The banks of the Gardon

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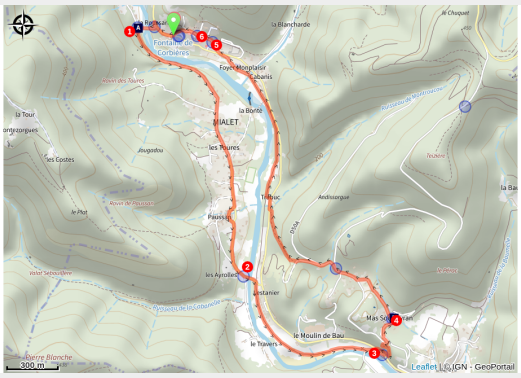
Pont des Camisards et le Gardon (N Thomas)



This walk in the vallée des Gardon offers an opportunity to observe an easily accessible historical and natural heritage.

Discover the rich cultural and natural heritage, with the pont des Camisards, the Mialet temple (Protestant church), Saint-André church and the riverbanks, where you may spot signs of beaver and otter.

Useful information

Practice : Pédestre

Duration : 2 h

Length : 6.4 km

Trek ascent : 151 m

Difficulty : Easy

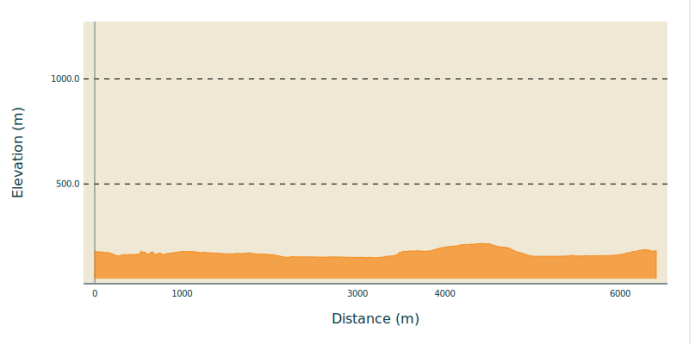
Type : Boucle

Themes : Histoire et culture

Trek

Departure : Mialet
Arrival : Mialet
Markings : Balisage jaune et mobilier signalétique
Cities : 1. Mialet

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 152 m Max elevation 221 m

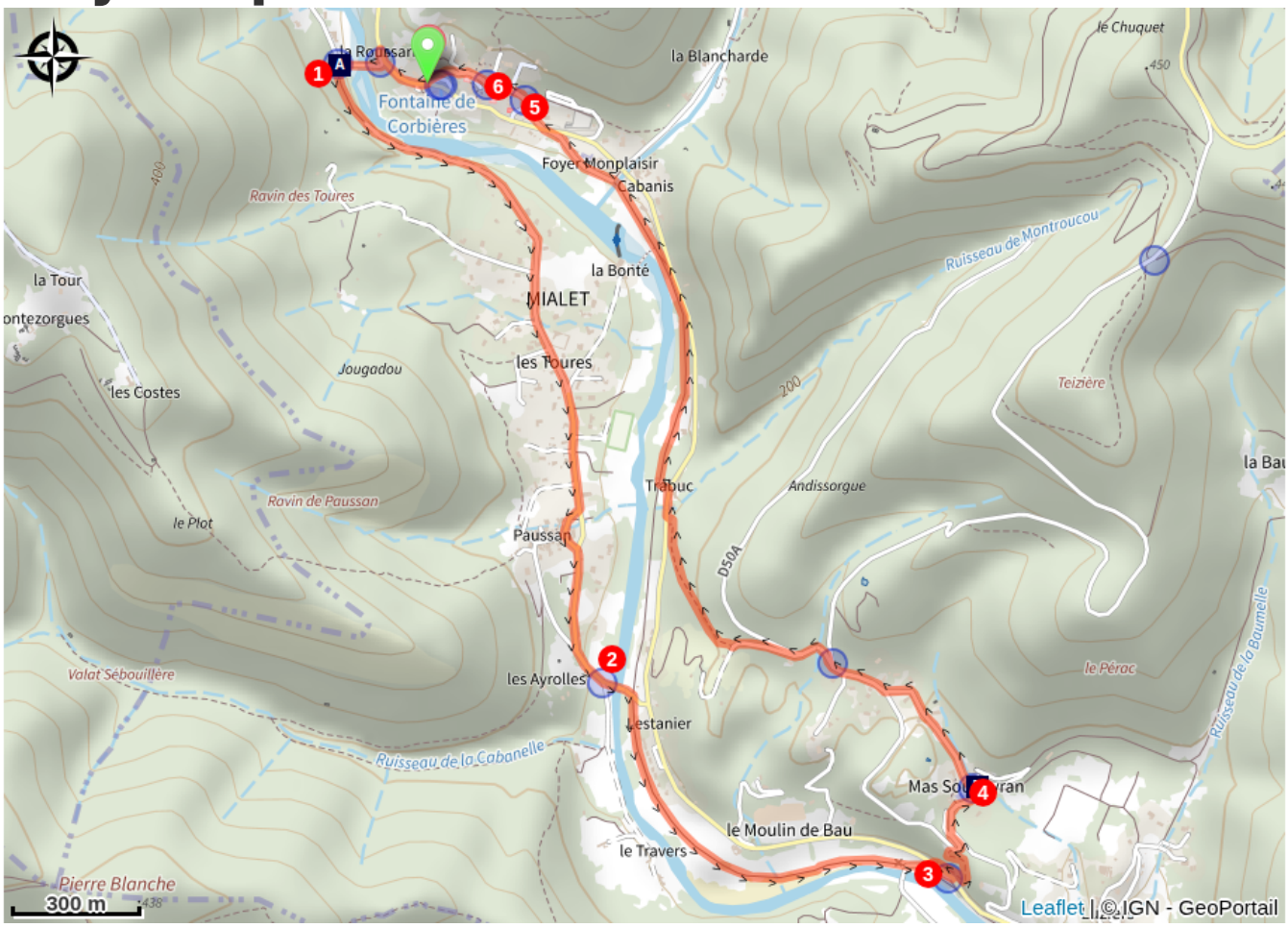
Signposts will guide you all along this route. In the description below, the signposted place names and/or directions are given in **bold italics** between quotation marks:

