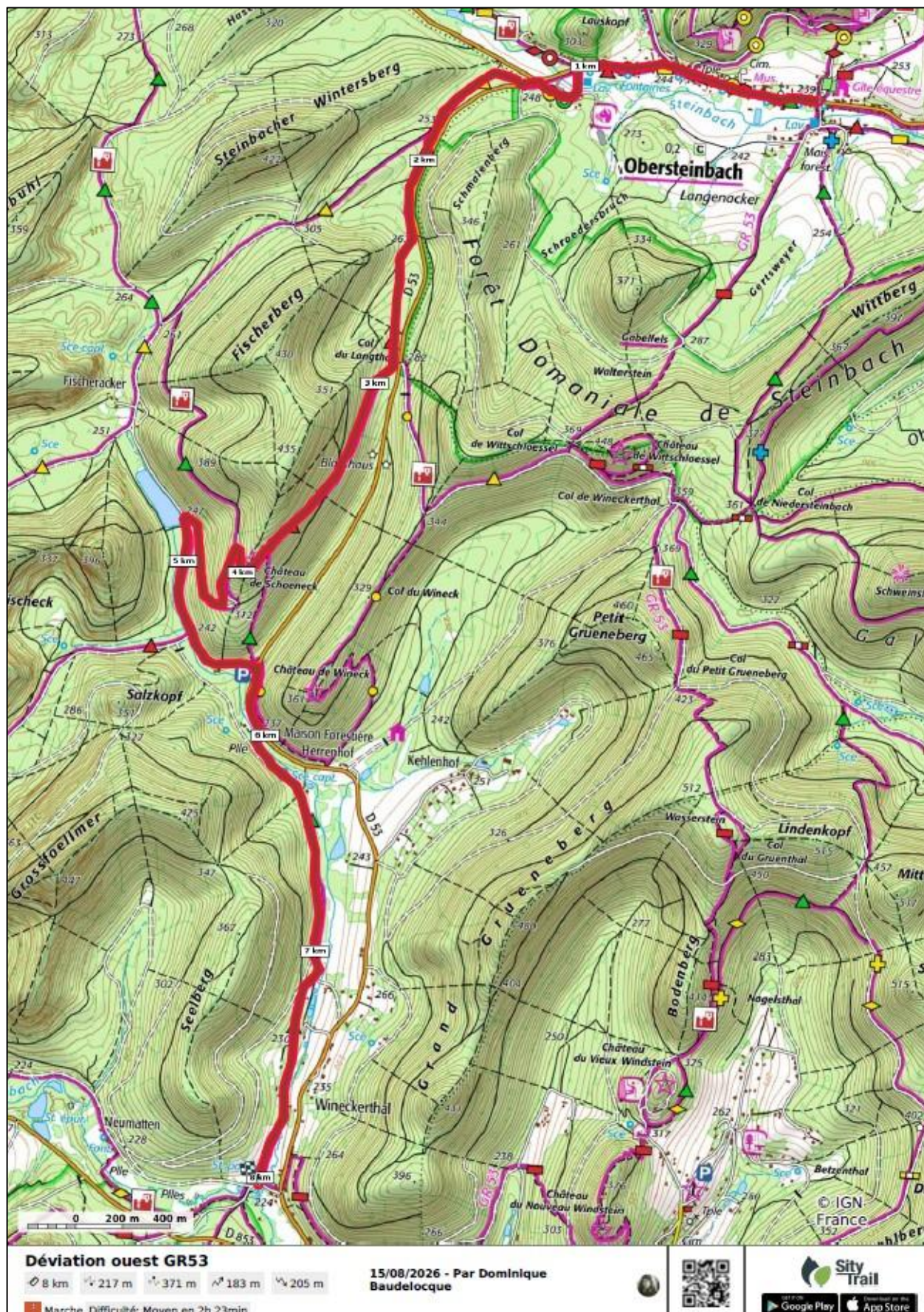
The Wittberg access route has been reopened since late morning on 21 August between the Obersteinbach wash house and the forest track north of Wittberg: via  and .

Note: The previous detour via the Yellow Rectangle  and the  is still possible but is longer (8 km versus 5.7 km). The path along the Steinbach was cleared on 20 August and 21 August.



> 4.3 “Western” alternative to crossing the GR 53 ■ , possible from 18/08:

