

Versols hiking circuit "A path, a school"

Des falaises de Roquefort au Rougier



Village de Versols (Delphine Atche)

This family stroll is perfect for exploring the right bank of the river Sorgues. As you walk along the schoolchildren's path and off the beaten tracks, you will discover the hidden treasures in Versols: the medieval bridge and the ingenious irrigation system in the village.

From the fountain to the Cinzelles electric power station, from the castle to the formerly cultivated terraces, from the 14th-century bridge to the Montgrand cliffs where birds of prey nestle. Go and explore the village of Versols and its surroundings, from the old battlements to the Larzac foothills.

Useful information

Practice : Trekking

Duration : 1 h 15

Length : 3.5 km

Trek ascent : 109 m

Difficulty : Very easy

Type : Loop

Themes : History and heritage, Panorama, Water

Trek

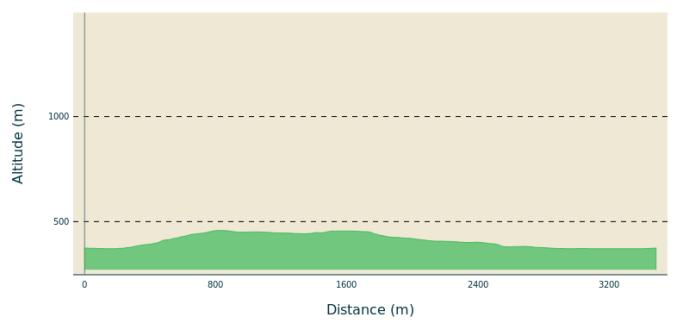
Departure : Park your car on the parking lot by the riverside, opposite the former school's Versols.

Arrival : Park your car on the parking lot by the riverside, opposite the former school's Versols.

Markings : — PR

Cities : 1. Versols-et-Lapeyre

Altimetric profile



This circuit is part of the "4 chemins, 1 école" series which was carried out by the schools in the Sorgues valley in partnership with the CDRP and the municipal councils in the valley (Versols-et-Lapeyre, Saint-Felix-de Sorgues, Marnhagues-et-Latour).

1. Park your car on the parking lot by the riverside, opposite the former school. Take the D7 road to the left, towards the Northwest. Before the bridge, turn to the right in the Rue de la Ville. On the right-hand side, notice the castle which is open to the public during the summer season. Pass under the arch, which used to be the porch of the ancient battlements. Turn to the right and take an ascending street. At the Plo du Four, take a left turn and walk into the buissière (a passage lined up with box-trees).
2. Head your way towards Notre Dame du Cayla (right path is a direct route). At the intersection, take to the right and carry straight on. Enjoy the scenic view over the valley all along the path. A 50m long stretch of this path is poorly marked, and you should be careful not to enter into plots of land (to the right and then to the left). Also, notice on the left, the remains of old low stone walls. After your walking through a small oak wood, take the path to the left.
3. At the hairpin bend, turn to the right and walk along the temporary brook. Reach a trail and take it to the right. Follow the old path to the left, notice the wall running along the right side. At the intersection, carry straight on along a broader trail to get back to the path. Observe to the left an old terraced vineyard. Get back to the road.
4. Walk across the D7 road opposite the Cinzelles electric power station, and keep going to the right (towards the East). Catch sight of an old shelter on the right side of the road. Take the path sloping down to the Sorgues river to the left. Walk along the Sorgues up to the car park.

On your path...



 Castle and remains of fortification walls (A)

All useful information

Gear

Prévoir une réserve d'eau et une tenue adaptée

How to come ?

Transports

Getting around by bus or by train: <https://lio.laregion.fr/>

Carsharing: [BlaBlaCar](#), [Rézo Pouce](#), [Mobicoop](#), [Idvroom](#), [LaRoueVerte](#), [Roulez malin](#)

Access

Versols is situated 10 km South of Saint- Affrique via the D7 road

Advised parking

Park your car on the parking lot by the riverside, opposite the former school's Versols

Information desks

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On your path...



Castle and remains of fortification walls (A)

The Roquefeuil family lived here over a period of eight centuries, from 1250 to 1810, the date on which the owning family had to sell the castle. The building was then sold to different owners and part of it was converted into a farmhouse. Then in 1962, a couple from the Roquefeuil family bought back the stronghold.

The castle and the whole of the old village were included in a walled area called a castrum which spread out between the Sorgues and the Verzoleet rivers. The castrum was originally composed (11th century) of only a small castle that was later extended during the 13th or 14th century to protect people from the clashes during the One Hundred Years War.

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