



STONE KING TOURING CLUB

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NAVIGATION

SETTING UP & USING
KOMOOT TO SELF-GUIDE





WHY SELF-NAVIGATION?

Touring Club is our open invitation to make the Stone King adventure your own, and part of that is the possibility to self-navigate.

Priorities will vary but, anecdotally, those favouring a self-guided trip setup have reported the following advantages:

- More budget-friendly than using a full-time professional guide
- Increased sense of adventure and camaraderie
- Autonomy in organisation

IMPORTANT:

The Stone King route passes through rugged, remote, high-mountain environments. To take on the challenge of self-navigating the itinerary, you must be an experienced mountain biker with knowledge of wilderness safety protocols. We strongly advise against including any inexperienced mountain bikers in your group.

Be sure to:

- Wear and/or carry suitable clothing for the forecast weather (not forgetting to take into account altitude and wind chill)
- Carry food, spares, tools and one properly-equipped first aid kit per rider
- Inform staff at the hotel you are departing from, and at the hotel you are heading for, about your planned itinerary for the day.
- Equip yourself with a communication plan in case your day does not go according to plan. You may require outside assistance; be capable of determining and communicating your position via GPS coordinates.

INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER: 112

WHY KOMOOT?

- Komoot is a highly reputed routing app, intuitive to operate for both the end user and the owner of the account where the pertinent trail information is held.
- We have found no platform which better integrates navigation, route stats and POIs as well as information on eateries and accommodation. All this in a manner which is geared towards getting outside and enjoying the adventure!
- It is also well-propagated internationally. The app is available in 11 languages and enjoyed by a global international community of more than 27 million users.

STRUCTURE OF ROUTE INFO

In Komoot,

- Each of Stone King's 6 days is represented by a "Collection".
- Each (day) Collection consists of the one or more "Tours" which, together, comprise that Day's itinerary.
- Tours are defined as on-bike segments separated by a shuttle. This is how we ensure that shuttle-gained height or distance is neutralised, and that the overall (Day) Collection stats are therefore correct (i.e. the stats given are on-bike).
- Each Collection contains links and location info for Highlights (POIs) that can be found and visited along the given day's itinerary

