



# At the dawn of time...

Nessadiou and Deva are among the oldest archaeological sites in New Caledonia. They were occupied by members of the **Lapita civilisation** about 3,000 years ago.

Excavations and surface collections have uncovered a collection of pottery characteristic of this civilisation. Over the centuries, these former fishermen multiplied their encampments along the wide beaches at the foot of the Deva Hills. They occupied them regularly, from the beginning of the first millennium BC until the first millennium AD (pottery and burials, sometimes with remains in a sitting position, have been found there).

While the Poé encampments show an occupation on the same date for almost two millennia, those of Deva show changes of location related to the natural advance of the coastline (nearly 300 m in 3,000 years). On the coastline, there are fewer traces of regular occupation throughout the second millennium AD. At this time, people settled inland, near hills and fertile plains. They built large villages, near the fields, yam logs and taro terraces (old irrigated taro plantations in the area of the col des Rousseites).

Sources: Christophe Salié (Institute of Archaeology of New Caledonia and the Pacific).

## The dry forest: the green jewel of Deva

The dry forest of Gouaro, which occupies the coastal fringe and some interior hills, is the largest in New Caledonia and of an inestimable ecological value.

The term "dry forest" refers to forest complexes that develop in a dry climate (less than 1,100 mm of rainfall per year). Regarded in the world as being one of the most biologically interesting ecosystems, it is also, unfortunately, one of those that is threatened by complete extinction within a few years.

Located mainly on the west coast of New Caledonia, up to 300 or 400 m above sea level, these forest complexes are subjected to drying wind rains and to the dry season for six months of the year. Although the dry forest originally covered about 4500 km<sup>2</sup> of the territory, it now only occupies 2% of its original surface.

In New Caledonia, the dry forest is home to nearly 450 plant species, 60% of which are endemic. It also serves as a refuge for important fauna consisting of insects, molluscs, reptiles and birds. Some of the species it housed have already disappeared due to urbanisation, livestock, agriculture, bush fires and the introduction of invasive species.

**1 700** hectares

- 72** plant species
- 38** bird species
- 11** lizard species
- 58** species of butterflies and snails including the Bulime

White-bellied Goshawk

## Conservation of the dry forest in Deva

The New Caledonia Natural Areas Conservatory (NAC), South Province (owner of the site) and SEM Mwe Ara (site administrator) have made the choice to pool their resources in order to spearhead an action plan to protect Deva a major site for the protection and restoration of the dry forests of New Caledonia:

- Protection and restoration
- Fight against invasive species of animals and plants
- Prevention of fires
- Improvement of knowledge (fauna, flora, etc.)
- Information and awareness raising

Thus in 2016, a "defence" barrier was created by the CEN in Deva to protect 300 ha of dry forest and 100 ha dedicated to active restoration (plantation).

In the dry forest of Deva you will be able to admire some rare and endangered endemic species such as the imposing Droopé (Acropogon bullatus) with its characteristic drooping leaves. You will also be able to find the discreet but nevertheless sublime Diopsyrus miniflorus with its thousands of small waxed leaves.

On the other hand, if you come across a tree with a trunk stained with fat, admire it but do not touch it. This is the Gaudouier (Semecarpus atra), an endemic tree which is highly allergenic. Among the most majestic trees, you will find the Raporé (Mimusops elengi) and its cousin the grey oak (Planchonella cinerea), both of which are easy to recognise with their deep bark and their imposing sizes.

## An exceptional ornithological reserve!

New Caledonia has 183 bird species, including 24 endemic species. These are 49 species have been recorded in the Dry Forest but none are unique. Nine of these species are endemic, eight are waterfowl or marsh species, and eight are introduced birds.

Among the most common species, we find the Caledonian whistler. Its very characteristic song is made up of incredibly diverse sounds and often ends with the repetition of the same note, like an alarm.

On an old fence post or a dead tree, you may be able to observe a couple of adorable bush swallows pressed against each other. This fierce little bird, with black and white plumage, is easy to spot. In the forest of Deva, we also often encounter the broad-mouthed flycatcher whose female has characteristic grey plumage with a red breast and white belly.



With a little luck, you will also come across the sublime white-bellied goshawk, a bird endemic to New Caledonia, which likes to nest in the dry forest around the Marais Fourrier.

You should also spot the king of the Dry Forest with his mischievous laughter: the Caledonian crow. This endemic bird is reputed to be the most intelligent bird in the world. It can indeed shape customised tools in order to extract insects skilfully from tree holes! For more than 10 years, this unusual bird has attracted scientists from around the world to Deva!

