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 : 423 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

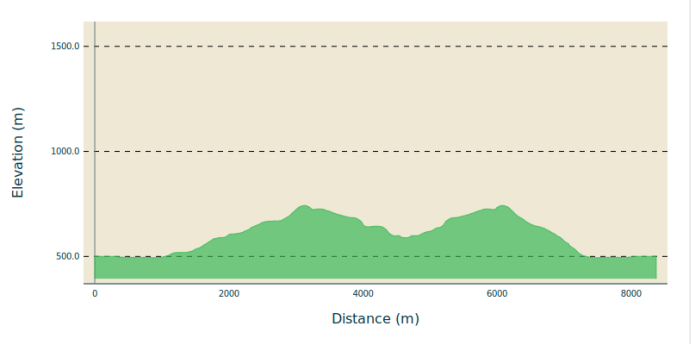
Themes : Savoir-faire, Agropastoralism, Fauna, Geology, History and heritage, Panorama

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

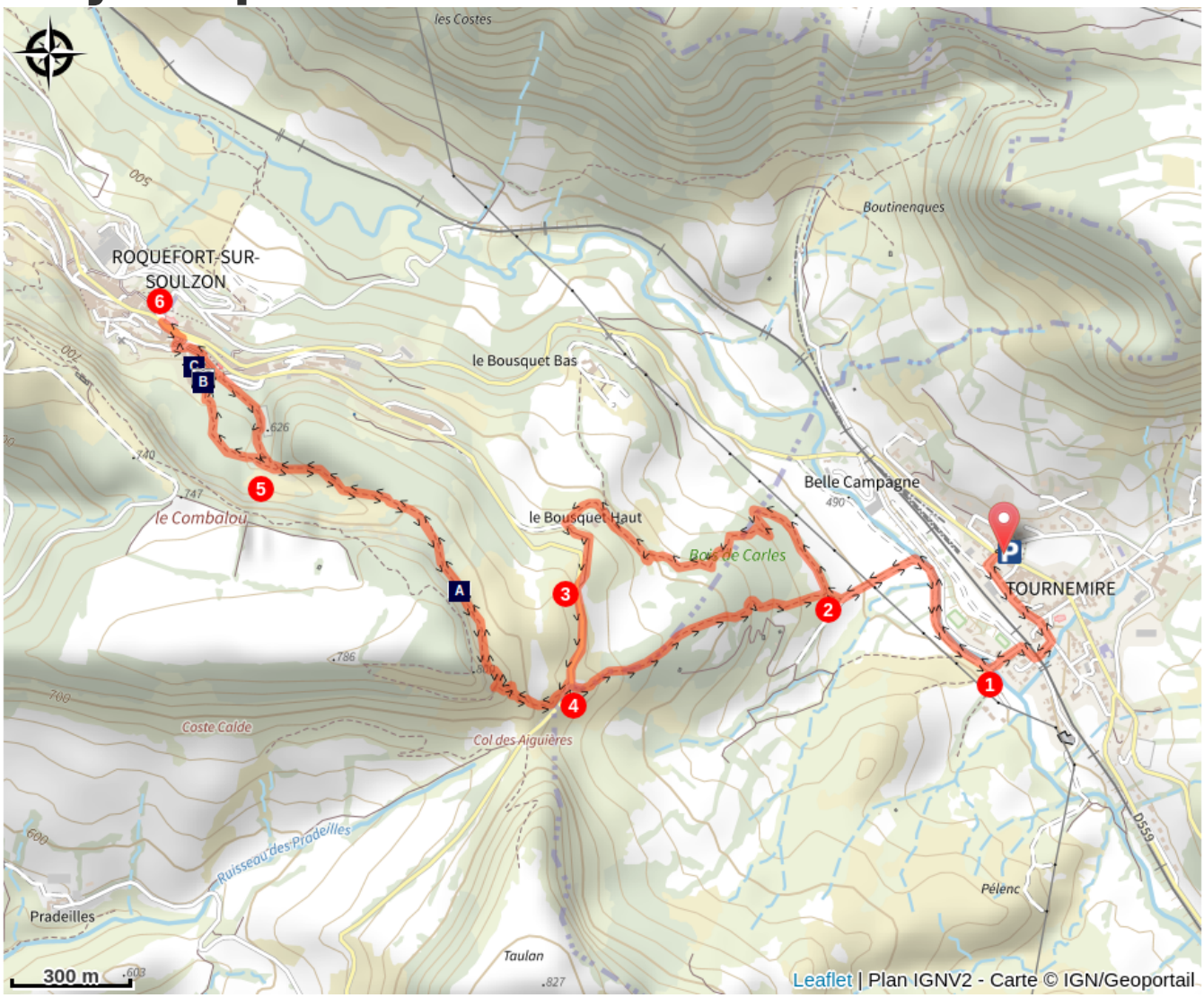


Min elevation 494 m Max elevation 743 m

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...



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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

Rando-Train

Information desks

OT Pays du Roquefort
Avenue de Lauras, 12250 Roquefort/ Soulzon

contact@roquefort-tourisme.fr
Tel : 0565585600
http://www.roquefort-tourisme.fr/



Source

LIO Train Occitanie

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

On your path...



Saut de Bailhol (A)

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 (B)

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.

Attribution : Roquefort Tourisme



The Orientation Table (C)

Located on the Saint-Pierre Rock, this orientation table offers a breathtaking panoramic view over Roquefort-sur-Soulzon, the Lévézou Mountains, the Larzac Plateau, and the Soulzon Valley. This viewpoint allows visitors to better understand the landscape and geography of the region while enjoying its natural beauty. An ideal spot to capture memories and soak in the grandeur of the area.

Attribution : Virginie Govignon