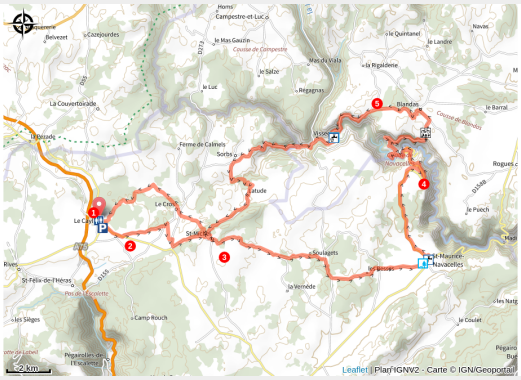
Gravel N°31 - In the heart of the Cirque de Navacelles

Du sud Larzac au Lac du Salagou

Cycliste gravel aux abords du Cirque de Navacelles (Eric Brendle)



The descent into the vertiginous canyon, followed by the climb up to the Blandas plateau, are the highlights of this challenging hike, set in the heart of a truly exceptional geological site.

Admittedly, you'll be cycling along more roads than tracks, but the irresistible allure of the Cirque de Navacelles will soon make you forget this minor drawback. For this immense meander carved out by the Vis is nothing short of unmissable, and cycling through it, from La Baume-Auriol to Blandas, makes it a 'must-see' in its own right! And to round it off: a beautiful gravel track, a proper one, just past Saint-Michel-d'Alajou.

Useful information

Practice : Gravel

Duration : 5 h

Length : 64.5 km

Trek ascent : 1172 m

Difficulty : Hard

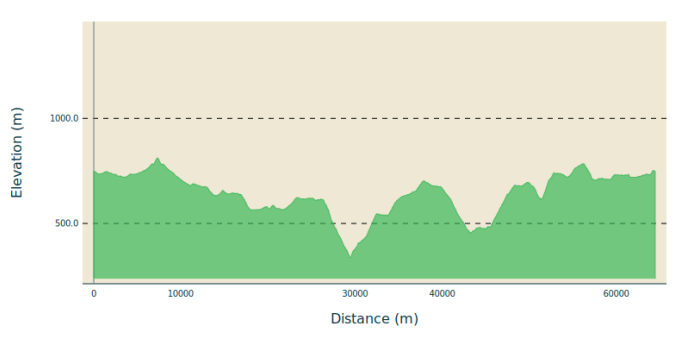
Type : Loop

Themes : Top 20 à Vélo

Trek

Departure : Le Caylar (Place de la République)
Cities : 1. Le Caylar
2. Le Cros
3. Saint-Michel
4. Saint-Maurice-Navacelles
5. Sorbs

