Gravel N°15 - The Templar Loop of the Larzac

Des Gorges du Tarn au Causse du Larzac



Sur le plateau du Larzac (Focal_77)



An easy ride in the footsteps of the Templar and Hospitaller monk-soldiers, winding through the moors and forests of the Larzac. At La Couvertoirade, dismount and take in the beauty of the medieval village !

From the village of L'Hospitalet to the stone fortress of La Couvertoirade, traverse wide open spaces and step back in time! In an idyllic countryside setting, beautiful trails and the route of an old railway line await you. One notable challenge: a 1.5km stony climb through the woods. Once in La Couvertoirade, why not extend this delightful outing with a detour to the mill?

Useful information

Practice : Gravel

Duration : 2 h 15

Length : 39.2 km

Trek ascent : 389 m

Difficulty : Medium

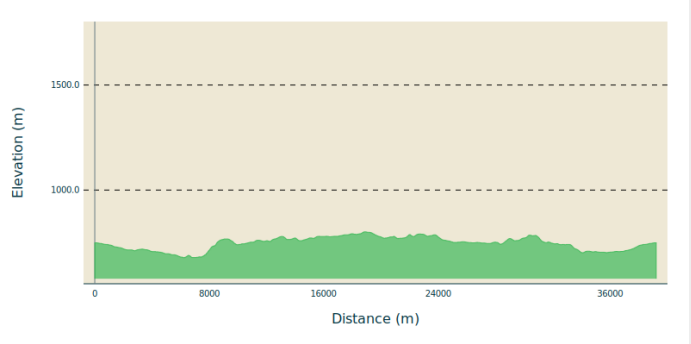
Type : Loop

Themes : Agropastoralism, Geology, History and heritage, Top 20 à Vélo

Trek

Departure : L'Hospitalet-du-Larzac
Arrival : L'Hospitalet-du-Larzac
Markings : VTT Parc
Cities : 1. L'Hospitalet-du-Larzac
2. Nant
3. La Couvertoirade
4. Cornus

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 678 m Max elevation 801 m

1. From L’Hospitalet-du-Larzac, head towards Egalières, cross the Canalettes forest and join the old railway line just after La Portalerie, turning left onto it.
2. At the Baraque Froide crossroads, cross the departmental road and continue straight on, passing through Cazejourdes and carrying on towards La Couvertoirade.
3. From La Couvertoirade, take the D185, then turn right off it and follow the track leading to La Salvetat, passing through Le Cun and La Blaquèrerie until you reach the D7. Turn right, then left onto the road towards La Portalerie to rejoin the old railway line; follow it to the left to return to the starting point.

Points of interest:

Les Canoles and the Canalettes Cave: 5 km (point of interest)
La Couvertoirade: 21 km

28% roads and 72% tracks

On your path...


Bois du Viala
le Liquier
Mas du Pré
le Mas de Pommiers
le Durzon
le Bois du Roi
le Frayssinet Bas
Annalettes
1
L'Hospitalet
Larzac
Forêt Domaniale du Causse du Larzac
CAUSSE DU LARZAC
Rouquet
Combe Redonde
le Mas Trinquier
2
D713
Blaquererie
Cazejourdes
Belvezet
D809
la Gruelle
Prévinquières
A75
les Menudes
La Couvertoirade
3
D185
les Infruts
la Pezade
Camplong
le Bauras
Bois du Clau
1 km
Leaflet | Plan IGNV2 - Carte © IGN/Geoportail

All useful information

Is in the midst of the park

This itinerary is located in the World Heritage zone Causses and Cévennes, mediterranean agropastoral cultural landscape.

Advices

This route passes through pastureland, and livestock guard dogs are present amongst the herds to protect them.
If you encounter livestock guard dogs:
- stop and get off your bike so they can get a clear view of you; remain calm and passive; do not threaten them or stroke them
- give the herd a wide berth and keep your distance so as to disturb it as little as possible
- continue on your way, walking alongside your bike
- keep your dogs on a lead.

How to come ?

Transports

Se déplacer en bus ou en train, en covoiturage Aires de covoiturage, en autostop Rezopouce

Access

25 km south of Millau via the D809

Advised parking

Place des Cygnes

Information desks

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