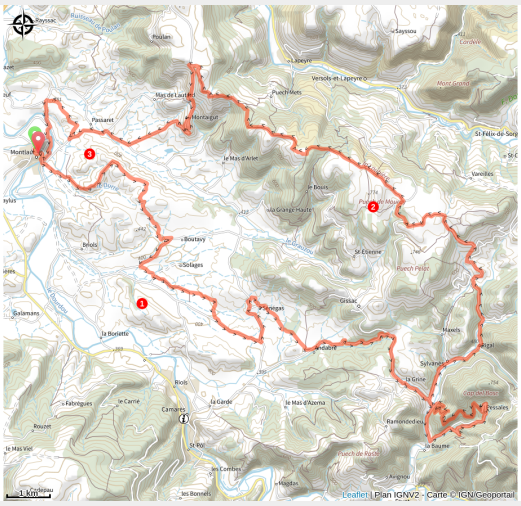
Gravel N°21 - Crossing of the Red Lands

Des falaises de Roquefort au Rougier

Gravel dans les montagnettes (Focal_77)



Fancy a ride through a setting like no other – a little bit of Colorado in Occitania? The Rougier de Camarès and its wine-red hills await you for a gravel ride bursting with colour and thrills

Your tyres will turn red as they roll along the tracks of the Camarès region! Alternating between tracks and roads, this loop plunges you straight into a shimmering landscape before taking you into the forest. The real challenge: a 16 per cent gradient (and a section where you'll have to push your bike) to climb up to the Loubière plateau, a beautiful expanse that looks as though it was made especially for gravel riding!

Useful information

Practice : Gravel

Duration : 4 h

Length : 51.2 km

Trek ascent : 1100 m

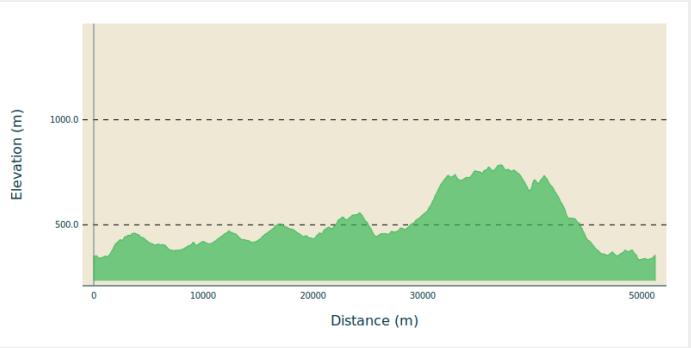
Difficulty : Very hard

Type : Loop

Trek

Departure : Car park for the village hall
Arrival : Car park for the village hall
Cities : 1. Montlaur
2. Gissac
3. Camarès
4. Sylvanès
5. Saint-Félix-de-Sorgues
6. Versols-et-Lapeyre

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 334 m Max elevation 785 m

1. Starting from Montlaur, the route takes you through the red earth and past the iconic Montagnettes, leading you to the Russian Orthodox Church after a lovely climb through the woods.
2. The descent towards Sylvanes and its famous abbey follows a lovely track through the woods before you begin the climb up to the Plateau de la Loubière and the overlook above Montaigut Castle. It’s a steep climb but well worth the effort.
3. After a lovely descent along the road past the castle, a final loop along the red earth tracks awaits you before you arrive back in Montlaur.

Points of interest: Les Montagnettes – 12 km
The Orthodox Church – 20 km
Sylvanes Abbey – 27 km
The Plateau de la Loubière (viewpoint) – 32 km
Montaigut Castle – 40 km