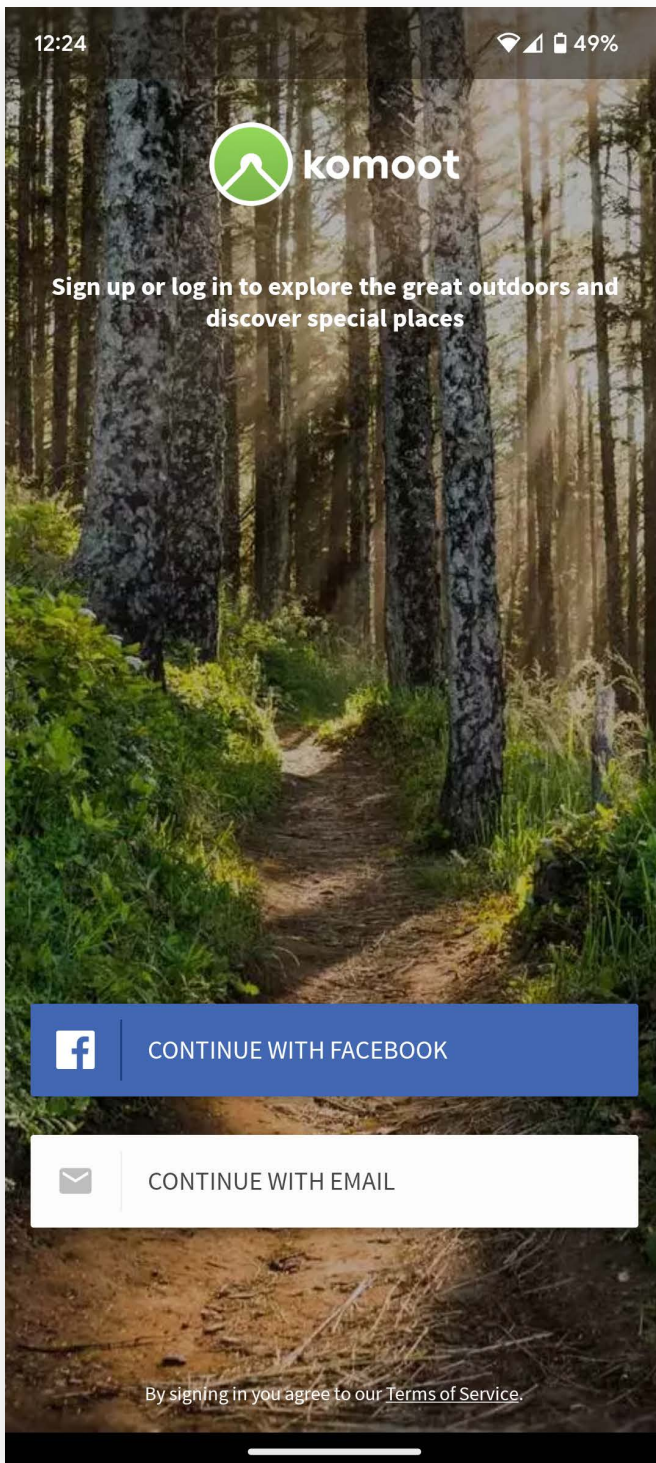
THIS GUIDE

This is a quickstart guide to Komoot's most essential features. It is designed to get you up and running, and navigating confidently on Stone King's trails as quickly as possible and with minimal hassle. Komoot boasts countless useful features (especially on Komoot Premium) outside of the scope of this guide. Fun can be had familiarising yourself with these further features through continued use of the app, but we will only mention the absolute must-know essentials here.

TO GET STARTED

- Download the Komoot application
- Create your own account and/or log in
- Follow the private SKTC account using information provided to you in the SKTC subscription confirmation email

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KOMOOT PREMIUM

A Komoot Premium subscription is considered almost essential for viewing and navigating the Stone King route. Specifically, we find the following features of Premium to be indispensable on a Stone King trip:

OFFLINE USE

Save Tours for offline use (including relevant mapping). This is imperative for navigating in remote areas where you are unsure to have phone data/signal.

WORLDWIDE MAPS & NAVIGATION

Automatically available offline according to the specific Tours which you download for use.

LIVE TRACKING

Constantly updated stats relating to the Tour that you're currently on.

ON-TOUR WEATHER

A local, hour-by-hour forecast for your day in the mountains. Check it before departing and pack accordingly!