The Ornithological Observatory of the Fourrier marsh invites you to the heart of the birds' habitat to observe the spectacle of nature in complete tranquillity. Settle in comfortably and admire the spectacle of Canada's cals (ducks with eyesashes), white-crested egrets, kingfishers and Cormorants. You will also observe whistling kites or some ospreys which like to nest in the trees at the edge of the water.



## Fitness trail

This trail consists of 15 modules of varying sizes and spaced about 100 m, for a total distance of 1.6 km.

Accessible to all, this trail can be fun for a family but can also be used in the form of a complete sports training session, punctuated by exercises using different muscle groups.

- Duration: 45 minutes - flat and shaded trail
- Slalom: run between the poles passing on the outside of each
  - Double ladder: climb up the logs and go down on the other side
  - Giant step: jump from top to post from one leg to another
  - Jump course: jump over the hedges using your feet
  - Push ups: push and bend the arms, body straight
  - Fixed bars: arm pull-ups
  - Balancing ropes: move laterally on the ropes
  - Flex jump: jump with feet pressed together, over each bar
  - Parallel bars: cross the feet using the right arm, then left arm, both arms stretched
  - Alternate Jumps: jump with feet together alternately on each side while advancing
  - Balancing beam: walk along the beam
  - Double wall bars: hang from the top bar, bend the legs by 90°
  - Crossbar with two ropes: arms extended, go up, down - climbing rope
  - Horizontal ladder: rope forward while hanging, changing hands alternately
  - Abdominals: sitting, feet under the top bar, bend the head, bend forward with back straight



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MAISON DE DEVA  
Opening time: Monday from 8 am to 4 pm; from Tuesday to Sunday from 8 am to 5 pm

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Opening of the second grand desk of the Domaine de Deva estate: 6h30 - 19h30

## Mountain Bike Tours of Deva

Like the development of Netcha in the Great South, or Tina in Nouméa, the Tours of Deva consist of 9 mountain bike trails marked out over nearly 120 kilometres, at all levels.

The tracks partly overlook a UNESCO World Heritage listed coastline, and gives you the chance to admire breathtaking views of the lagoon from the peaks.

### MOUNTAIN BIKE RENTAL :

La Maison de Deva (Deva House) offers MTBs in ADULT and CHILD sizes for rent. Baby carrier on request.

Prices :  
CHILD: 1/2 day: 2,000 F; day: 2,500 F  
ADULTS: 1/2 day: 3,200 F; day: 4,000 F

## Let's Go!

### Choose GREEN!

- NO PORADENO (N1)** This "Easy" GREEN trail takes you on grassy trails, at the end of the promenade you will take a single track through the nioualis, in the shade of the trees on the edge of a creek.
- MARAIS DE DEVA (N7)** A GREEN trail, very easy level, very enjoyable at the end where you discover the Marsh of Deva. You may be surprised to find a doe at the bend of the road or see ducks take off...

### Don't be scared of BLUE!

- NO BOUAOU (N2)** A BLUE trail of "medium" level which will require you to warm up your calves before you start climbing the two small ascents in the Bois de Fe; a technical and fun single downhill trail will take you to the foot of the hill, where the more adventurous will take a small jump.
- FORÉT PLATE (N5)** A BLUE trail of an "easy" level that will take you along the creeks in the shade of the nioualis, on single tracks.
- TEMROCK (N3)** This BLUE trail of an "easy" level, will take you to see varied landscapes, you will cross the savannah with nioualis, follow the swamps, have a leisurely break by the sea and admire the lagoon.
- RIVIÈRE DE DEVA (N9)** A BLUE trail of a "medium" level, which will immerse you in the isolated and wild valley of the Estate. You will be out off from the world, in harmony with nature along the river, and enjoy shady and cool areas.

### These tracks will get you RED in the checks!

- BOUENCOY (N3)** This RED trail, classified as "very difficult", takes you to many beautiful viewing points; but before being dazzled, it will test your breath!
- ME AWI (N6)** A technical RED trail, "difficult" level, requiring steering on single tracks. Its ascents and descents on the riverbeds will take you into a primary forest.

### Black... It's BLACK!

- ZOUVÉZÉLE (N4)** The BLACK trail is of an "expert" level and is therefore reserved for experts eager for thrills. It offers big descents, two bends in the wood, roller coasters, but also exceptional panoramas!

### WEARING A HELMET IS MANDATORY.

Access to the slopes is free and unattended. Practitioners are liable under their own responsibility or that of their legal guardian for minors. They must have adequate equipment (cycling and pilot protection) and ensure that the different tracks correspond to their level of practice.

## Listed as the world heritage of humanity!

Certain areas of New Caledonia's lagoon and reefs have been listed as World Heritage Sites since 2008

The combined site has 6 marine areas. Each has a management plan to ensure the preservation of the environment. In Poé, The West Coast Management Board has been active since 2008.

