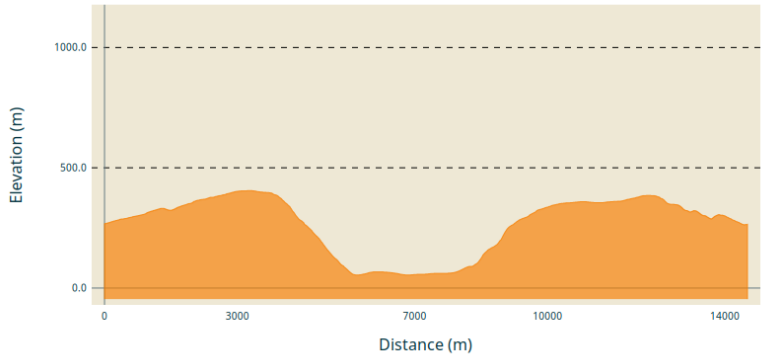
Maladrerie des Templiers trail

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 54 m Max elevation 405 m

Useful information

Practice : Hike

Duration : 5 h 30

Length : 14.5 km

Trek ascent : 520 m

Difficulty : Hard

Type : Loop

Themes : Dolmen, Fauna - Flora, Historical and religious heritage, Lake - River - Waterfall, Summit and viewpoints

Trek

Departure : Le Garn - car park in front of the Town Hall
Arrival : Le Garn - car park in front of the Town Hall
Markings : PR
Cities : 1. LE GARN 2. AIGUEZE

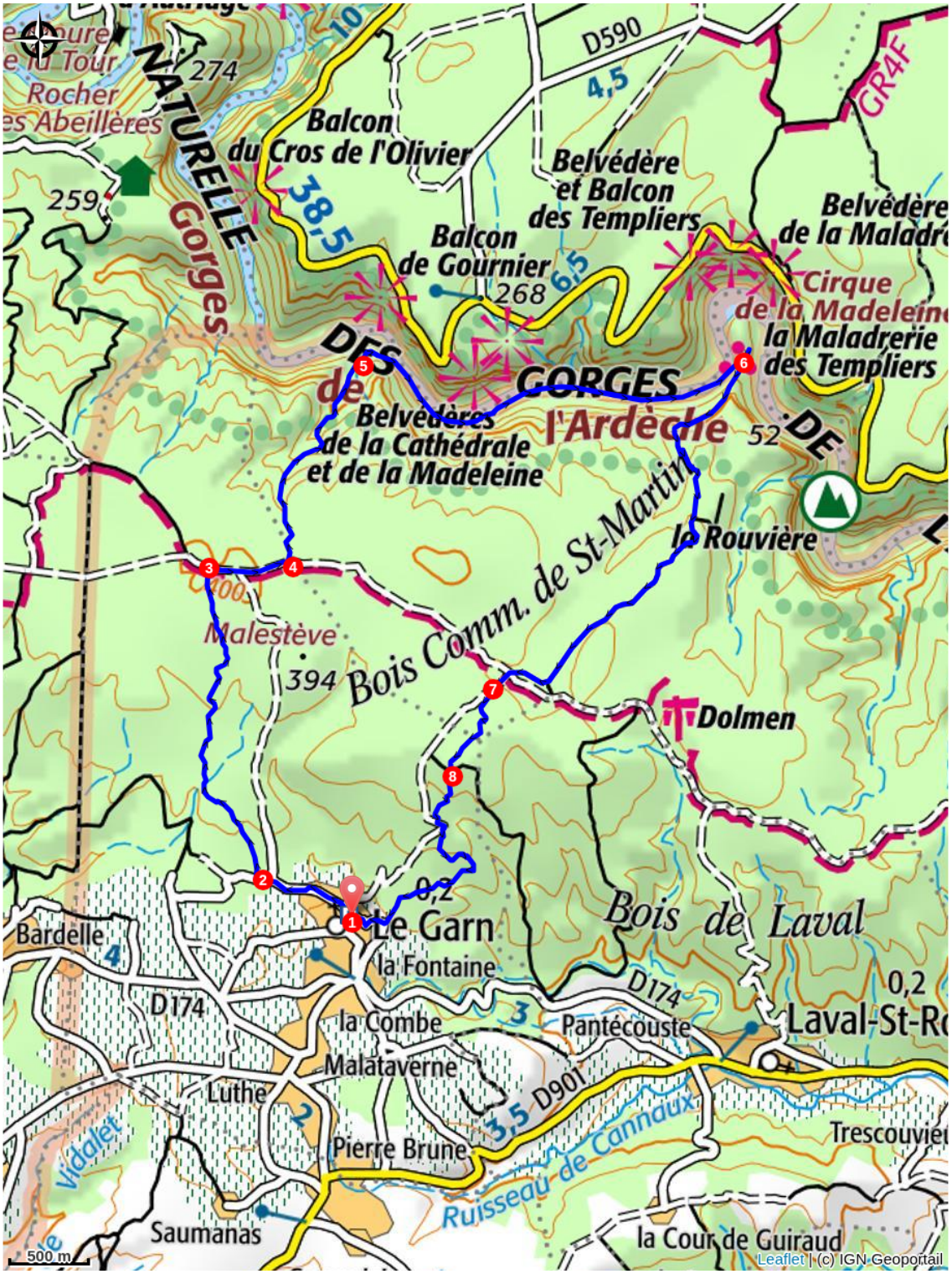
1. From the car park, walk up to the hiking signpost marked ‘Le Garn’ and head north towards ‘Le Puech-Guin’. Follow the markings carefully. At junctions, stay on the main road, which curves sharply to the left and then slightly to the right
2. At the ‘Le Puech-Guin’ signpost, turn right towards ‘La Combe du Cros – La Flassade’. Take the path that continues from the road after about 200 metres. This section of the path runs alongside low stone walls and crosses more or less open scrubland. The path crosses a track before joining another; take this one to the right until it reaches a ‘T’ junction.
3. At the signpost marked ‘la Flassade’, turn right towards ‘Le Garn – la Combe du Cros’. Stay on this fairly straight track for just over 500 metres.
4. At the ‘Terme Rouge’ signpost, turn left towards ‘La Combe du Cros’. The path descends for approximately 1.6 km through a narrow valley and takes you into the Gorges de l’Ardèche National Nature Reserve. ***Please respect the regulations there.***
5. At the ‘la Combe du Cros’ signpost, turn right : follow the 'Maladrerie des Templiers' direction. ***Caution: the path can be slippery when wet.*** You leave the valley and look down over the Ardèche from a wooded ledge before reaching several excavations at the foot of a rocky outcrop. You reach the banks of the Ardèche via a fairly steep descent. The path follows the Ardèche for approximately 2.5 km before climbing back up to exit the gorge.
6. At the signpost marked ‘La Maladrerie des Templiers’, turn left to visit the ruins of the Templars’ leper colony. *This site occupies an exceptional position on a rocky promontory overlooking the bend in the Ardèche, facing the Cirque de la Madeleine. The complex, now largely in ruins, is laid out as a self-contained quadrangle around a vast cistern,*