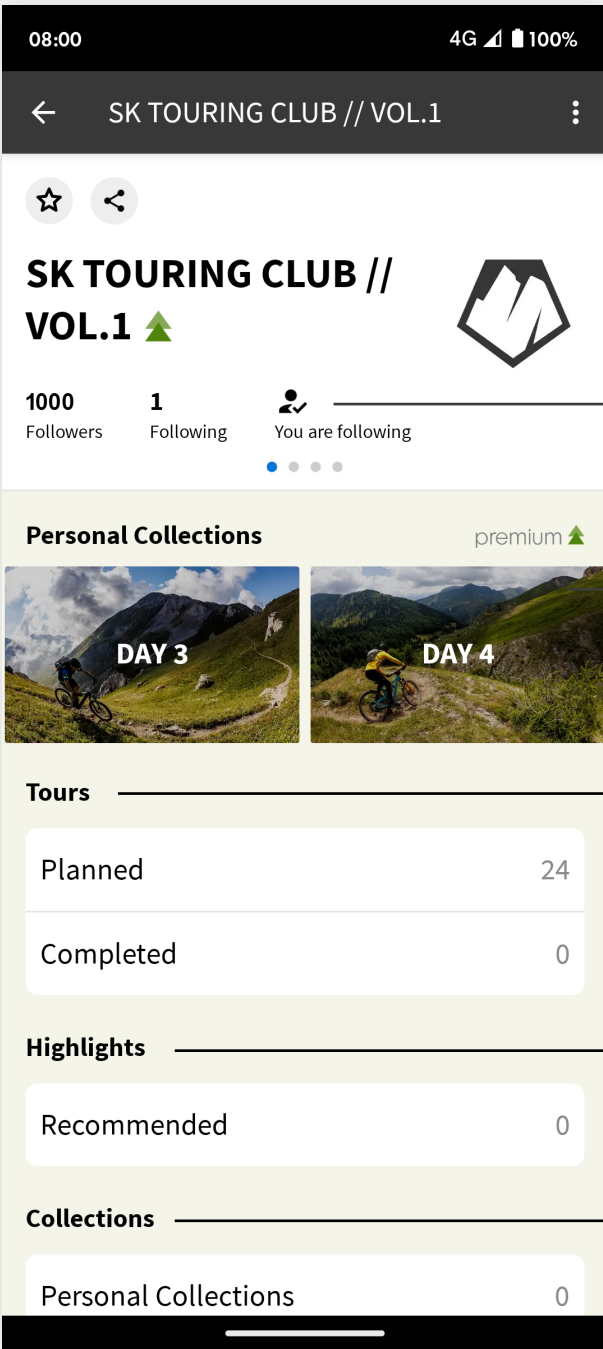
SPORT-SPECIFIC MAPS

Community-fed (OSM) MTB-specific trail labelling and info.
e.g. Singletrail-Skala

Each Stone King Digital Guide or Touring Club bundle includes a complimentary Komoot Premium subscription voucher!

stonekingrally.org/shop 

SKTC KOMOOT PROFILE



FOLLOWERS / SUBSCRIBERS

6 “DAY COLLECTIONS”

The recommended portal to view the route and commence navigation.

TOURS

Direct access to tours.
Not recommended for your SKTC use due to lack of day context.

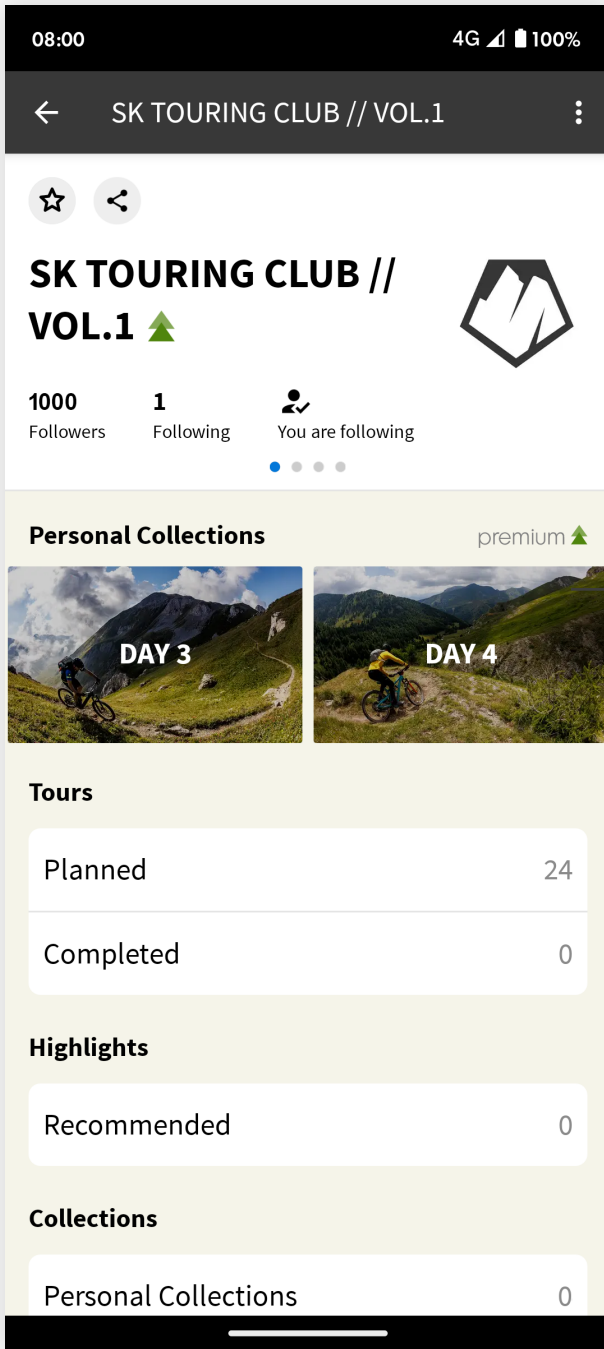
HIGHLIGHTS

(POIs).