### Seagrass beds: a 100% natural space!

The beaches along the Deva estate are populated by a very important ecosystem: the seagrass beds. Consisting of marine plants called phanerogams, they serve as habitat for many species that use it as food, refuge and nesting grounds.

These flowering plants grow under water and spread their roots in the sand. Along the other hand, do not bloom and cling to the ground. Often referred to as the "lungs of the sea", seagrass beds are also home to green turtles that graze on these underwater meadows.

### Underwater trail

New Caledonia is home to the largest lagoon in the world, with a reef barrier of 1,600 km long and more than 20,000 animal and plant species. With the submarine trail in front of Deva, discover some of this marine biodiversity.

The "Trail" is located 2.5 km from the shore, near the barrier reef. You can access it on a glass bottom boat or by your own nautical means - use the white buoys available to "moor" your boat. You will find a floating pontoon on hand to rest upon. The courses are marked by numbered white buoys. Allow 25 to 45 minutes for your underwater visit.



### Discovery of the seabed aboard a glass bottom boat

Embark on an excursion of 1h30 to 1h45 to discover the fauna and flora of the lagoon and reef.

A 30 minute cruise brings you to the coral reef 2.5 km from the coast, with good chances of seeing green turtles on the way. Follow 20 minutes of observation of the fauna and flora of the reef, visible through the glass bottom, explanations from your driver included.

There is a 30 minute stop for those who wish to enjoy a free dive along the underwater trail of the Domaine de Deva estate, in flippers, mask and snorkel (material available on the boat, if needed).

Duration 1h30 - Prices\*: 2,500 F/adult, 1,500 F/child (3 to 12 years old included) Free for babies (0-2 years old)

Booking  
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## The hiking trails of Deva

### The Giants Trail

This trail bypasses the Fourrier Marsh which is rich in biodiversity. A flat and easy path, over 6.5 km, taking in a 2h30 walk around the Fourrier marsh, emblematic spot of the New Caledonian dry forest. The nioualis, the ancient banyan trees and the bird populations (ducks, cormorants, whistling kites) that nest there make it a unique place. The cherry on the cake: the marsh bird observatory takes you to the heart of the birds' living area and lets you peacefully observe a rare sight.

### The Boé Arérédi trail

The path overlooks the famous "faux" of Poé, whose narrow, deep blue trace cuts through the turquoise water of the lagoon. This old river bed, with a depth of about 20 m, opens directly onto the wide and deep sea. It forms a small canyon traversed by violent currents and frequented by pelagic species which are the delight of diving enthusiasts.

### The Oua-Koué trail

The luminous itinerary of this path dominates a seaside whose reef and lagoons are listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. This great trail runs through an area with historic roots nearly three millennia old and offers breathtaking views of the Domaine de Deva estate, both on the hillside and on the coast.

## The horse trails of Deva

With its two easy-to-navigate tracks of 4 km and 6.8 km, Deva offers a promise of relaxation and escape in nature, at your horse's pace... Prices\*: For one hour: 4000 F; group discounts available (for example, 2,500 F/p for a group of 4 people). Possibility of excursion for 2 days with bivouac, from 25,000 F/p. Booking : Ranch du carré 9 Tel : +687 75 02 63 - marion.carré@hotmail.fr

## Paragliding

The Domaine de Deva estate offers remarkable sites for its activity. However, while take-off and landing conditions are generally quite comfortable, the aerology can sometimes be surprising. Apart from baptism flights or supervised training sessions, the place is also recommended to pilots who already have extensive experience of free flight.

- The Oua Koué site** allows you to try tandem baptism flights with a professional pilot. A flight lasts an average of 20 minutes. An unforgettable memory of your new experiences! Rate1: 20,000 F; photos of your flight included.
- The Boé Arérédi** offers introductory sessions in the grassy slopes at the foot of the terrain. Each session, during which you will be supervised by a state certified instructor, lasts about 3 hours. Combined theory and practice. Discover free flight and experience unique sensations! \*Rate1: 30,000 F (equipment and photos included).

www.parapente.nc (online booking possible)  
\*Rates valid at 15/11/2018, subject to changes after the publication of this document



# To each his Déva!

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## ZOOM FITNESS TRAIL & BIKE PARK



