

Béni Mansour-Bejaïa line

The Béni Mansour-Béjaïa line is an Algerian railway connecting the Soummam River valley to the Algiers-Skikda line over 88 kilometers. The line was opened in full in 1899.

History

During French Algeria, plans were made to connect Béjaia to the Algerian railway hub of Sétif in 1857. However, plans were revised to instead connect Béjaïa to the Algiers-Skikda mainline in the village of Béni Mansour (municipality of Boudjellil) between Algiers and Sétif. The *Compagnie de lest algérien* received the concession for building this railroad on May 21, 1884. The line was first opened from Béjaïa to Tazmalt over a distance of 81 kilometers on December 10, 1888, and then connected to the Algiers-Skikda mainline on March 24, 1889.

Line description

This single-track line^[1] generally flows the Soummam River valley in Bejaia Province and has stations in the communities of Béni Mansour (Boudjellil municipality), Tazmalt, Ouzellaguen municipality), Takriest-Seddouk (Seddouk municipality), Sidi Aïch, Ifenain Ilmathen, El Kseur, Oued Ghir, and the provincial capital of Béjaia.

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Service	
Type	<u>Heavy rail</u>
System	<u>SNTF</u>
History	
Opened	1888
Last extension	1889
Technical	
Line length	88 ^[1] km (55 mi)
Number of tracks	Single track
Track gauge	1,435 mm (4 ft 8½ in) <u>standard gauge</u>
Electrification	None
Operating speed	75 km/h (47 mph)