COLLECTIONS

As above.

SKTC KOMOOT PROFILE

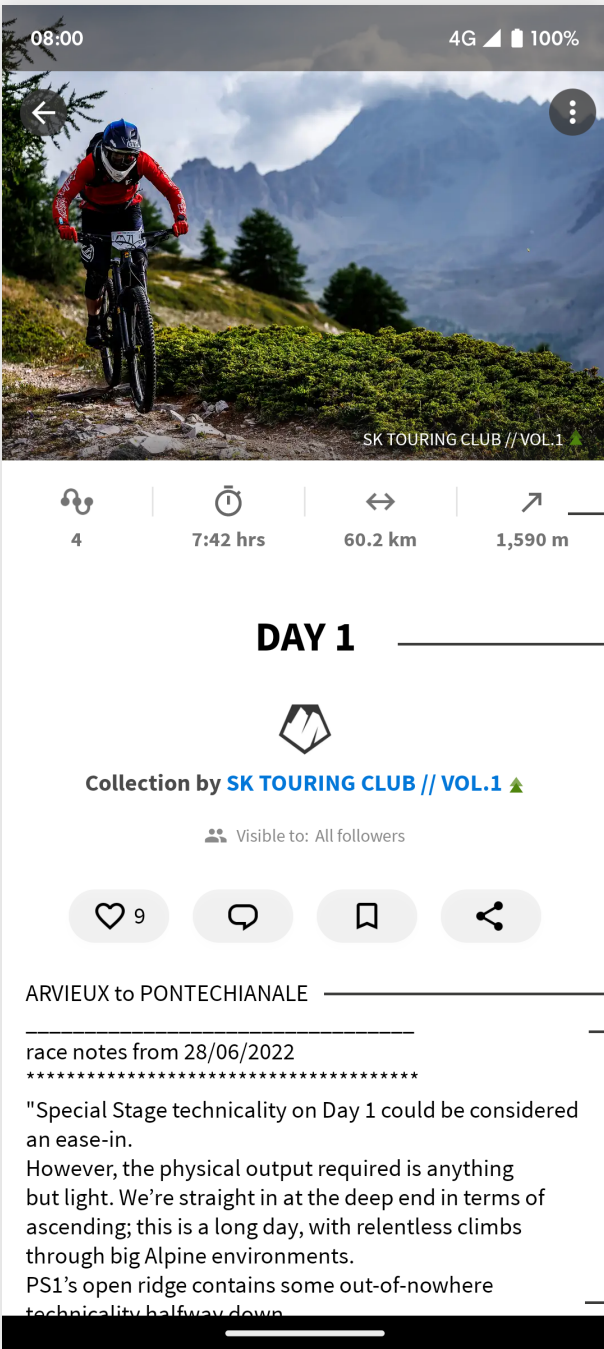


6 "DAY COLLECTIONS"

In app, swipe horizontally to view & select various days.