**MTB TRAILS 8**  
**TEMROCK**  
 • DISTANCE: 13,1 Km  
 • TIME: 1h40  
 • LEVEL: EASY  
 • ELEVATION GAIN: +117 m



**WALKING PATHS**  
 ① TRAIL HEAD  
 ② ③ REMARKABLE POINTS  
 • TIME, DISTANCE, ELEVATION GAIN, LEVEL

**FITNESS TRAIL**  
 ① → ⑮ ACTIVITIES MODULES  
 • TIME, DISTANCE

**EQUESTRIAN TRAILS**  
 ① TRAIL HEAD  
 ② REMARKABLE POINTS

**MTB TRAILS 7**  
**MARAIS DE DÉVA**  
 • DISTANCE: 5,8 Km  
 • TIME: 1h  
 • LEVEL: VERY EASY

**MTB TRAILS 9**  
**RIVIÈRE DE DÉVA**  
 • DISTANCE: 12,4 Km  
 • TIME: 1h45  
 • LEVEL: AVERAGE  
 • ELEVATION GAIN: +180 m

**SENTIER DU BOÉ ARÉRÉDI**  
 • PEDESTRIAN PATH  
 • DISTANCE: 4,5 Km  
 • TIME: 2h  
 • LEVEL: EASY  
 • ELEVATION GAIN: +317 m

**MTB LINK TRAIL BY MARAIS FOURNIER** • 6 km

**SENTIER DES GÉANTS**  
 • PEDESTRIAN PATH  
 • DISTANCE: 6,5 Km  
 • TIME: 3h30  
 • LEVEL: EASY  
 • FLAT TRAIL

**SENTIER DE LA FORÊT DES ORIGINES AU LAGON**  
 • PEDESTRIAN PATH  
 • DISTANCE: 7 Km  
 • TIME: 3h30  
 • LEVEL: EASY  
 • FLAT TRAIL

**PLEASE RESPECT THESE INSTRUCTIONS THROUGHOUT THE DOMAINE DE DÉVA:**

Shark island fault

**MTB TRAILS 4**  
**ZOUVÉZÉLÉ**  
 • DISTANCE: 20,7 Km  
 • TIME: 3h  
 • LEVEL: EXPERT  
 • ELEVATION GAIN: +764 m

**MTB TRAILS 3**  
**BOUENCOY**  
 • DISTANCE: 16 Km  
 • TIME: 2h20  
 • LEVEL: VERY DIFFICULT  
 • ELEVATION GAIN: +490 m

**POINT DE VUE ACCESSIBLE EN VOITURE AIRE DE PIQUE-NIQUE**

**MTB TRAILS 2**  
**NO BOUAOU**  
 • DISTANCE: 12,3 Km  
 • TIME: 1h30  
 • LEVEL: AVERAGE  
 • ELEVATION GAIN: +200 m

**MTB TRAILS 1**  
**NO PORADÉNO**  
 • DISTANCE: 8,6 Km  
 • TIME: 1h15  
 • LEVEL: EASY  
 • ELEVATION GAIN: +123 m

**FITNESS TRAIL**  
 • DISTANCE: 1,4 Km  
 • 15 MODULES  
 (→ SEE ZOOM ABOVE)

**PISTE DU BARRAGE**  
 • EQUESTRIAN TRAIL  
 • DISTANCE: 4 Km  
 • TIME: 1h  
 • LEVEL: EASY

**PISTE DU BANIAN**  
 • EQUESTRIAN TRAIL  
 • DISTANCE: 6,8 Km  
 • TIME: 1h40  
 • LEVEL: EASY

**SENTIER DU OUA KOUÉ**  
 • PEDESTRIAN PATH  
 • DISTANCE: 5,5 Km  
 • TIME: 2h  
 • LEVEL: EASY  
 • ELEVATION GAIN: +324 m

**SIGNS**  
 Picnic area, Golf, Parking, Scenic view, Information office, Guard desk, Toilets

**MTB TRAILS GUIDELINES**  
 In case of an accident, secure the area and call 18

**PEDESTRIAN PATHS GUIDELINE**  
 TURN RIGHT, WRONG WAY, GOOD WAY, TURN LEFT

**EQUESTRIAN TRAILS GUIDELINE**  
 TURN RIGHT, WRONG WAY, GOOD WAY, TURN LEFT

**WEARING A HELMET IS MANDATORY.**

**USEFUL INFORMATION**  
 The Domaine de Déva is managed by SEM Mwe Ara Tel. 46 57 56 - 46 23 57 - 46 22 28  
**GUARD RESCUE: 41 20 17 71/7 - 24H/24**

**EMERGENCY CALL NUMBERS (FREE)**  
 15 Emergency medical aid (SAMU)  
 16 Sea rescue • 17 Police • 18 Firemen

**PROCEDURE IN THE CASE OF AN ACCIDENT**  
 In the case of an accident, keep calm. Be sure to protect and keep your group and the victim safe. Alert rescue by carefully evaluating the situation and describing the scene to the response teams. Practise first aid if you are capable of doing so. In case of helicopter rescue, make sure to make yourself visible and follow the safety instructions which will be explained at the Drop Zone.

**COURTESY RULES**

**ENTRANCE**  
 Maison de Déva : welcome and information

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