Gravel N°14 - Following the route of the old Larzac railway line

Des Gorges du Tarn au Causse du Larzac

Sur l'ancienne voie ferrée (Virginie Govignon - OT Larzac et Vallées)

A fun ride along this route, which follows an old railway line. Forest tracks, stony sections, fast stretches: expect plenty of changes of pace!

All the gravel cycling potential of the Larzac region is encapsulated in this route, which winds its way between country roads and wooded tracks, with the old railway line from Tournemire to Le Vigan forming its backbone. Take care on a few stony sections (and it’s not the ballast!). Along the way, a stop at Les Canalettes is a must – a unique network of underground faults.

Useful information

Practice : Gravel

Duration : 1 h

Length : 24.8 km

Trek ascent : 265 m

Difficulty : Medium

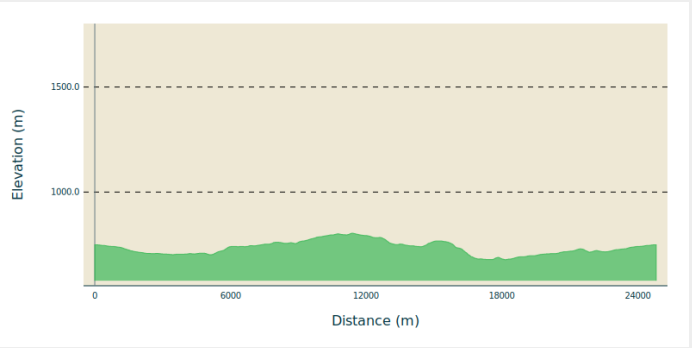
Type : Loop

Themes : Agropastoralism, Flora, 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

Altimetric profile

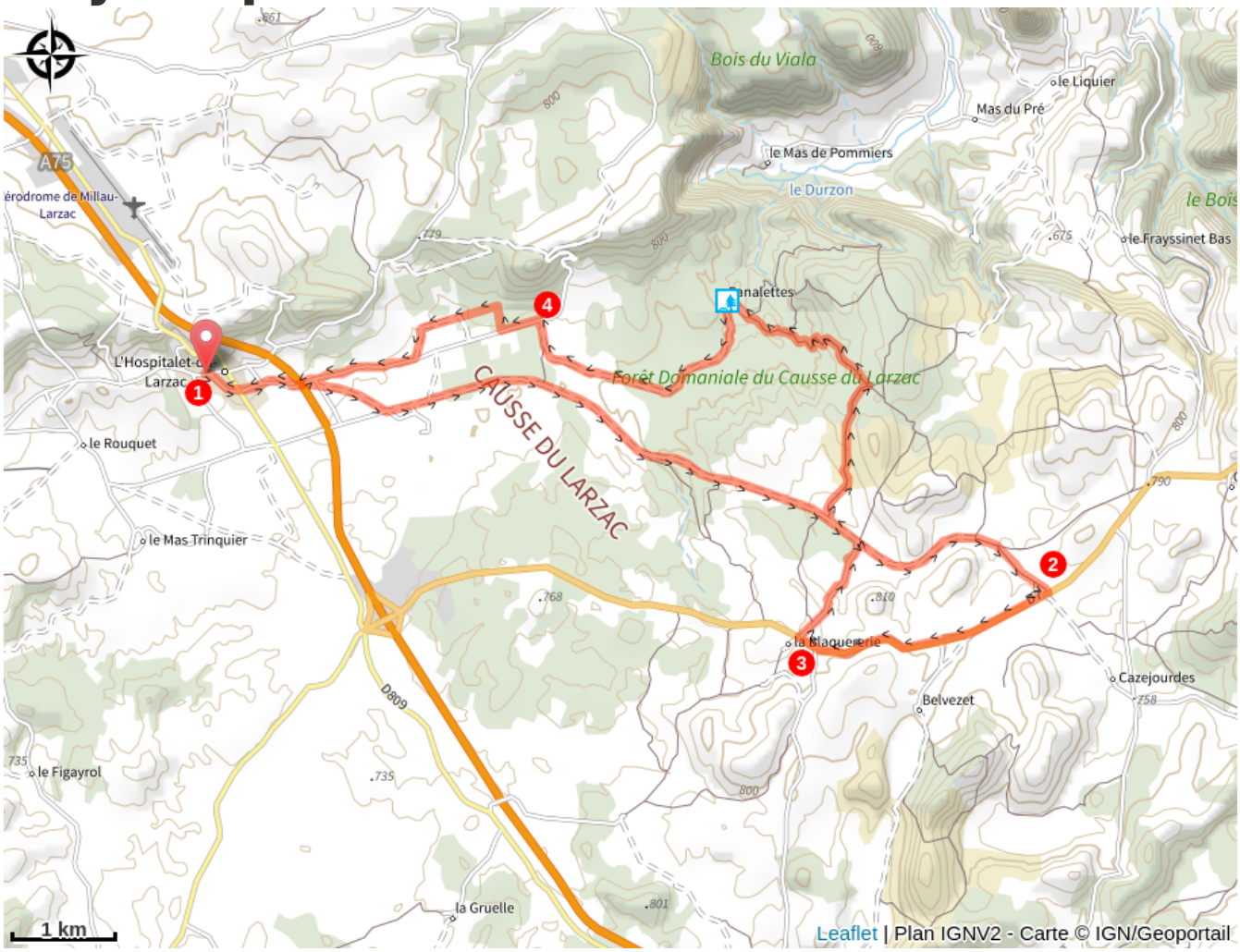


Min elevation 678 m Max elevation 804 m

1. Starting from Place des Cygnes, head east to reach the old railway line that linked Tournemire and Le Vigan (Gard)
2. Leave the railway line on the right and rejoin the D7 on the right, heading towards La Blaquèrerie
3. Then follow the signs for La Portalerie (14.5 km); the route climbs before descending (watch out for stony sections on the bends) towards Les Canalettes.
4. Towards the end of the route, you'll enjoy some lovely, straight stretches of gravel road.

37% roads and 63% tracks
Riding time depending on ability: 40 to 50 mins
Point of interest: Les Canoles and the Canalettes cave: km 17.5 (point of interest)

On your path...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CAUSSE DU LARZAC
le Rouquet
le Mas Trinquier
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Cazejourdes
Belvezet
D809
le Figayrol
la Gruelle
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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.

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 in L'Hospitalet-du-Larzac

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