Trail N°28 - Lapeyre / Montaigut Castle

Des falaises de Roquefort au Rougier



Sentier du plâtre au lever du jour (Fest'Trail)



Before reaching the Château de Montaigut, a natural fortress awaits : the Loubière Plateau, a fantastic playground with breathtaking trails and landscapes!

The gradual ascent to the Croix del Pas takes you from the banks of the Sorgues to the Loubière plateau, scattered with juniper trees and stone heaps. There begins the whole range of what a trail can display: steep slopes, breaks in rhythm, twisting and turning paths, up and downhill sections. The detour to Montaigut castle that overlooks a patchwork of red lands and farming lands, is a must.

Useful information

Practice : Trail

Duration : 2 h

Length : 15.1 km

Trek ascent : 634 m

Difficulty : Medium

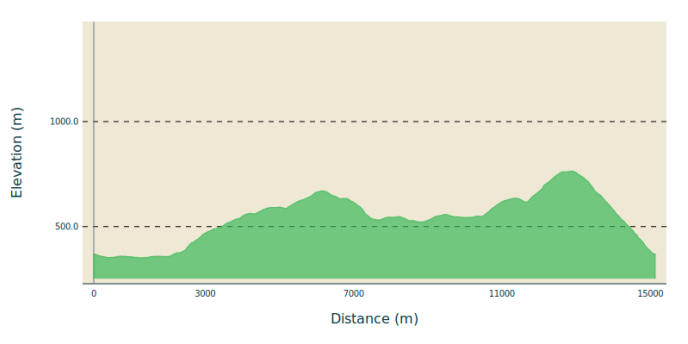
Type : Loop

Themes : Geology, History and heritage, Panorama

Trek

Departure : Hiker’s car park below Lapeyre cemetery
Arrival : Hiker’s car park below Lapeyre cemetery
Cities : 1. Versols-et-Lapeyre
2. Saint-Affrique
3. Gissac

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 352 m Max elevation 764 m

1. The first challenge of this circuit is the 300 m ascent to the Croix Del Pas that must be performed gradually. A wet but quiet and soothing path offers a gentle start on the left bank of the Sorgues and allows you to get the right tempo.
2. After 2 km at a slow running pace, the bottom of the bump is already there. The rising slope is made of several landings along a series of small eroded ravines where water flows into micro waterfalls during the wet season.
3. At the Croix Del Pas, head towards the castle of Montaigut via a technical and nervous downhill section into a small steep corrie. The tiny village of Montaigut is known for its eco-museum, its old school and its feudal castle, proudly overlooking from this defensive site, the Rougier de Camarès situated down below.
4. If you wish to visit the castle, be careful, going there and back is required.
5. The rest of the route is quite similar, nervous and rocky, continually offering changes in rhythm. The steep ascending slopes and short technical downhills following one another without respite to finally reach the summit of the Serre des Cabros with again a 300 m positive difference in altitude.
6. It is finally downhill time! The Mur de la Loubière is a short local vertical Kilometre with its specific marking, featuring a 400 m difference in altitude over a distance of 2.7 km and which is run in the downward direction. This section displaying a series of technical difficulties is like a giant slalom descent, a favourite and a real treat for downhill lovers.

On your path...


le Guilhaumet
Plo de Supert
le Rajal
Puech Bel
Prat Rial
la Coste
Poulan
la Gardette
le Devez
la Jasse
la Serre
la Sagnasse
les Cabatières
le Ségala
Parrials
le Puech
Lapeyre
le Perguis
Ravin du Perguis
le Rouquet
Puech-Baylet
Ravin de la Bourgatte
le Bricou
la Sorgues
Ravin de Fon Rouge
Fontalbasse
le Camp de Giberne
Travers des Gypsières
Plo de Labade
la Frégière
la Barthe
Puech Mets
la Mine
Mas de Lautard
Font Vieille
Ravin du Briol
Travers del Pas
la Fajole
la Borie
Ravin du Rec Grand
Ravin du Vignol
Montaigut
Mas de Sestier
Ravin du Camarès
Ravin d'Aygue Lebade
Aygue Lebade
Serre des Cabros
les Canals
Bois Naut
le Camarès
Ravin des Combes
Ravin de Fruscas
Mas des Cols
les Mines
le Mas d'Arlet
les Cadenasses
Ravin de Sagne
Moynade
le Clapeyrol
Mantoux
le Moulin de Grelle
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All useful information

Advices

Water supply - Energy snacks - Suitable sports shoes - Rain jacket

Gear

Bring a supply of water and suitable clothing.

How to come ?

Transports

All the information is available on the Tourist Office website.

Access

From Saint-Affrique, follow the signs for Cornus. Lapeyre is the first village in the valley. Turn right towards Gissac and park near the cemetery.

Advised parking

Hiker’s car park

Information desks

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