resembling a small monastery. Once back at the signpost, head straight on towards ‘Le Garn – les Ingranatières’. The path climbs steeply towards the plateau. *Halfway up, at the steps carved into the rock, a superb view opens up onto the Templiers meander.* ***Please take care: hold on tight to the handrail on the ascent*****.** Follow the main path, keeping straight ahead without turning left or right.

7. At the ‘Les Ingranatières’ signpost , cross the GR 4 and head towards ‘Le Garn – Le Terme des Fades’. Walk 150 metres, leave the track and turn left (see the markings). *About 400 metres further on, if you walk a few metres to the left, you’ll see the Terme des Fades dolmen. This Neolithic monument has historically served as a cadastral boundary marker at the exact junction of the communes of Le Garn, Aiguèze and Laval-Saint-Roman.*

8. At the ‘Terme des Fades’ signpost, head towards 'Le Garn'. When the path joins a wide track, follow it for a few metres to the right, then take the path on the right. When it joins a wide track, follow it to the left and leave it to the left approximately 50 metres further on, at the end of the hairpin bend. The path passes through the Clos des Mules oppidum. When it joins a wide track, follow it for 70 metres to the right, then take the path on the right. When you reach a road, *look out for the Capelette (a small restored chapel) on your left*, then turn right. Follow this

small road, lined with a low dry-stone wall and trees on the left. It will take you back to the school next to the car park where you started.



Advices

Remember to check the weather forecast and adapt your activities accordingly.

Gear

Good walking shoes, water, sun protection, walking sticks if necessary, etc.

How to come ?

Advised parking

Village of le Garn, car park in front of the Town Hall

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