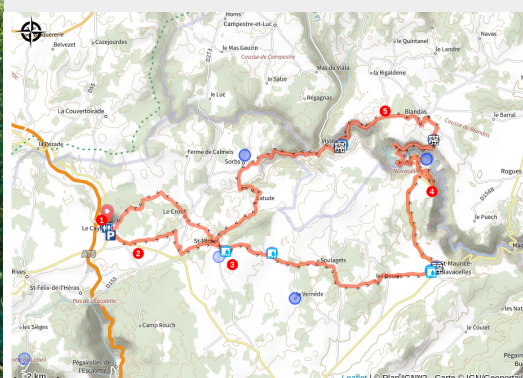


Gravel N°31 - In the heart of the Cirque de Navacelles

Hérault



Cycliste gravel sur route rustique du Larzac (Eric Brendle)



The descent into the vertiginous canyon, followed by the climb up to the Blandas plateau, are the highlights of this challenging hike, set in the heart of a truly exceptional geological site.

Admittedly, you'll be cycling along more roads than tracks, but the irresistible allure of the Cirque de Navacelles will soon make you forget this minor drawback. For this immense meander carved out by the Vis is nothing short of unmissable, and cycling through it, from La Baume-Auriol to Blandas, makes it a 'must-see' in its own right! And to round it off: a beautiful gravel track, a proper one, just past Saint-Michel-d'Alajou.

Useful information

Practice : Gravel

Duration : 5 h

Length : 64.5 km

Trek ascent : 1172 m

Difficulty : Rouge (difficile)

Type : Loop

Themes : Top 20 à Vélo

Trek

Departure : Le Caylar (Place de la République)

Cities : 1. Le Caylar

2. Le Cros

3. Saint-Michel

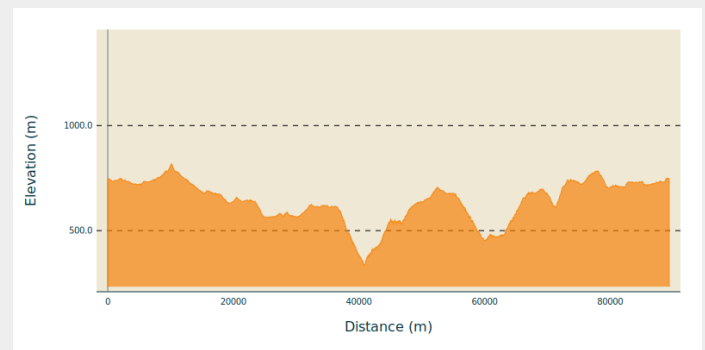
4. Saint-Maurice-Navacelles

5. Blandas

6. Vissec

7. Sorbs

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 337 m Max elevation 811 m

1. Set off from the Place de la République in Le Caylar for a long ride towards the Cirque de Navacelles.
2. Follow the road and a small track (km 4) towards Saint-Michel-d'Alajou. You then head towards Saint-Maurice-de-Navacelles, taking some lovely country roads through the heart of the Causses.
3. At La Baume Auriol (km 25.7), you enter the Cirque de Navacelles, then pass through La Vis before tackling a lovely 8 km climb to reach Blandas.
4. The return journey to Le Caylar follows mainly small roads as far as Saint-Michel-d'Alajou, then a lovely gravel track that passes through Le Cros and runs alongside La Capitelle and then La Mouisse.

15% tracks and 85% roads

Riding time depending on your ability: 3 hours 30 minutes to 5 hours

Topographic map of the Campestre area in the Pyrenees, showing a red trail route with five numbered points (1-5). The map includes contour lines, rivers, and various place names. A scale bar indicates 2 km. The map is credited to Leaflet, Plan IGN V2, and IGN/Geoportail.

All useful information

How to come ?

Transports

Bus stop for routes 661 and 681, 200 metres from the starting point.

Access

A75: Exit 49 from Millau and Clermont-Ferrand

A75: Exit 50 from Montpellier and Béziers

Advised parking

gendarmerie car park

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