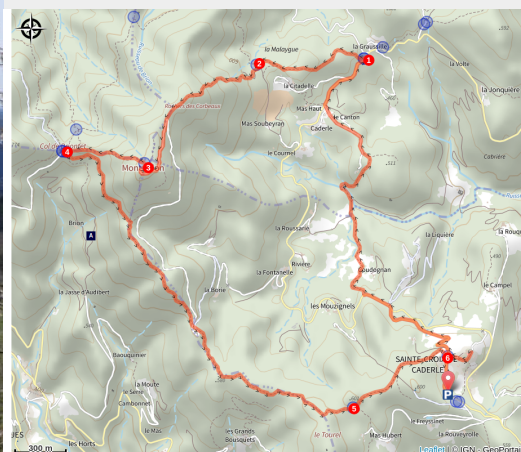


Mont Brion : from watchtowers to fords

Gard



Sainte-Croix de Caderle (N Thomas)



A walk over draille (drovers' road) and paths, through chestnut orchards and holm oak groves, offering fine views over the Cévennes !

This pretty ascent towards Mont Brion offers panoramic 360° views, ranging from Mont Aigoual to Mont Lozère via Mont Bouquet, Mont Ventoux and, further south, the sea.

At Sainte Croix de Caderle, take advantage of the viewpoint indicator and discover the small Romanesque chapel and its history.

Useful information

Practice : Pédestre

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 9.8 km

Trek ascent : 479 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Boucle

Themes : Histoire et culture

Trek

Departure : Sainte Croix de Caderle

Arrival : Sainte Croix de Caderle

Markings : — Balisage jaune et mobilier signalétique

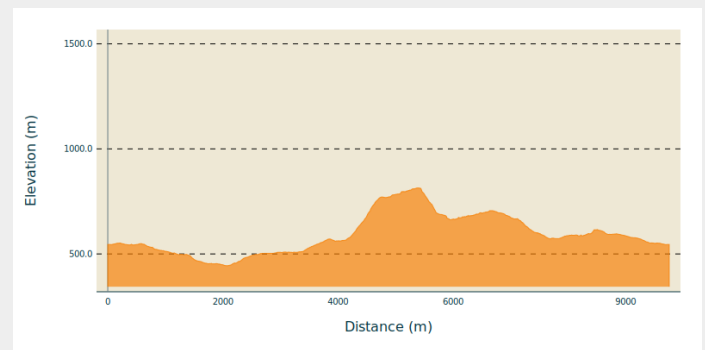
Cities : 1. Sainte-Croix-de-Caderle

2. Saint-Jean-du-Gard

3. Peyrolles

4. Soudorgues

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 450 m Max elevation 809 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 the car park “**Route vieille**” in Sainte-Croix de Caderle, go uphill to the village (with a there-and-back detour to the viewpoint indicator), then to “**Mont Brion**” via:

1. “**La Graussille**” and
2. “**La Malaygue**”.
3. At “**Mont Brion**”, go downhill to:
4. “**Col de Briontet**”. Then return to “**Sainte Croix de Caderle**” via:
5. “**Le Tourel**”,
6. “**Sainte croix de Caderle**”, and finally to the car park at “**Route Vieille**”.

This hike is taken from the guidebook **Cévennes et vallées du Gardon, autour d’Anduze et Saint-Jean-du-Gard**, published by the Agglomération d’Alès as part of the collection Espaces Naturels Gardois and the label Gard Pleine Nature.

On your path...



Peyre tower (A)

All useful information

Advices

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 sturdy shoes and put on a hat.

How to come ?

Transports

LiO is the regional public transport service of the Occitanie/ Pyrénées - Méditerranée region. It facilitates everyone's movements by prioritising public transport. For more information, go to <https://lio.laregion.fr>

Access

From Alès, drive towards Anduze on the D910a or D129, then towards Saint Jean du Gard on the D907. At Salindre bridge, take the D57 towards Lasalle, then the D153 to Sainte Croix de Caderle.

From Saint Jean du Gard, drive towards Lasalle on the D153 to Sainte Croix de Caderle.

Advised parking

Sainte-Croix de Caderle

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On your path...



Peyre tower (A)

The Peyre tower may have been built in the 10th century. It has long been considered a signal tower, where fires would have been lit to signal danger or any other event from valley to valley (66 towers or active posts have been listed in the Cévennes). It has also been identified as one of the eight watchtowers that guarded the northern route, also in the 10th c. A third hypothesis sees it as the defensive tower of a castle.

Built on a rectangular floor plan measuring 9 metres by 6 metres, it is 12 metres high. Its Romanesque style is typical of the 12th to 13th centuries.

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