

Le Causse

CEVENNES



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An unmissable hike exploring superb views onto the Arre valley and the Causse plateau.

Useful information

Practice : Pédestre

Duration : 5 h

Length : 12.2 km

Trek ascent : 669 m

Difficulty : Hard

Type : Boucle

Themes : Histoire et culture

Trek

Departure : Arre

Arrival : Arre

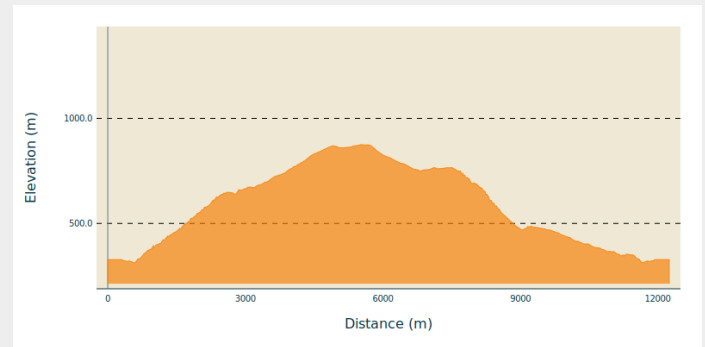
Markings : — Balisage jaune et mobilier signalétique

Cities : 1. Arre

2. Blandas

3. Arrigas

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 316 m Max elevation 875 m

Signposts will guide you all along this route. In the description below, the signposted place names and/or directions are given in **bold italics** between quotation marks :

From the car park in "**ARRE**", walk to "**Arre Pont Vieux**" and "**Le Cap d'Arre**".

1. At "**Le Cap d'Arre**" turn left and go up towards "**LES TRES TOULLIERES**".
2. Cross the road and direction « **LEMBRUSQUIÈRE** » via « **Le Tour** » and « **Lembrusquières - Haut** ».
3. Return to "**ARRE**" via "**Le Cap d'Arre**" then "**Arre -Pont Vieux**".

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On your path...



The hosiery industry and Arre (A)
The Lavassac viaduct (C)

The former orphanage (B)

All useful information

Advices

Make sure your equipment is appropriate for the day's weather conditions. Take enough water, wear sturdy shoes and put on a hat.

How to come ?

Transports

Alés bus line 142

Nîmes line 140

Montpellier line 608

LIO bus line 101 (Saturdays only)

LIO Région Occitanie - <https://lio.laregion.fr/>

Access

From Alés or Nîmes take the D999 to Le Vigan. Continue on the D999, towards Bez et Esparon, then Arre.

Advised parking

Mairie (town hall)

Information desks

Tourism office Cévennes and Navacelles, Le Vigan

Maison de pays, place du Marché, BP 21,
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On your path...



The hosiery industry and Arre (A)

Shortly after the church, on the left, you will see the Brun family residence and the dyeing factory. The railings of the factory gates came from the Château des Tuileries in Paris, which had been burned down in 1870. The village's prosperity was linked to the hosiery industry and the Brun d'Arre company. This hosiery business, the oldest in the region, was first recorded in 1740. In the 1880s, the factory's looms were mechanised to produce silk hosiery. Modernisation continued with the purchase of heavy-duty looms for cotton articles. In 1906, the company created the first brand of silk stockings, Lys stockings, which became internationally known. A fleur-de-lys was embroidered onto the stockings by workers working at home. In 1924, there were 600 of these workers. The combustible necessary for the industry to develop was supplied by the coal mines in Cavailiac, 7 km away.

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The former orphanage (B)

At the foot of the village, on the left, a building overlooking the river has a particular style. This is the former orphanage, which closed down in the early 20th century. Sainte Anne was home to poor young girls without families who mainly came from the Aveyron department. They worked in the village factory to unthread the silk it onto the spools. After work, they had to clean the orphanage and chapel as well as take care of the pigs and poultry. On the site of the orphanage there was a chapel, Sainte-Marie d'Arre. By popular demand, it was rededicated to Saint-Blaise, patron saint of weavers and carders.

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The Lavassac viaduct (C)

This steel bridge with a span of 80 metres and a weight of 418 tonnes was conceived by Gustave Eiffel in the late 19th century for the railway. A landowner whose parcels lay below the viaduct is believed to have won a lawsuit for damages because of the shade thrown by the bridge... Today, the section between Arre, Bez et Esparon and Molières-Cavaillac has been transformed into a walking and cycling path, accessible for non-motorised users, whether children or adults: 3.5 km to enjoy en famille, without danger, with little elevation gain and with two tunnels lit by solar energy.

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