COLLECTION



DAY STATS

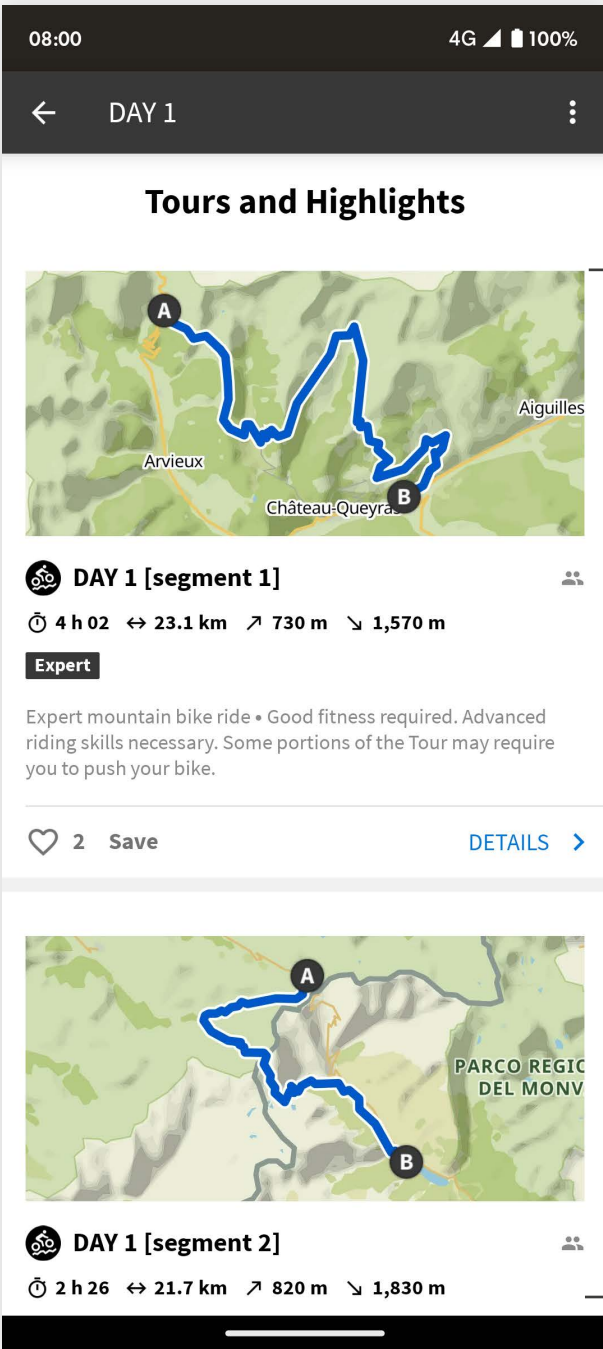
DAY NUMBER

DAY FROM - TO

DAY NOTES

Anecdotal trail information, originating from the race itself.

COLLECTION



In app, scroll down through the Collection screen to view the day's Tours and Highlights.

TOURS

For the purposes of SKTC, "tours" are defined as discrete on-bike sections, separated by shuttles.

In app, click on a tour to view its detail and/or commence navigation.

COLLECTION

08:00 * 100%

← DAY 1 ⋮

STONE KING RALLY 2022 / PS1 Start
Mountain Biking Highlight

Ride the entire 6-day Stone King Rally itinerary from Arvieux to Bordighera: www.stonekingrally.org/touringclub

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Add to Collection DETAILS >

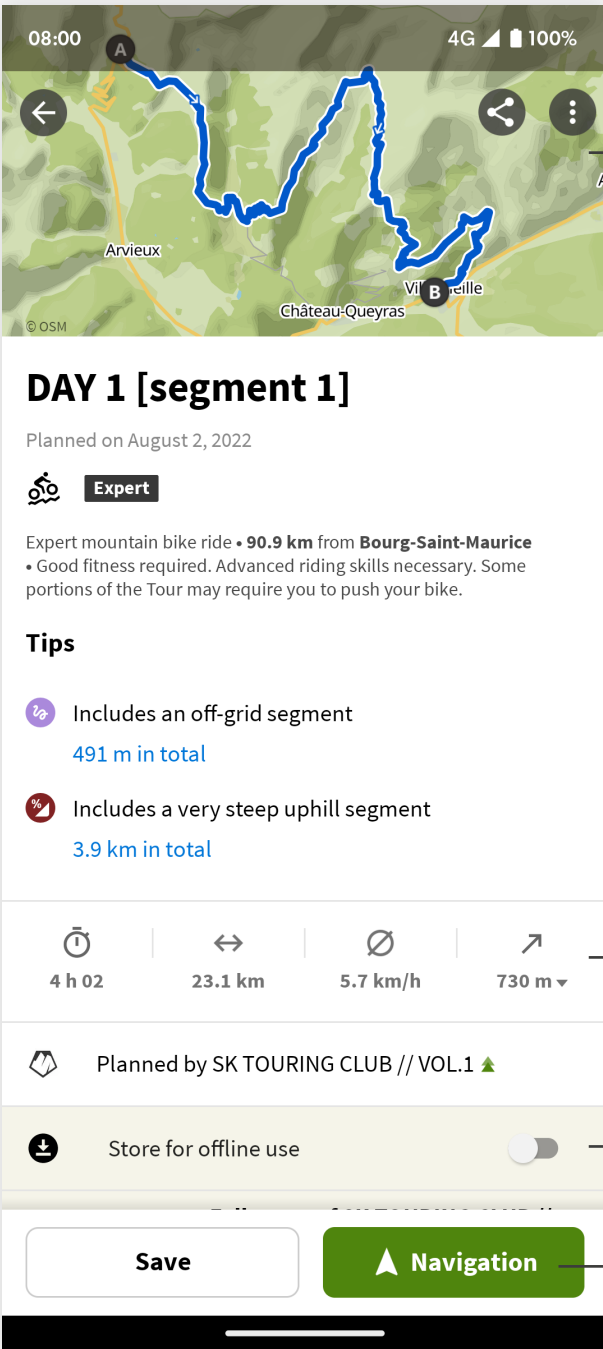
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HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights are public points of interest (POIs) created by the Komoot community. Komoot allows us to integrate Highlights which we think you may find interesting, into the relevant day collection.