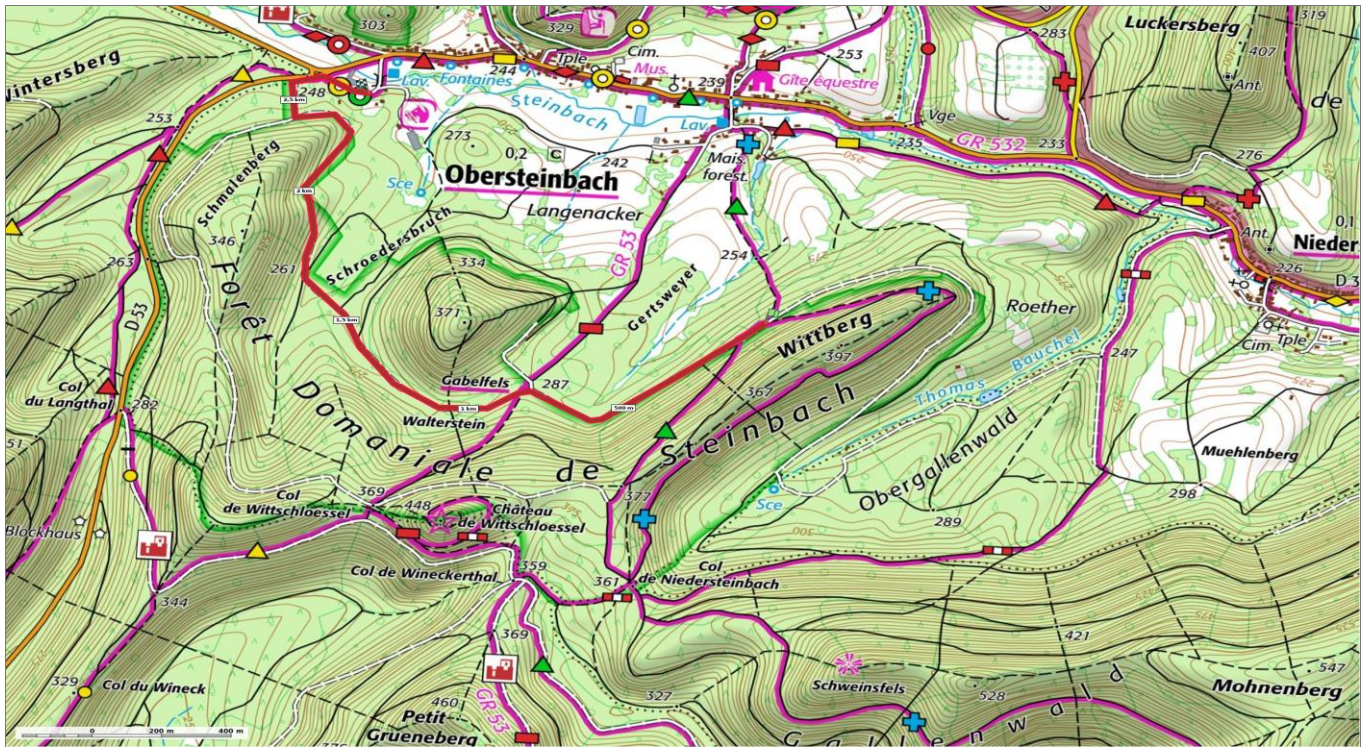
CAREFULL : this alternative does not pass through Windstein !



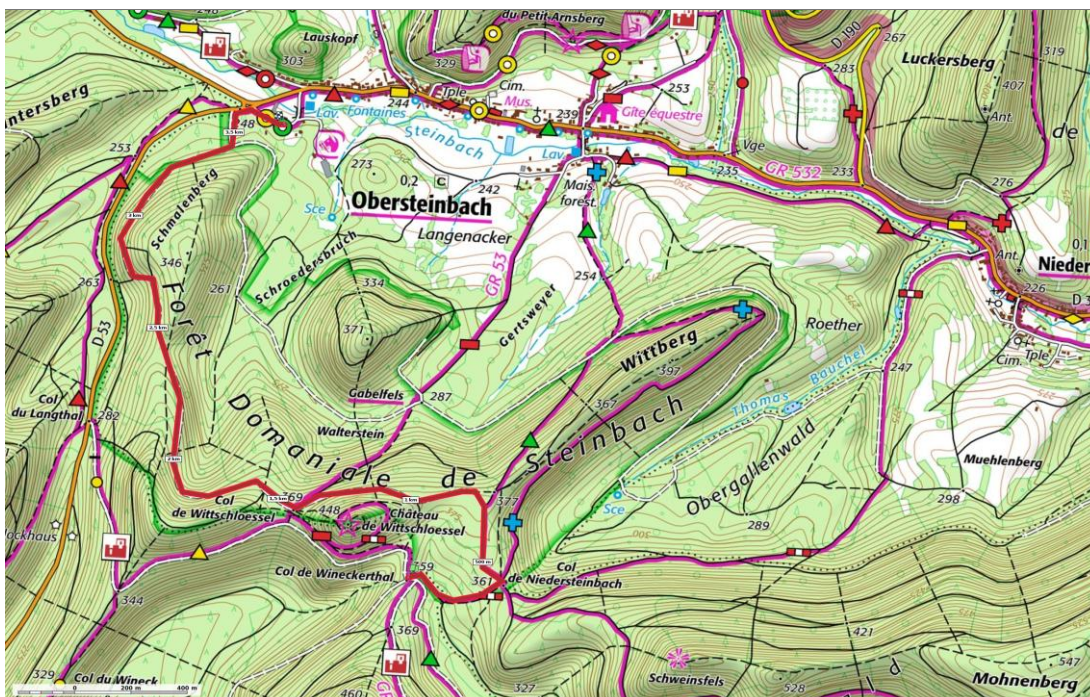
> 4.4 Access routes via the forest tracks to the D53 or the ▲ towards the wash house.

This allows walkers arriving from the east on the GR53 ■ to bypass the Wittschloessel to the north and descend via one of the two forest tracks (unmarked) to the road D53 west of Obersteinbach (goat farm).

- a) Walkers heading for Obersteinbach stranded at Gabelfels: The GR53 ■ is closed for six months between Gabelfels and the Obersteinbach washhouse: take the Forest Track towards the road D53 or the ▲ + ■ sign towards the washhouse.



- b) Walkers heading towards Obersteinbach are blocked at Wittschloessel (until the end of week 35): The GR53 ■ is closed for six months between Gabelfels and the Obersteinbach washhouse: take the Forest Path towards the road D53 or the ▲ towards the washhouse.



5. Niedersteinbach – Dambach footpath

As long as the link between Wineckerthal Pass and Langthal Pass is prohibited (until the end of week 35), it is possible to reach Dambach via the existing Red Triangle ▲ between these two municipalities.

