

# The trumpet path

Des falaises de Roquefort au Rougier



Chapelle Saint-Pierre (Virginie Govignon)



This path provides amazing views over the Tournemire amphitheatre, the Larzac plateau and the village of Roquefort.

The name of this hiking path refers to the nickname of a Roquefort bricklayer whose house stands close to the path. The story goes that his workmates offered him as a joke a small trumpet that he would playfully blow when the merry team was on the move. That's how the path has been named since.

## Useful information

Practice : Trekking

Duration : 2 h

Length : 8.4 km

Trek ascent : 464 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Savoir-faire, Agropastoralism, Fauna, Geology, History and heritage, Panorama

Accessibility : Rando-Train

# Trek

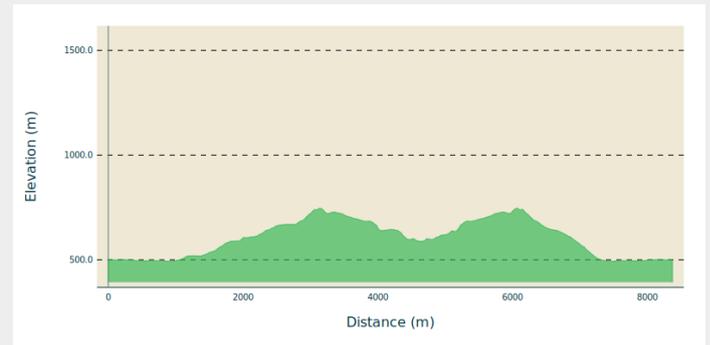
**Departure** : Town Hall carpark in Tournemire

**Arrival** : Town Hall carpark in Tournemire

**Markings** : ■ PR

**Cities** : 1. Tournemire  
2. Roquefort-sur-Soulzon

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 493 m Max elevation 746 m

From the railway station, head towards the tennis court.

1. Walk across the Soulzon brook and turn to your right. Follow the marked trail, turn to the left after the Waste water treatment plant then to the right before the small house.
2. 50 m further on, leave the ascending path and carry on to the right towards Roquefort along the Bousquet farm. Walk through the woodland, then take a track on your left.
3. Reach the D93 road, turn left and follow the road uphill for approximately 300 m.
4. From this point, turn to your left towards Tournemire (from here the Ladder path can be joined by heading to the right towards Roquefort). Walk through a buissière (a path lined with box trees) and head your way down to the village of Tournemire. Once you reach the bottom take a right turn and retrace your way back to the railway station.

# On your path...



-  Everybody has a ticket (A)
-  Saint-Pierre Rock and Chapel (C)

 Saut de Bailhol (B)

# All useful information

## **Advices**

Box tree moths are active from May to October. During the caterpillar phase, they feed on the leaves of box trees. They crawl down trees and move on long silken threads, although these threads are annoying when hiking they do not pose any health risk.

## **Gear**

Prévoir une réserve d'eau et une tenue adaptée

## **How to come ?**

### Transports

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

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

### Access

When driving from Saint-Affrique or from Millau, take the D999 up to the roundabout and follow the D23 towards Roquefort, then Tournemire for 6km.

### Advised parking

Avenue Hippolyte Puech in Tournemire

## **Accessibility**

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Rando-Train

## Information desks

### OT Pays du Roquefort

Avenue de Lauras, 12250 Roquefort/  
Soulzon

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<http://www.roquefort-tourisme.fr/>



## Source



LIO Train Occitanie

<https://www.ter.sncf.com/occitanie>

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## Everybody has a ticket (A)

The Tournemire-Le Vigan railway line was put into service on August 24th 1896. 2 hours were required to complete the journey, and it was then the only means used to transport Roquefort cheese. In 1897, the traffic was only 25 passengers per day and 15,000 tons of goods per year. In 1922 traffic peaked with 372 passengers per day and 33,000 tons of goods transported during the year. One still remembers these trains pulled by two steam locomotives that would transport cabanières (female staff working in the Roquefort caves), just as “migou” (sheep manure) intended, among others for the rice fields in Camargue. From 1920 onwards, road transport supplanted rail, and the line was finally closed on May 15th, 1939.

Source : Le chemin de fer Le Vigan-Tournemire-Roquefort - ed° Cévennes Magazine

Attribution : DelphineAtche

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## Saut de Bailhol (B)

Le Saut de Bailhol, often – though incorrectly – referred to as a sotch\* because of its hollowed shape, is in fact the rockfall detachment niche of the scree slopes visible further down. But, as is often the case in oral tradition, spectacle takes precedence over geology: legend has it that a man named Bailhol performed a true "swan dive" here, throwing himself from the 80-metre-high cliff. In any case, it is important not to confuse this site with a genuine caussenard sotch.

\*Sotch : a closed depression of karstic origin, characteristic of the limestone plateaus (causses). Filled with runoff sediments or terra rossa, it is particularly fertile and hosts most cereal crops. When its outline is rounded, it is known as a doline.

Attribution : Xavier Waerzeggers



## Saint-Pierre Rock and Chapel (C)

Saint-Pierre Chapel, dating from the 11th century, crowns the rock of the same name and was once the chapel of the now-vanished medieval castle. With its semi-dome choir, rounded arch, and narrow nave, this modest yet elegant building stands as a tribute to the craftsmanship of past builders. Steeped in history, the site invites contemplation and bears witness to the long-standing human presence in the area.

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