

N°11 the foothills of the Loubière

Aveyron



Contreforts de la Loubiere (Virginie Govignon)



This circuit somewhat physical, you can discover the foothills of the plateau of the Loubière. The return to the valley follows a beautiful single track route in the beech forest.

You reach the highest point of the ride by cycling up a series of trails and by riding through forest-bordered farmlands. Now it's time for you to enjoy the long and beautiful cycling down... well, if you are keen on riding downhill!

Useful information

Practice : Mountain Bike

Duration : 1 h 30

Length : 9.9 km

Trek ascent : 387 m

Difficulty : Rouge (difficile)

Type : Loop

Themes : Point de vue, Histoire et patrimoine

Trek

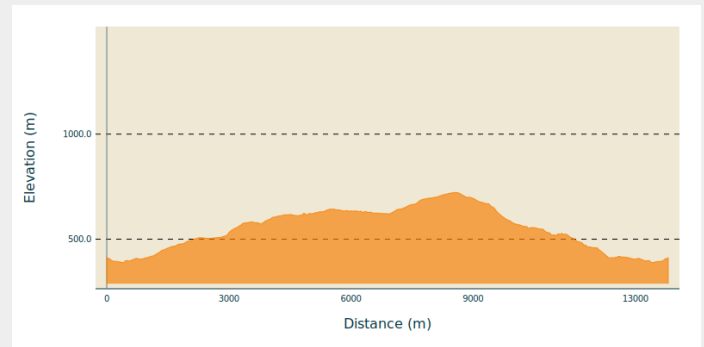
Departure : Saint-Félix de Sorgues

Arrival : Parking face à l'école primaire

Markings : — PR VTT Parc

Cities : 1. Saint-Félix-de-Sorgues

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 390 m Max elevation 725 m

On Main Street, take the road to your right which takes you on to the “Pont Vieux” spanning the river Sorgues. After crossing the bridge, cycle to your right for 50 m.

- 1- Take a rather steep ramp to your left that leads towards the farm of the Mas du Souquet.
- 2- Do not take the tarmacked road, but cycle onto the path that follows the contour line and runs to the farm of the Mas de Gély. Go around the farm to the right.
- 3- You will see a cross at the top of a low dry stone wall; carry on along this route towards the hamlet of la Batisse.
- 4- Go around the side of the sheepfold and head westward, then cycle up the 1.5 km path which leads to the top of the hill, rising to 730 m.
- 5- When you arrive at the pass, cycle onto the track which is between the lines of box trees (called a bouissière) that runs towards Vareilles.
- 6- At the base of two high fir trees, ride up the gentle slope to the right.
- 7- Take the left turn, and 100 m further follow on the path that runs down to Saint-Félix going through the hamlet of Saint-Caprazy on the way. This hamlet is a former Commandery and the origin of the existing village.

On your path...



All useful information

Advices

When you begin the descent downhill towards Vareilles you will notice the trees on both sides of the buissière (single-track lined with box trees and oak trees) that make the passage very narrow especially with wide handlebars.

Box tree moths are active from May to October. During the caterpillar phase, they feed on the leaves of box trees. They crawl down trees and move on long silken threads, although these threads are annoying when hiking they do not pose any health risk



Gear

Prévoir une réserve d'eau et une tenue adaptée

How to come ?

Transports

Travel by bus or train: <https://lio.laregion.fr/>

Carpooling : [BlaBlaCar](#), [Rézo Pouce](#), [Mobicoop](#), [Idvroom](#), [LaRoueVerte](#), [Roulez malin](#)

Access

From St-Affrique drive towards the Sorgues valley via the D7 road up to St-Félix-de-Sorgues (15 km).

Advised parking

St-Félix village hall