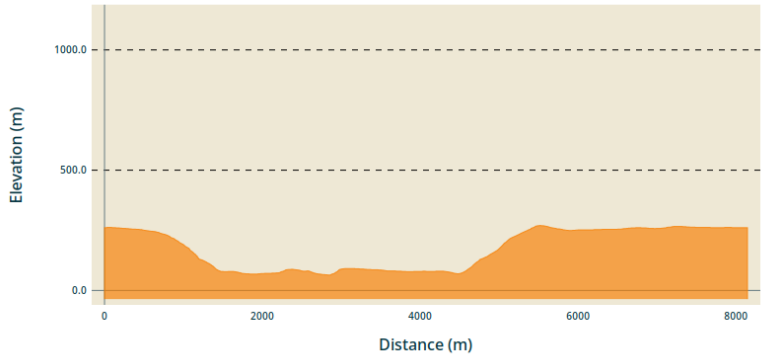
Along the Ardèche from Les Crottes

Gorges de l'Ardèche

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 64 m Max elevation 270 m

Useful information

Practice : Hike

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 8.1 km

Trek ascent : 276 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Fauna - Flora, Lake - River - Waterfall, Summit and viewpoints

Trek

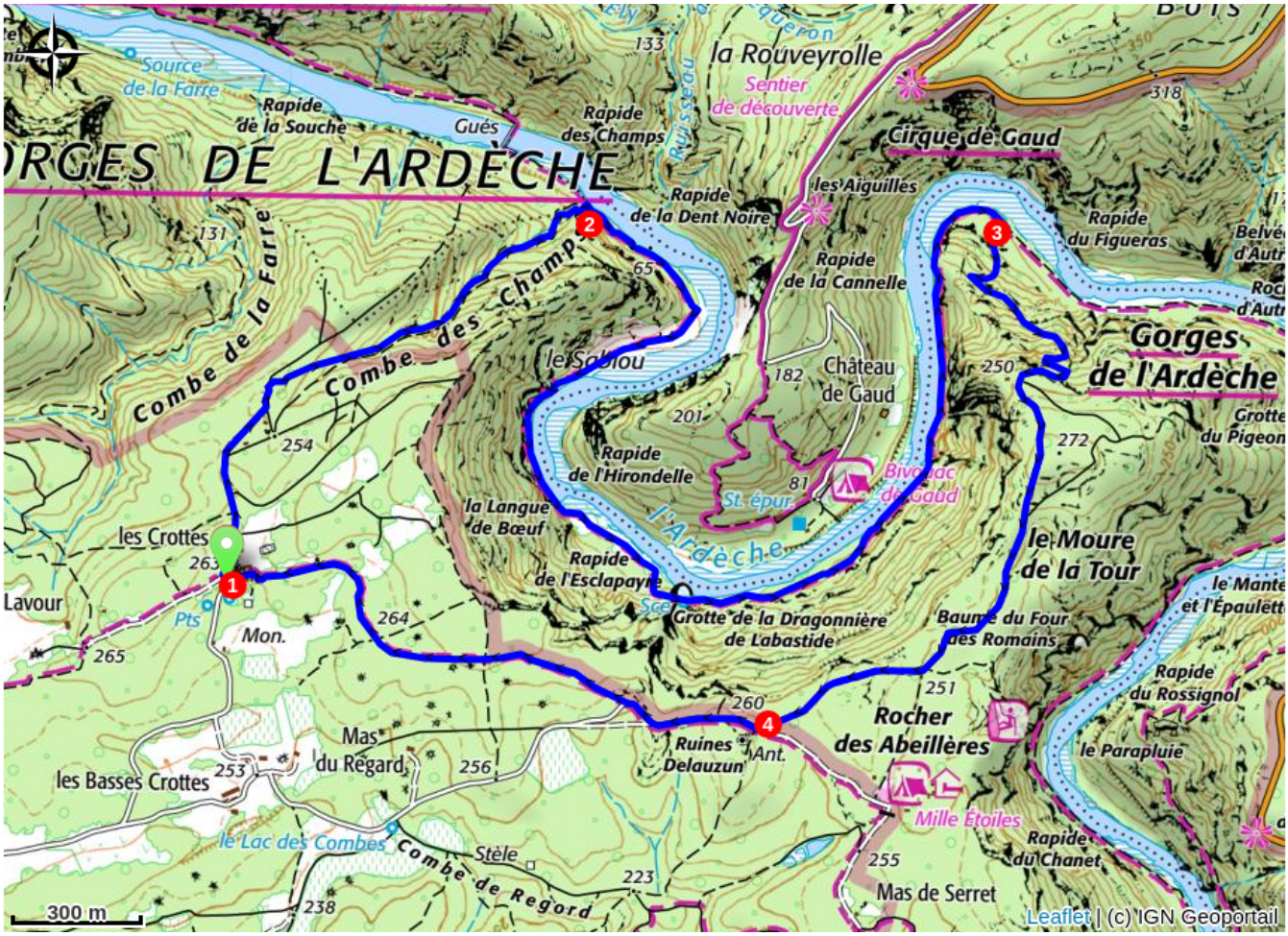
Departure : Hameau des Crottes car park
Arrival : Hameau des Crottes car park
Markings : PR
Cities : 1. LABASTIDE-DE-VIRAC

Park in the car park in the hamlet of Les Crottes (15-20 spaces). Do not park elsewhere in the hamlet as this may inconvenience the rescue services and out of respect for local residents.

1. When leaving the car park, turn right and continue straight on a wide, pleasant path. Follow the yellow 'Ardèche' arrow along the Combe des Champs to the river Ardèche.
2. When you reach the banks of the Ardèche, turn right and follow the course of the river, marked in yellow. You will see the Dent Noire in front of you. Take this route through the meander of the Sablou and use the railings and

ladders to make your way. Walk across the pebbles without crossing the river and keep following the riverbed with the yellow and white markings. The path climbs up the cliff on the right and you can admire the Cirque de Gaud.

3. From this long beach, take a path to the right that winds to an old restaurant that is now abandoned. The path climbs steeply up to the plateau, where you will discover more abandoned huts and remarkable scenery: Cirque de Gaud, Langue de Boeuf rocks, Saleyron, Montagne de Sable and the Tanargue.
4. Follow the paved road, but don't be tempted by the paths left and right. Turn right into a busy road towards the hamlet of Les Crottes. Leave this road via a footpath on the right that says "vers le hameau des Crottes" (towards the hamlet of Les Crottes) and you will arrive at your starting point.



How to come ?

Access

From Vallon Pont d'Arc, take the D579 towards Salavas. Head towards Labastide de Virac. Go through the village towards Orgnac-l'Aven, then take the direction of Hameau des Crottes. Park in the small car park (and only in the small car park so as not to disturb local life).

Advised parking

Car park in the hamlet of Les Crottes

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