In app, click on a Highlight to find out more (and get tips from other users) about this POI.

TOUR



TOUR MAP

Tap map to access detailed map & height profile.

TOUR STATS

Tap ascent stat to toggle to descent stat.

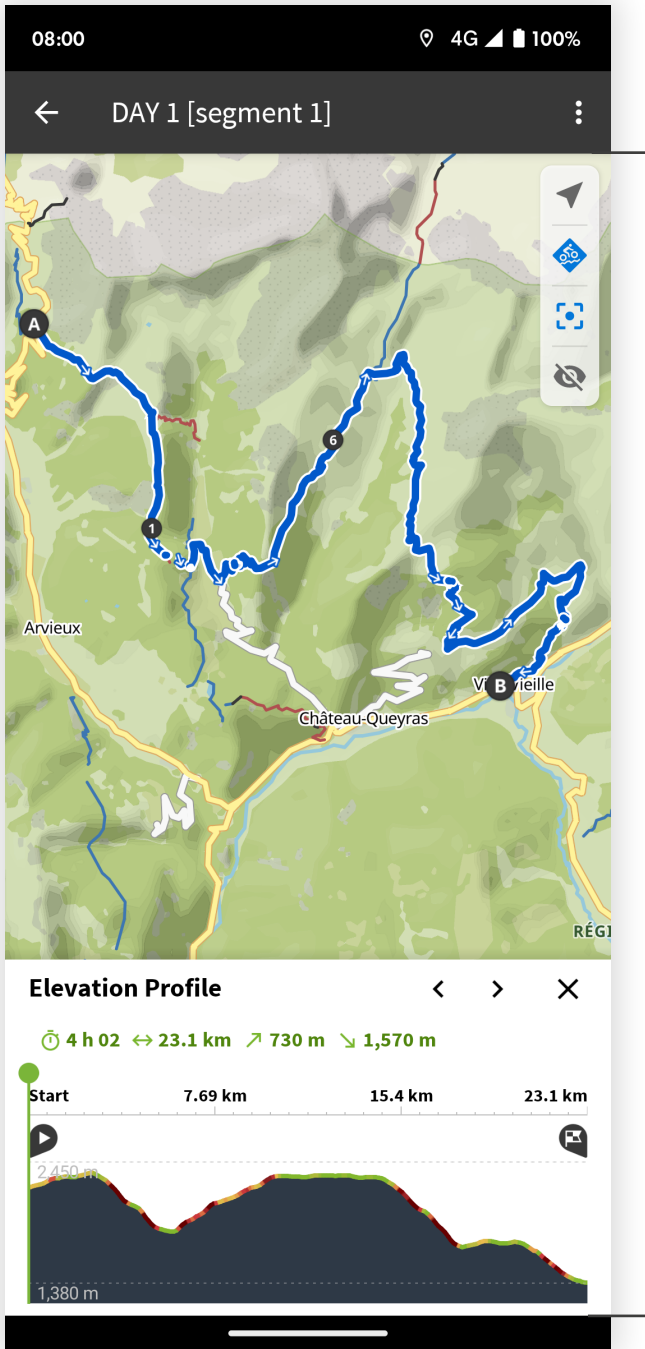
PROMPT TO STORE TOUR OFFLINE

(Komoot Premium only)
This is essential. Be sure to store your Tour offline before departing your accommodation each morning.

