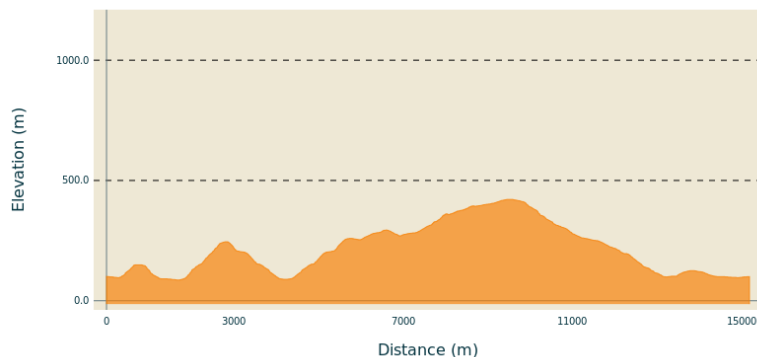


The Cirque d'Estre

Gorges de l'Ardèche - VALLON-PONT-D'ARC

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 86 m Max elevation 421 m

Useful information

Practice : Hike

Duration : 5 h 30

Length : 15.2 km

Trek ascent : 607 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Fauna - Flora, Patrimoine historique et religieux

Trek

Departure : Vallon-Pont-d'Arc

Arrival : Vallon-Pont-d'Arc

Markings :  PR  GR

Cities : 1. VALLON-PONT-D'ARC 2. LAGORCE

1. From the Info rando sign opposite the Tourist Office, follow the white/red GR4F along the car parks. Cross the roundabout and head up towards the Le Château junction Follow Ibie 1.4 km Pont d'Arc 3.4 km
2. Go through Vieux Vallon, passing the Vieux Vallon junctions and follow Ibie 1 km Pont d'Arc 3.1 km. Continue on the GR 4F. Go down a tarmac track and after about 200m, turn left onto a dirt track that joins the river Ibie. Cross the submersible bridge and come to the Mézelet junction, follow Grotte Chauvet 2 - 4.9 km Pont d'Arc 2.3 km
3. Take a stony, winding path up to the plateau.
4. Reach the Combe d'Arc junction. Enjoy the superb view of the Estre cirque, where the Ardèche carved out the splendid Pont d'Arc possibility of descending to the Pont d'Arc and back (2.4 km), following the white/yellow markings, then Pont d'Arc 1.2 km. To continue the circuit follow Grotte Chauvet 2 - 3.8 km. Return to the Combe d'Arc junction. Back at the junction, follow the GR eastwards, signposted white/red towards Combe Longue for 1.5 kilometres.
5. At the junction Combe Longue, Bois du Roi follow Grotte Chauvet 2 then at the junction Pousaras follow Mayres 2.6 km - St-Remèze 7.8 km. Leave the GR4F and follow the white/yellow markings. The stony path twists and turns and continues until it reaches the Serre du Desferre junction, follow Vallon-Pont-d'Arc for 5.5 km.
6. Take the white/red GR4F. Along the way, take in the views of the Ibie valley, Lagorce and the Coiron volcanic massif on the horizon.
7. From the La Barthe signpost, you can make a return trip to Grotte Chauvet 2, the site where the Grotte Chauvet was restored and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2014. (follow Grotte Chauvet 2). To continue, return to the La Barthe junction. Follow Vallon-Pont-d'Arc for 3.8 km. Follow the white/yellow

signs until you reach the start of the walk. Follow the D4 road for 250 m, then fork left. After 100 m, turn right onto a path that drops down into the forest. Cross the D4 and pick it up again below.

8. 200 m after crossing the Ibie, turn left onto a stony track as far as the Joncier junction; follow Vallon-Pont-d'Arc for 1.6 km. Go up a path and then round a house to reach a tarmac road. At a bend to the right, take a dirt track to the left for about 250 metres, then pick up a tarmac track to return to the starting point.



How to come ?

Access

From Aubenas, take the D579 towards Vogüé, Gorges de l'Ardèche as far as Vallon-Pont-d'Arc.

From Bourg-Saint-Andéol, follow signs for Vallon-Pont-d'Arc.

From Alès, take the D104 towards Aubenas. Then take the D111 towards Gorges de l'Ardèche as far as Vallon-Pont-d'Arc.

Advised parking

Pay car park Esplanade du Soleil



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