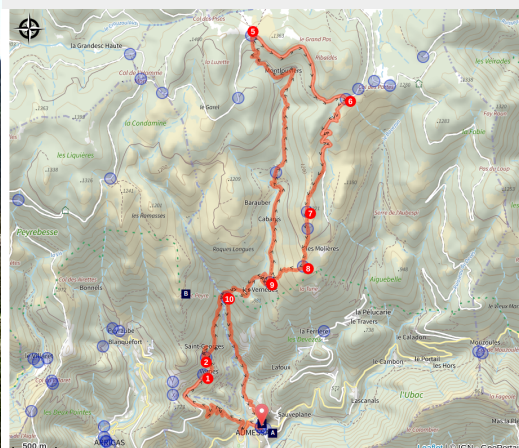


Le Montlouvier

CEVENNES



Le Montlouvier



An athletic hike exploring splendid views and varied vegetation throughout.

Useful information

Practice : Pédestre

Duration : 6 h 30

Length : 16.9 km

Trek ascent : 1013 m

Difficulty : Hard

Type : Boucle

Themes : Histoire et culture

Trek

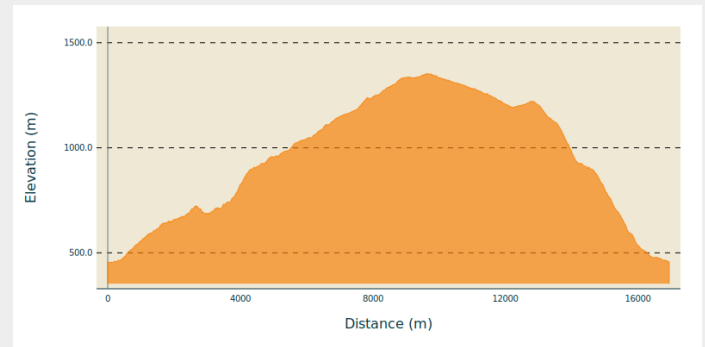
Departure : Aumessas

Arrival : Aumessas

Markings : — Balisage jaune et mobilier signalétique

Cities : 1. Aumessas
2. Arrigas

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 455 m Max elevation 1354 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 at “ **AUMESSAS** ”, walk to “ **ST GEORGES** ” via :

1. « **Vernes** »,
2. « **ST GEORGES** »
A detour (there-and-back) to the former hamlet is highly recommended.
3. « **Roques Longues** »,
4. « **LES VERNÈDES** »,
5. « **Sous la Luzette** »,
6. « **Sous le col des Portes** »,
7. « **PANORAMA DES MOLIERES** ».
8. « **Les Molières** »,
9. « **LES VERNÈDES** », then return directly to “**AUMESSAS**” via :
10. “ **Roques Longues** ” along the Rau d'Albagne river.

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 Catholic church and its bell-gable (A)

Aumessas village (C)

St-Peyre rock (B)

All useful information



Is in the midst of the park

The national park is an unrestricted natural area but subjected to regulations which must be known by all visitors.



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

Alès bus line 142

Nîmes line 140

Montpellier line 608

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

Access

From Alès or Nîmes take the D999 to Le Vigan then Arre. Take the D232 to Aumessas

Advised parking

Train station

Information desks

Tourism office Cévennes and Navacelles, Le Vigan

Maison de pays, place du Marché, BP 21,
30120 Le Vigan

contact@sudcevennes.com

Tel : 04 67 81 01 72

<https://sudcevennes.com/>



Source



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<http://www.cc-paysviganais.fr/>



Parc national des Cévennes

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

On your path...



The Catholic church and its bell-gable (A)

The church is remarkable for its bell-gable and has been a listed building since 15 February 1995. The bell bears the date of its casting: 1539. Like other bells, it used to ring the hour and summon the faithful to worship. But in the days of steam trains, it also warned locals of any fires started by escarbilles (small bits of coal). At the time, there were no firemen; the inhabitants were responsible for fighting fires. (bell visible in church).

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St-Peyre rock (B)

To evoke the site of St Peyre, here is a text by C. Chante, taken from his work *Un coin des Cévennes. Le Vigan et ses environs* (1933). "All of a sudden, an oak grove appears that surrounds a small clearing where some leftover rocks, laid out in an elongated oval, seem to indicate a cromlech. At one end stands the antique structure, which the centuries have respected and which the Christians never thought to come and destroy on this almost inaccessible escarpment. There can be no doubt about its purpose: it is clearly a Druidic altar, made from granite blocks set out in a semicircle with a gradient, whence the priest must have harangued the faithful before or after the sacrifice (...)."

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Aumessas village (C)

Aumessas was called *Ulmensacium* in 1248, from Latin *ulmus* meaning elm. In 1769 1,300 inhabitants lived here (240 at the most recent census), the majority of them on the lower lands, below 600m. Their income was derived partly from chestnut growing but mostly from silk farming. On the eve of the French Revolution, 54 silk manufacturers made Aumessas their home. The other inhabitants were shepherds. They lived up in the mountains. The land belonged to the landed gentry, the middle classes or merchants.

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