NAVIGATION BUTTON

Tap to start tour navigation!

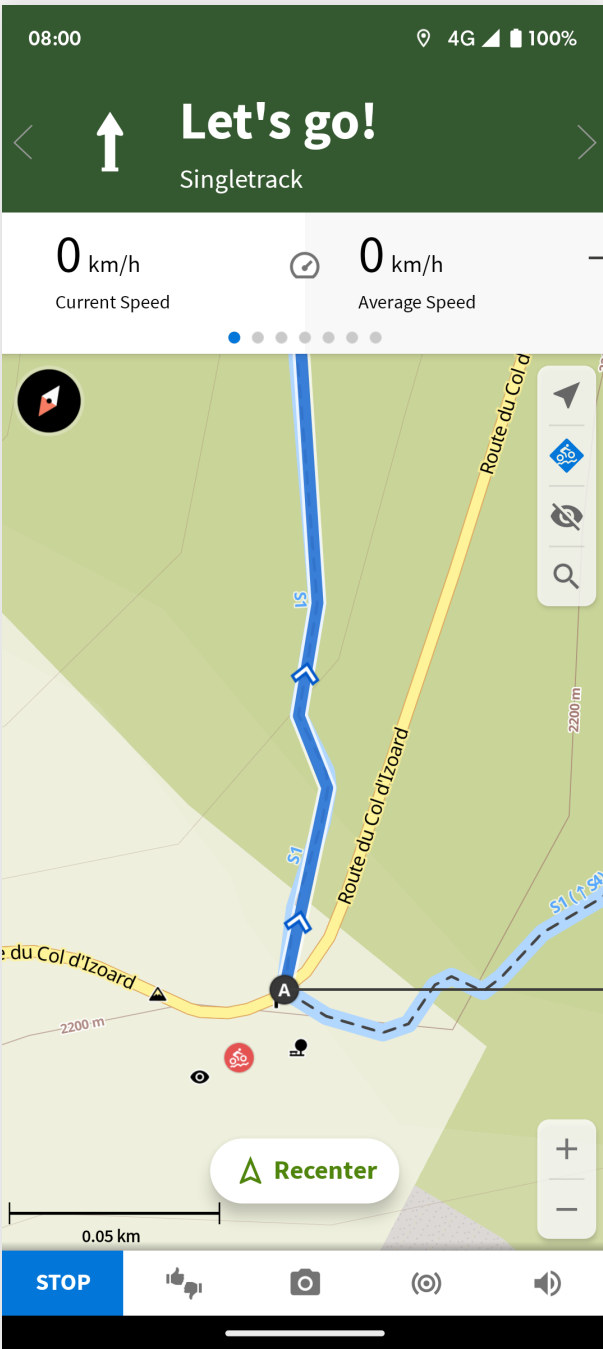
TOUR



DETAILED MAP & HEIGHT PROFILE

Tap back arrow (top left of screen) to go back to main Tour screen.

