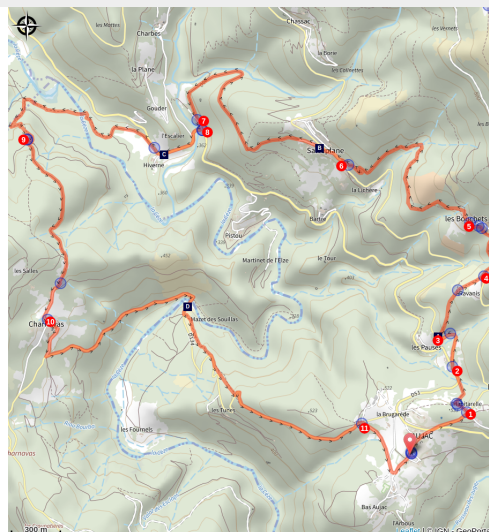


The ford at Hiverne

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Château du Cheylard (© Rémi Noël)

Crisscross the Césarenque area on a former mule track. You might even see that bird of clean rivers, the white-throated dipper!

Parcourez le pays de Césarenque sur un ancien chemin muletier avec l'espoir de croiser le cingle plongeur, oiseau des rivières pures !

Useful information

Practice : Pédestre

Duration : 5 h

Length : 12.6 km

Trek ascent : 518 m

Difficulty : Hard

Type : Boucle

Themes : Faune et flore, Eau et géologie

Trek

Departure : Aujac

Arrival : Aujac

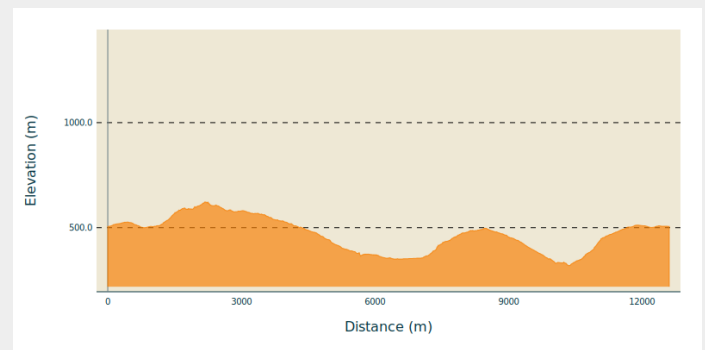
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Cities : 1. Aujac

2. Sénéchas

3. Concoules

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 321 m Max elevation 622 m

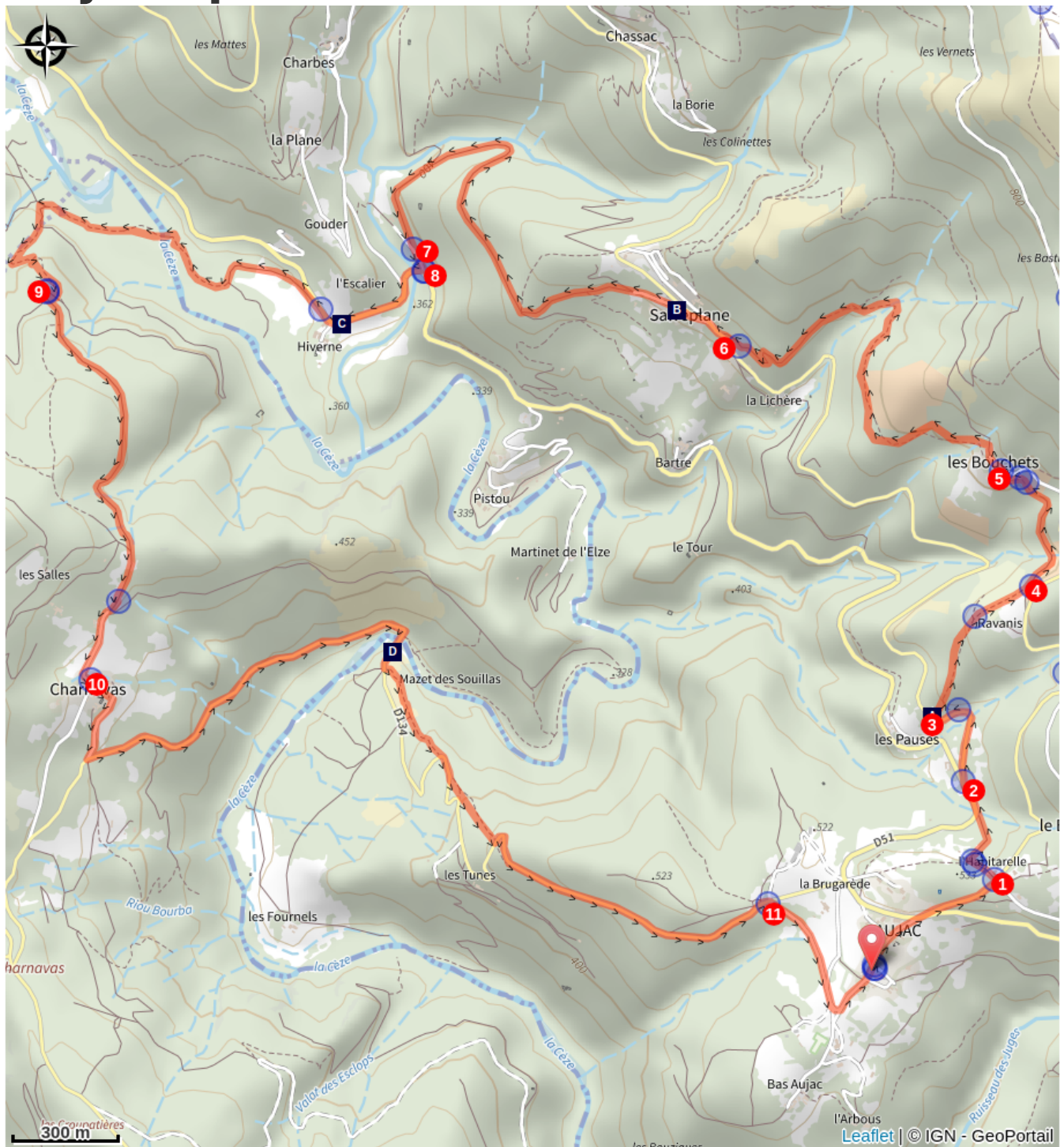
Signposts will guide you all along this route. In the description below, the signposted place names and/or directions are given in **bold italics** between quotation marks:

From “**Aujac**”, walk to :

1. “**Les Bouschets**” via “**I’Habitable**” x2,
2. “**Les Pausés**”,
3. “**Combemale**”
4. “**Ravanis**”.
5. At “**Les Bouschets**” go to “**Salveplane**”.
6. Then walk to “**Charnavas**” via :
7. “**Le Bartrasse**”,
8. “**Pont d’Hiverne**”,
9. “**Font de Peire Fabre**”
10. At “**Charnavas**” return to “**Aujac**” via :
11. “**La Brugarède**”.

This hike is taken from the guidebook **Mont Lozère - Pays des sources, Sommet des Cévennes**, published by the Pôle de pleine nature du Mont Lozère.

On your path...



Les Pauses hamlet (A)
The Cézaire (C)

The walls (B)
The white-throated dipper (Cinclus cinclus) (D)

All useful information

Advices

This trail cannot be used by mountain-bikes. In bad weather or after strong rain, be careful at the ford over the Cèze (strong current). Steep section at the end of the loop.

Make sure your equipment is appropriate for the day's weather conditions. Remember that the weather changes quickly in the mountains. Take enough water, wear solid shoes and put on a hat. Please close all gates and barriers after yourself.

How to come ?

Access

From Génolhac, take the D 906 towards Villefort, then the D 155 towards Le Martinet, D 318a towards the Col de Charnavas pass and D 134 to Aujac.

Advised parking

Aujac village centre

Information desks

Tourism'house and national parc, Génolhac

Place du Colombier, 30450 Génolhac

contact@cevennes-tourisme.fr

Tel : 04 66 61 09 48

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



Source



Parc national des Cévennes

<http://www.cevennes-parcnational.fr/>

On your path...

Les Pauses hamlet (A)

At one time, this hamlet welcomed peddlers, shepherds and walkers in its handsome inn on the edge of the track. The inn was also where the prosecutors from Villefort held their public court sessions in the 18th century. One day, 30 inhabitants attending one of these sessions “asked” the prosecutors to “pack up and go and not seize any property”...“A great uproar followed”! (B.Mathieu)



The walls (B)

The wall of Salveplane merits a short series of naturalist observations. You might be tempted to believe that the lively wall lizard is the only inhabitant of these stone walls. But he has many housemates. First, there are his cousins, such as the western green lizard or ocellated lizard. Field mice and other rodents like to squat cavities, and stock their merchandise in this wall or give birth here so as to ensure their line does not die out despite being threatened by all the area's predators. In the winter, all these small creatures withdraw into the wall's holes... (B. Mathieu)

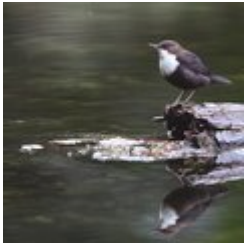
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The Cézaire (C)

You are at the heart of the Cézaire, a small and welcoming region bordered on three sides by mountain ranges. Three rivers (the Cèze, Luech and Homol) water the area, which is crossed by large tracks joining up with the Regordane Way to the north. The "val cezrencha" was given its name in 1270 and covers a steep-sided basin of about 80 sq km. It consists of three valleys closed off by secondary mountain ranges and is only open to the south-east, at Peyremale. Here, the Luech and Homol flow into the Cèze, which continues on to the Mediterranean. The varied bedrock makes for very different landscapes, offering you ever-changing panoramic views. (B. Mathieu)

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The white-throated dipper (*Cinclus cinclus*) (D)

Have a close look at the banks and the rocks that stick out of the current. You may see a white-throated dipper with its vanilla-coloured breast, brown head and plump body. It is also known as the European dipper. It finds its pittance by diving and then walking upstream on the riverbed, snacking on small larvae and tiny crustaceans. It is very sensitive to water quality. The dipper is the soul of any waterway.

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