

The ridges and valley of Le Coudoulous

Gard



Vue depuis Serre de Naves (N. Thomas)



A forest path between the Coudoulous valley and the Serre de Naves ridge, through an environment shaped by human hand: sweet-chestnut groves, planted forests, apple orchards, terraces planted with onions and typical local villages.

Useful information

Practice : Pédestre

Duration : 4 h

Length : 10.7 km

Trek ascent : 516 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Boucle

Themes : Histoire et culture, Faune et flore

Trek

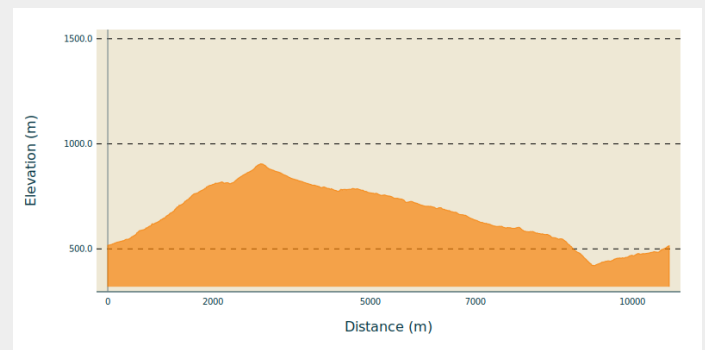
Departure : Arphy

Arrival : Arphy

Markings : — Balisage jaune et mobilier signalétique

Cities : 1. Arphy
2. Mandagout

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 420 m Max elevation 899 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 :

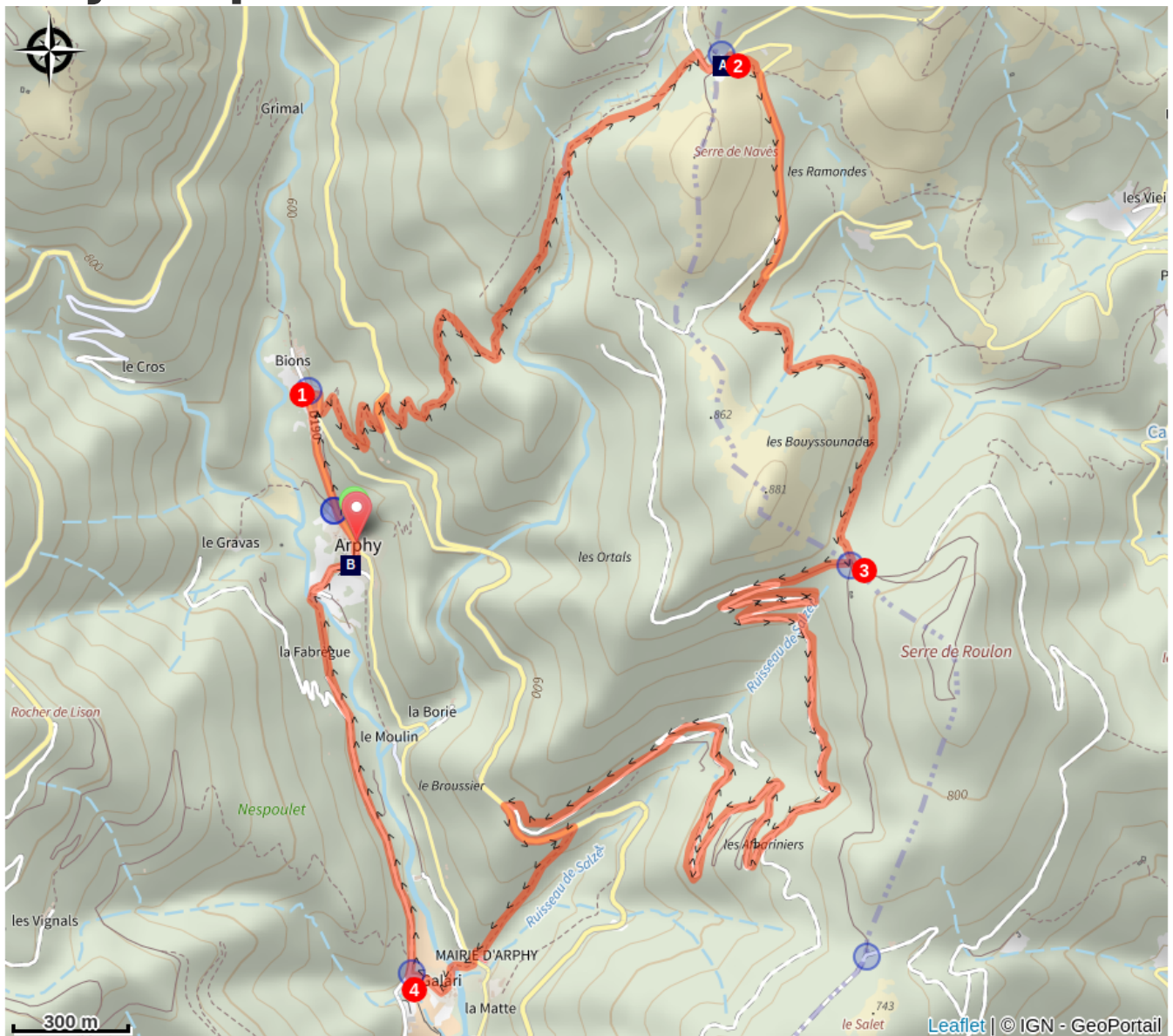
Starting from “ **ARPHY** ”, walk towards “ **CAP DE CÔTE** ” via :

1. “ **Bions** ”,
2. “ **Serre de Naves** ”. Take the direction GR®6a via :
3. “ **Le Crestat** ”,
4. “ **Galary** ”.

Return to “ **ARPHY** ”.

This walk is taken from the guidebook **Les Vallées Cévenoles - En Pays Viganais**, published by the Communauté de communes Pays Viganais-Cévennes as part of the collection Espaces Naturels Gardois and the label Gard Pleine Nature.

On your path...



 The peregrine falcon (A)

Arphy (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. Please close any gates and barriers behind you.

How to come ?

Transports

Alés bus line 142

Nîmes line 140

Montpellier line 608

LIO line 104

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

Access

From Alés or Nîmes take the D999 to Le Vigan, then the D370 towards Aulas, then drive to Arphy

Advised parking

Mairie (town hall)

Information desks

Tourism'house and national Parc at Florac

Place de l'ancienne gare, N106, 48400
Florac-trois-rivières

info@cevennes-parcnational.fr

Tel : 04 66 45 01 14

<https://www.cevennes-gorges-du-tarn.com>



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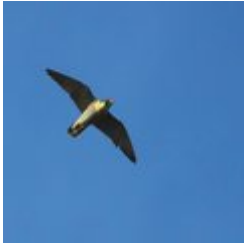
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Parc national des Cévennes

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

On your path...



The peregrine falcon (A)

Given that it nests nearby, you might be lucky enough to observe a peregrine falcon. This is the most powerful and, above all, the fastest of the falcons in the Cévennes National Park. Grey in colour, the adult has a wingspan of about one metre for females, more than that for males. Its wings are angular, wide and pointed, and a black mask covers its cheeks.

Attribution : Descamps Régis



Arphy (B)

A long municipality in a narrow vale framed by two lines of ridges...

The Coudoulous, the main tributary of the Arre, has sculpted this granite landscape, whose stones were used as much to build the crop terrace walls as the mas (isolated farms) and hamlets all along the river. The valley bottom is rich with alluvial sediment, making farming important : irrigated orchards, crop terraces, gardens. On the ridges, paths follow the tracks made by sheep migrating to and from their summer pastures.

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