NAVIGATION



LIVE TOUR STATS

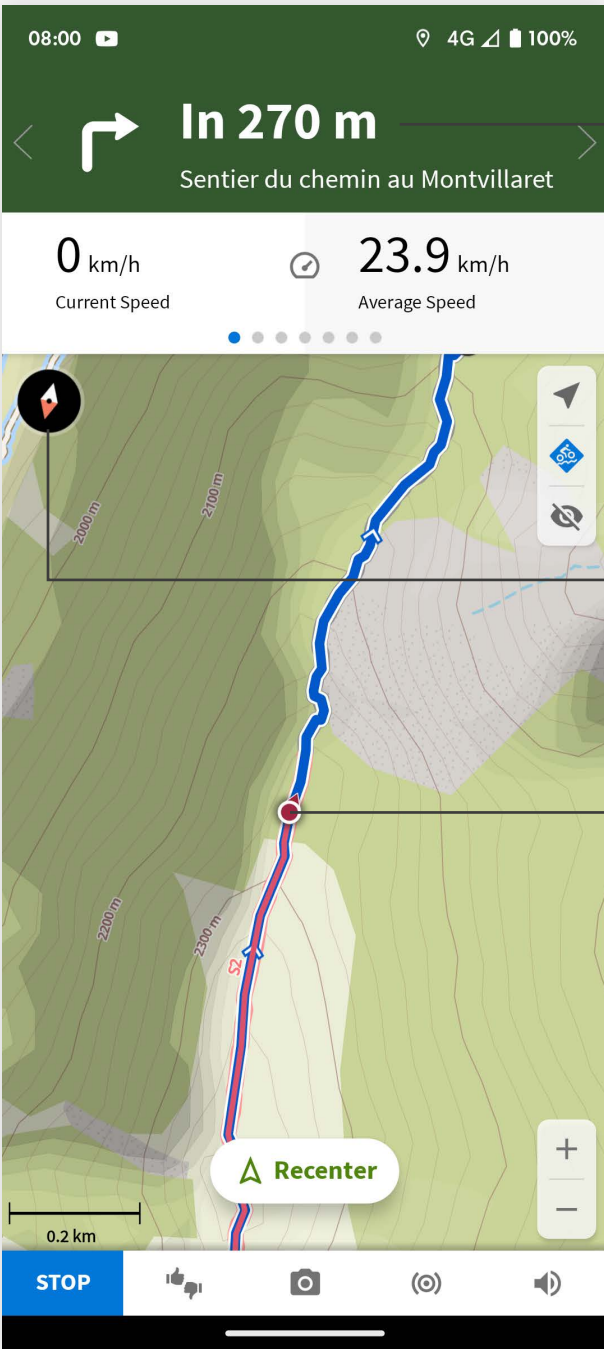
Swipe left & right for various stats:

- Current Speed
- Average Speed
- Time to Next Waypoint
- Distance to Next Waypoint
- Distance Traveled
- Distance Remaining
- Time in Motion
- Time Remaining
- Current Gradient
- Ascent
- Current Altitude

START OF TOUR

Denoted by "A"

NAVIGATION



CALL TO ACTION REGARDING AN UPCOMING JUNCTION

Given that your screen is likely to be off for most of the time that you're riding, we recommend that you use and familiarise yourself with Komoot's audible direction change prompts.

N-S COMPASS NEEDLE

Red is North.

YOUR CURRENT POSITION...

Relative to the path already covered (red mark on blue) and path in front of you (blue).

...AND CURRENT ORIENTATION

Relative to the N-S compass needle and, more pertinently, relative to the direction of the Tour ahead of you.

STOP BUTTON

Use this to pause the Tour or, upon completion, save it to your "Completed Tours".

LINKING YOUR GPS DEVICE



It is not mandatory to pair Komoot with a GPS device. It may be that you prefer to mount your phone on your bike (and have a big enough battery to run Komoot all day with screen on).

Even if you don't mount your phone, it may be that periodical checks of your screen (+ audible cues from Komoot during screen off) are enough for you such that Komoot on mobile-only is enough for you.

However, there are two key advantages to pairing Komoot with your GPS device:

1/ FURTHER OFFLINE BACKUP

Further to our recommendation (page 5) to save each tour for offline use, saving them to your GPS device provides a further backup of the route (e.g. tours saved to your phone, but phone is out of battery).

2/ CONSTANT SCREEN-ON NAVIGATION

Whilst Komoot on a mobile device provides incredible geographical detail and insights when required, constant use is heavy on your device's battery and most mobiles won't last a full day with their screen running and displaying Komoot navigation. Therefore, if you desire full, screen-on navigation throughout each day, you will need to use a GPS-specific device.

Anecdotally, if one is worried about damaging devices, there's also a strong argument that for the type of terrain Stone King entails, mounting a dedicated GPS device is more suitable than mounting a phone on a bike.

For instructions on how to pair Komoot with your GPS device, go [here](#). 

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