Altimetric profile

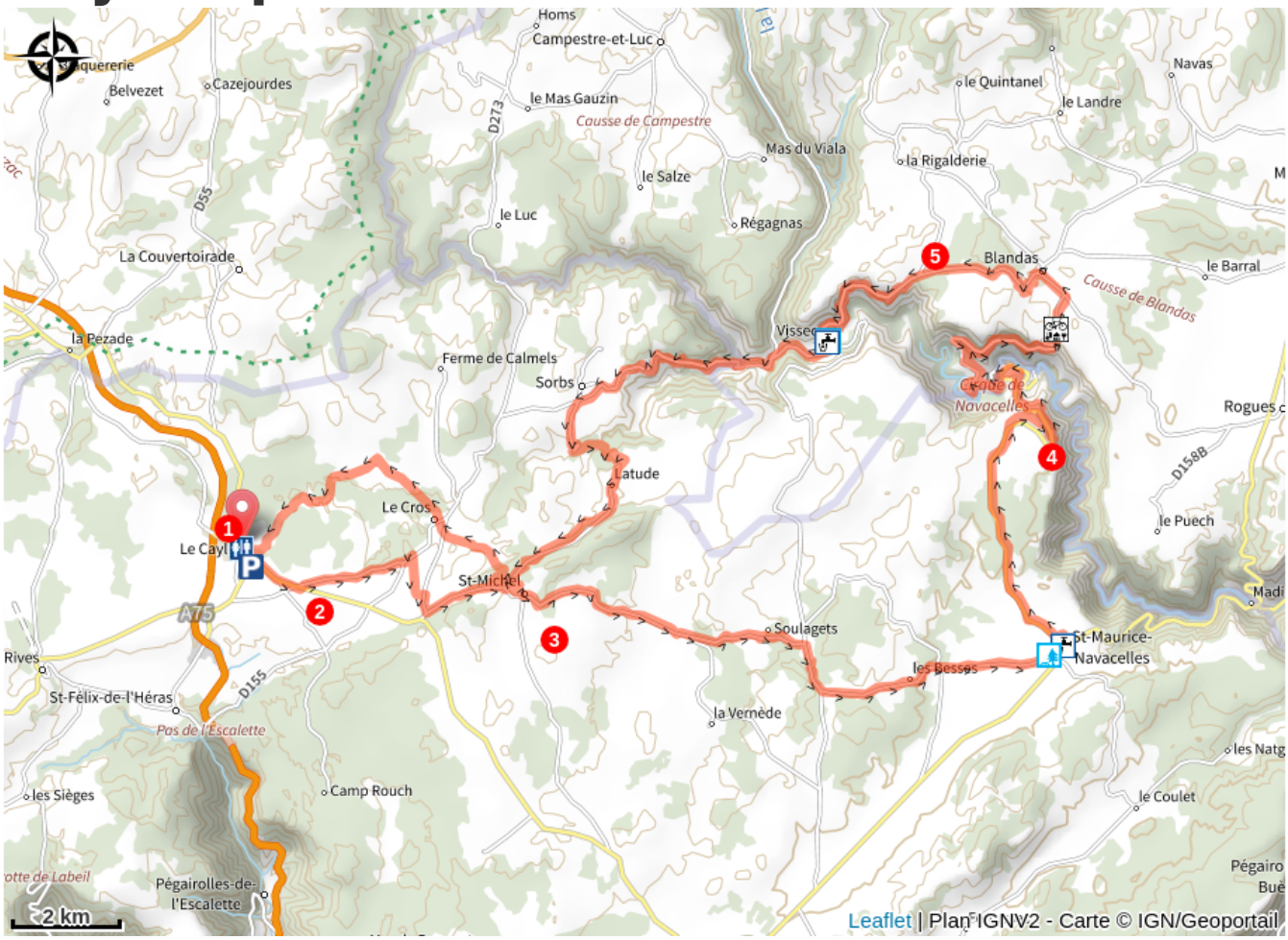


Min elevation 337 m Max elevation 811 m

1. Set off from the Place de la République in Le Caylar for a long ride towards the Cirque de Navacelles.
2. Follow the road and a small track (km 4) towards Saint-Michel-d'Alajou.
   You then head towards Saint-Maurice-de-Navacelles, taking some lovely country roads through the heart of the Causses.
3. At La Baume Auriol (km 25.7), you enter the Cirque de Navacelles, then pass through La Vis before tackling a lovely 8 km climb to reach Blandas.
4. The return journey to Le Caylar follows mainly small roads as far as Saint-Michel-d'Alajou, then a lovely gravel track that passes through Le Cros and runs alongside La Capitelle and then La Mouisse.

15% tracks and 85% roads
Riding time depending on your ability: 3 hours 30 minutes to 5 hours

On your path...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Rogues
Latude
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Le Cros
le Puech
Le Cayla
St-Michel
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Soulagets
St-Maurice-Navacelles
Rives
les Besses
St-Félix-de-l'Héras
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How to come ?

Transports

Bus stop for routes 661 and 681, 200 metres from the starting point.

Access

A75: Exit 49 from Millau and Clermont-Ferrand

A75: Exit 50 from Montpellier and Béziers

Advised parking

gendarmerie car park

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