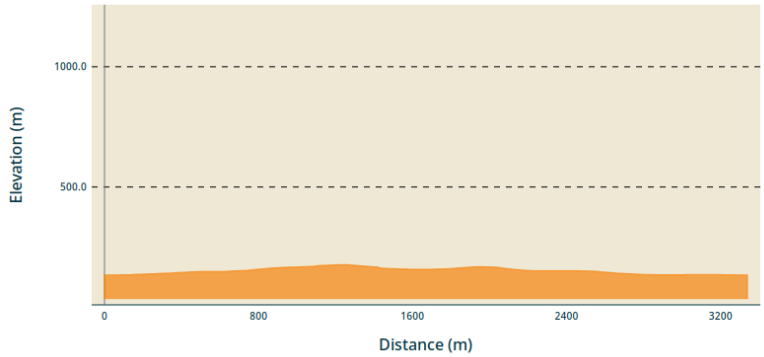
Pradons: a walk around Les Blaches hill

Gorges de l'Ardèche

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 134 m Max elevation 177 m

Useful information

Practice : Hike

Duration : 1 h 15

Length : 3.3 km

Trek ascent : 55 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Agricultural heritage, Fauna - Flora, Viticulture

Trek

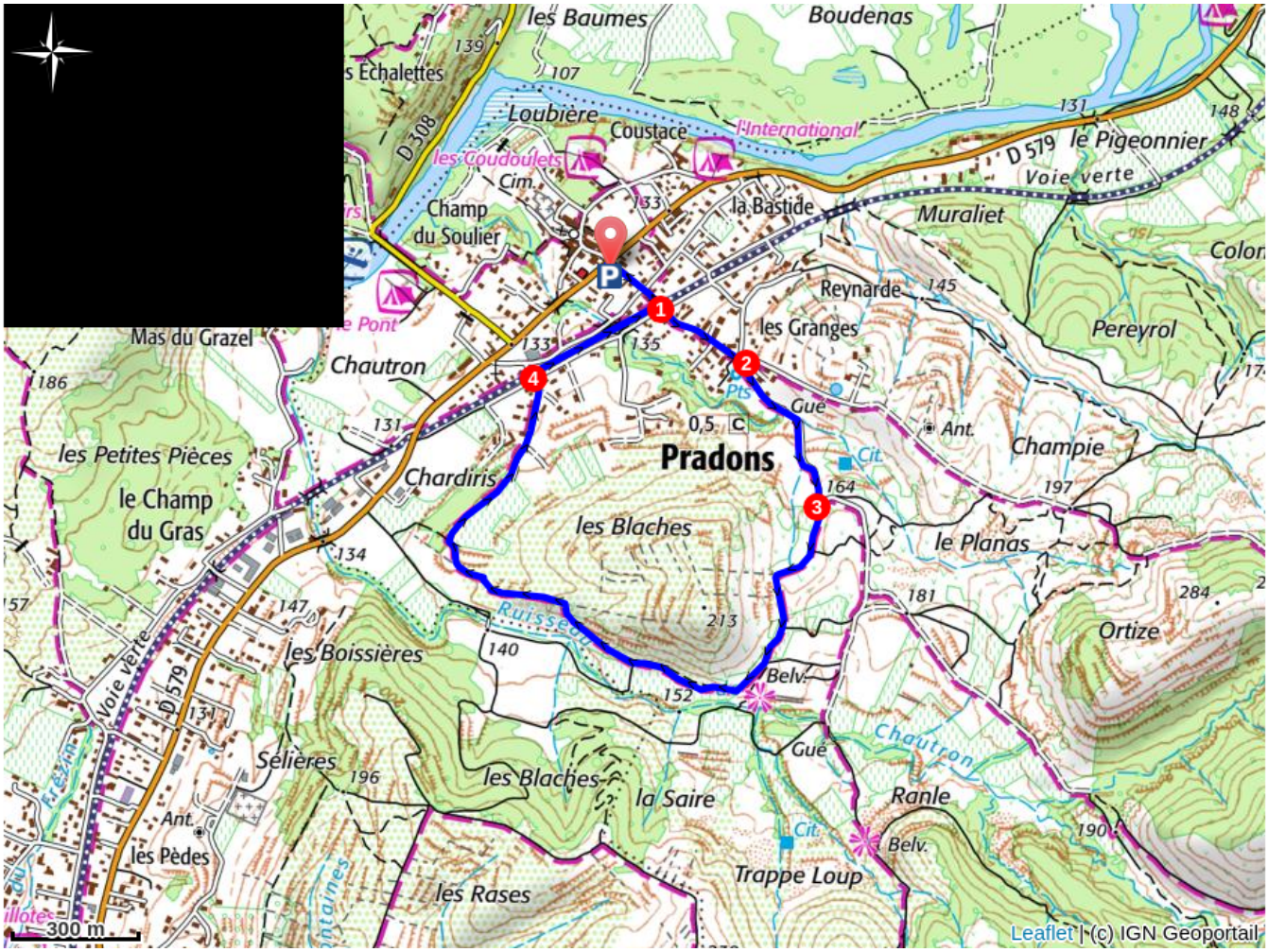
Departure : Place Marcel Reverger 07120 Pradons
Arrival : Place Marcel Reverger
Markings : PR
Cities : 1. PRADONS

As you leave the car park, take the pavement on the right along the county road, then turn right onto ‘Chemin des Granges’. *At the first junction, you can turn left to take a return walk (600 m) to the Croix des Peyrous, which stands on a milestone from the Roman road of Antoninus Pius. On the milestone, a plaque indicates the level reached by the flood of 1890.* Carry on along the “Chemin des Granges” to reach the Via Ardèche cycle route in no time.

1. At the ‘Voie ferrée’ signpost, follow the sign for ‘Lagorce 7.2 km’ and the OBJ markings, continuing straight on for 250 m along the tarmac road.
2. At the signpost marked ‘Les Granges’, follow the sign for ‘Trappe-Loup 2 km – Ruoms 6.3 km’ to the right. Continue along this path for approximately half a kilometre.
3. At the signpost marked ‘Les Blaches’, follow the sign for ‘Pradons 2.6 km’ straight ahead. Near a stream, the dirt track curves to the right, winding round the hill. The path climbs and passes through a forest of white oaks: ‘Blache’, from the Occitan ‘blaca’ or ‘blacàs’, means white oak. Head back down between low stone walls and, once the path has moved away from the stream, turn right and then head more or less straight on until you reach the old railway line.

4. When you reach the greenway, turn right onto it. This former railway line was opened in 1876. It linked Vogüé to Alès. It was closed to passenger traffic in 1969 and to freight transport in 1988. At the ‘Voie ferrée’ signpost, follow

the signs for 'Info Rando 0.3 km – Chauzon 2.9 km' to the left, then carry on straight ahead until you reach the RD. There, take the pavement on the left to return to the starting point.



Advices

Take care on the narrow stretch (20m) along the RD near the car park.

Gear

Trainers, weather-appropriate clothing. A water bottle or hydration pack.

How to come ?

Access

From Ruoms or Vogüé, take the D579 and, in the centre of Pradons, park in the car park opposite the bar-restaurant.

Advised parking

Place Marcel Reverger 07120 Pradons

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