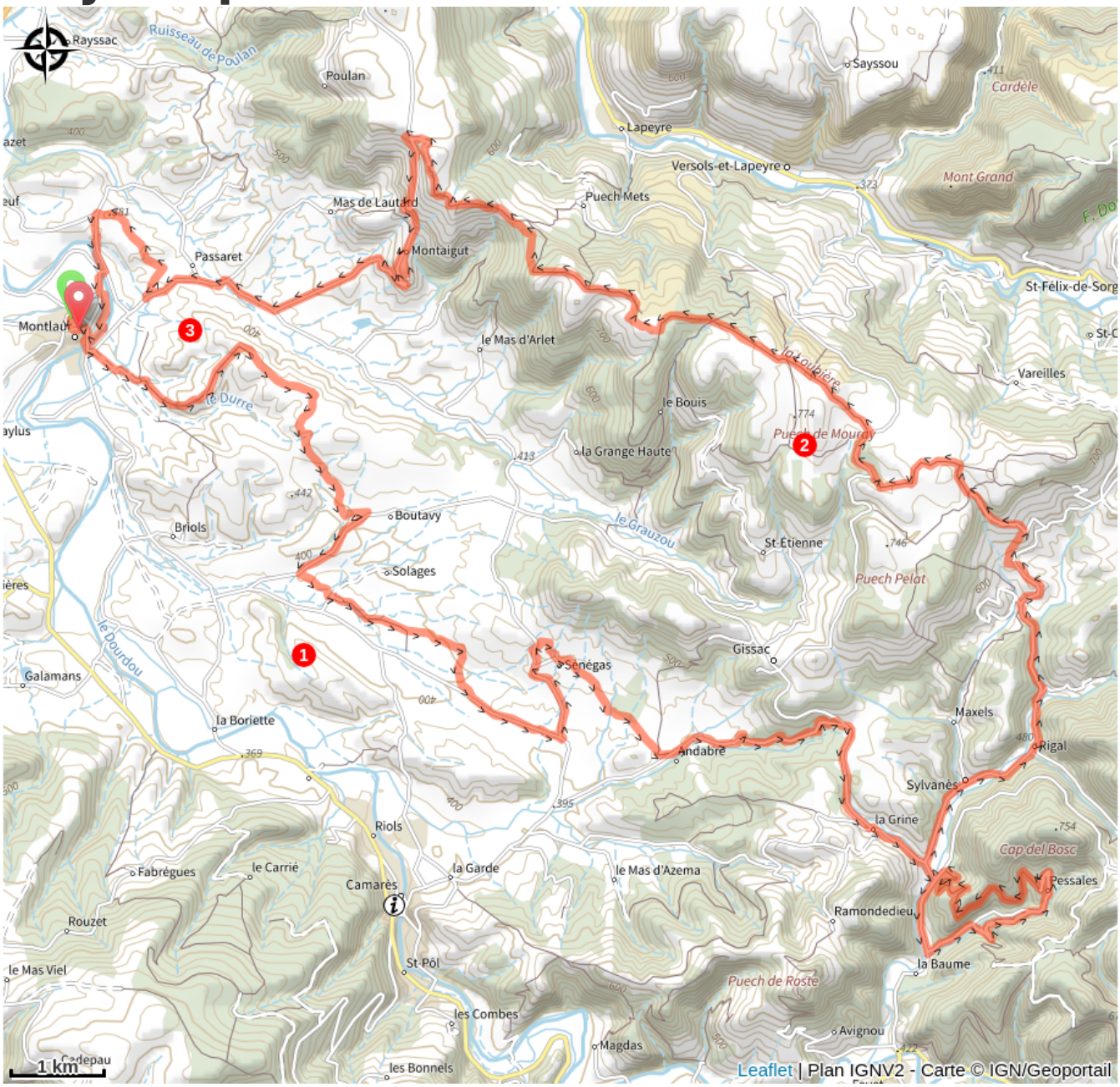
Key features:

You’ll need to push or carry your bike for about a hundred metres at km 37
Steep gradient (one section at 16%) on the climb up to the Plateau de la Loubière

49% roads, 5% cycle paths and 46% tracks

Riding time depending on your fitness level: 3 hours to 4 hours 30 minutes

On your path...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Montaigut
Passaret
St-Félix-de-Sorg
Montlaur
le Mas d'Arlet
la Loubière
Vareilles
le Durre
le Bouis
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Solages
Sénégas
Gissac
le Dourdou
Galamans
la Boriette
Maxels
Rigal
Andabre
Sylvanès
la Grine
Riols
Cap del Bosc
Fabrégues
le Carrié
la Garde
le Mas d'Azema
Camarès
Pessales
Ramondedieu
Rouzet
St-Pôl
la Baume
le Mas Viel
Puech de Roste
les Combes
Avignou
Magdas
Cadepau
les Bonnels
1 km
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All useful information

How to come ?

Access

From the D999, take the D12, then turn left onto the D101 towards Montlaur

Advised parking

Car park for the village hall

Information desks

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