From the **"Mialet"** car park, turn right onto the D 50 and cross the pont des Camisards.

1. At the **« Pont des Camisards »**, turn left towards :
2. **« Le Travès »**. Then cross the gardon towards :
3. **"La Rouquette "**
4. **« Mialet-Mas Soubeyran »**. Then return to **« Mialet »** via :
5. **« Mialet-Rue J.Bernard »**
6. **« Le temple ».**

This walk is taken from the guidebook **Cévennes et vallées des Gardons – Autour d'Anduze et Saint-Jean-du-Gard**, produced by the Communauté de communes Ales Agglomeration as part of the collection Espaces Naturels Gardois and the label Gard Pleine Nature.

On your path...



The Pont des Camisards (A)

Mas Soubeyran (B)

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

Cette randonnée est accessible en transports en commun.

Pour consulter les horaires actualisés et planifier votre trajet, utilisez le calculateur d'itinéraires ci-dessous en renseignant l'arrêt d'arrivée : **MIALET**

Access

From Anduze, take the D 129 to Générargues, then the D 50 to Mialet.

Advised parking

in front of the cemetery

Information desks

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On your path...



The Pont des Camisards (A)

Legend has it that this humpback bridge was built from 1702 to 1704 by Jean Cavalier, a leader of the Protestant Camisard uprising against the Catholic King. And a legend is all it is. It was constructed a decade later, from 1714 to 1718, when Louis XIV's Intendant, a Monsieur de Basville, decided to develop the road network in the Cevennes. The diocese of Alès was responsible for funding a large share of the construction, and the inhabitants of Mialet were forced to participate through work our paying taxes. In 1976, it became a listed monument. (Nelly Bernard)

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Mas Soubeyran (B)

The idea for a “Museum of the Wilderness” goes back to 1880, when the Société de l'histoire du protestantisme français launched a subscription to buy the birthplace of the Camisard leader Roland (real name: Pierre Laporte). […] In 1910, the Musée du Désert was created as a memorial site to trace the history of Protestantism from 1685 to 1789 and its fight against the French regime's intolerance. […] It is intended to bear witness to the past and promote awareness of the spiritual and cultural heritage that shaped the Cevenol mentality. Every first Sunday in September, almost 20,000 people gather in the shade of the oaks at Mas Soubeyran to hold a Protestant service – the so-called Gathering in the Wilderness. (Nelly Bernard)

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