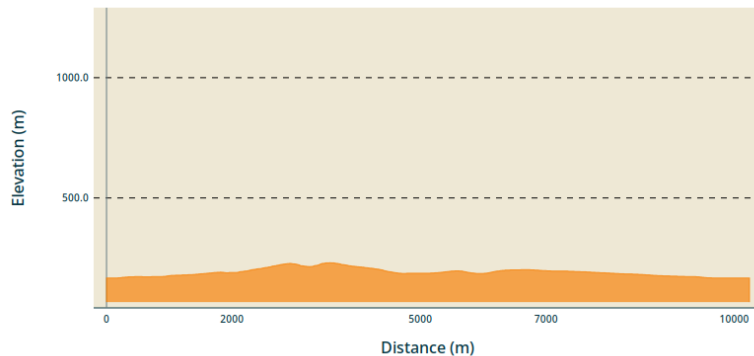


Mountain biking - From farming to wine-growing and back via the Greenway

Gorges de l'Ardèche

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 167 m Max elevation 231 m

Useful information

Practice : Mountain Bike

Duration : 2 h

Length : 10.2 km

Trek ascent : 109 m

Difficulty : Medium

Rating scale :

Echelle de cotation VTT : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Fauna - Flora, Viticulture

Trek

Departure : Place Yvonne et Madeleine Testut, Vogüé

Arrival : Place Yvonne et Madeleine Testut, Vogüé

Markings :  PR

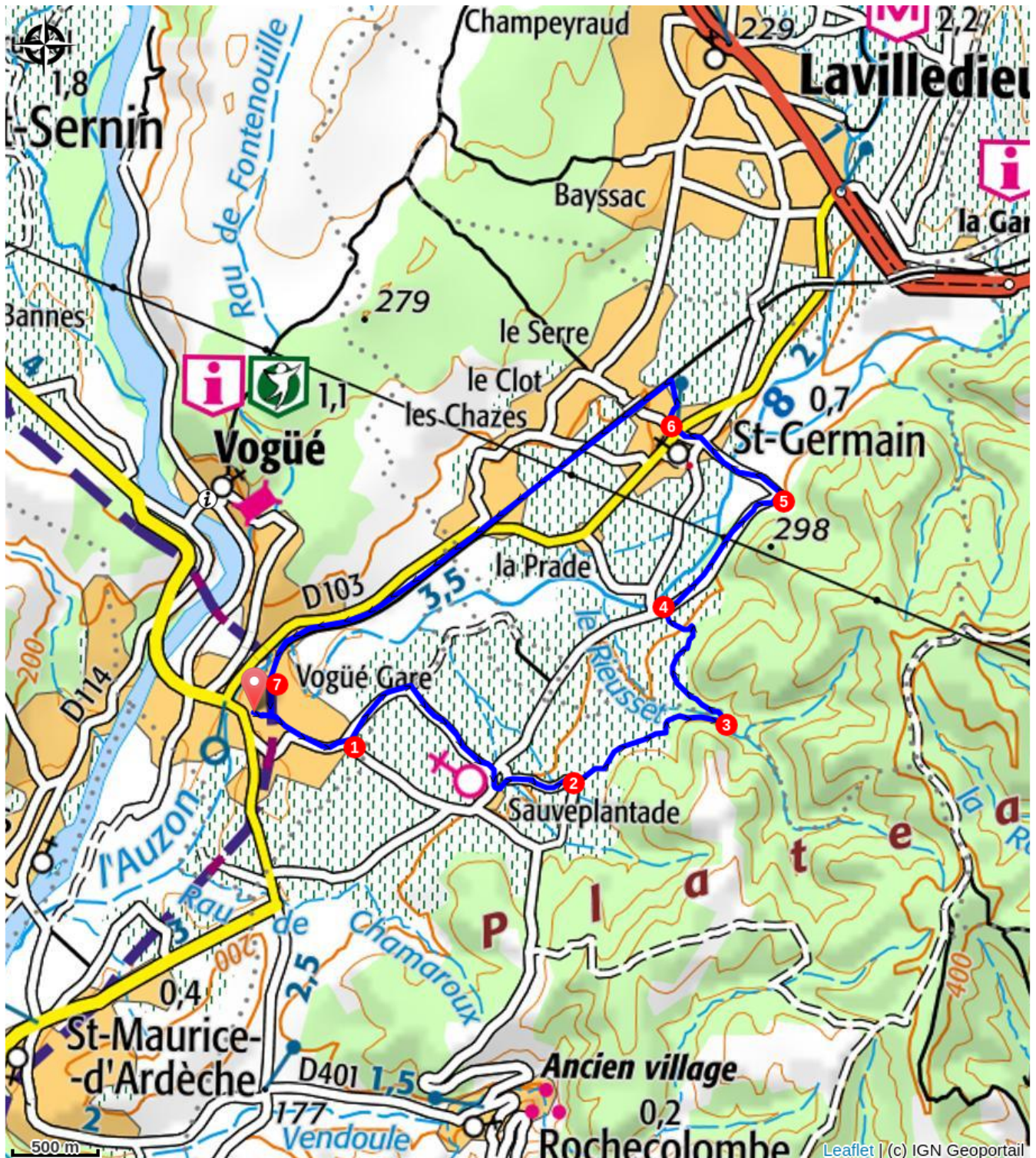
Cities : 1. VOGUE 2. ROCHECOLOMBE 3. SAINT-GERMAIN

As you leave the car park, turn right and go straight on at the roundabout. Go through the wooden barriers and cross the cycle path. Then carry on straight ahead for approximately 350 metres.

1. At the fork after the last houses, head left (do not follow the sign for "Sauveplantade" but follow the trail markers ). When you reach a barn, turn right. After 4 or 5 houses, the path goes downhill. At the dip, head right and then continue left to pass under a terrace through a vaulted passage. Immediately afterwards, turn left, then follow the "Chemin du Pradet" to the right. *If, after the arched passage, you turn right, a short detour will take you to the pretty little Romanesque church.*
2. 200 metres after passing two houses, take the dirt track branching off to the left. This leads to the foot of the hill.
3. Towards the end of the descent, take care: take the sharp left-hand bend, then cross the ford 70 metres further on (usually dry but rocky). Follow the main path to a large house and continue along the tarmac road.
4. At the end of the descent, turn right onto a pretty little road that climbs gently for approximately 1 km. When you reach a farm, take the small road leading down to the left, then cross the bridge.
5. When you reach a cross on your right, take the street that runs diagonally to the left. *You can see the church of St-Germain, which has the tallest bell tower in the Ardèche.* Take Rue des Magnans (first on the right). After crossing the D 103 at the traffic lights, continue along Chemin de l'Ecole.
6. Just over 100 metres past the traffic lights, turn right onto Chemin de la Maissonnette. This will take you to Via Ardèche. Turn left onto it. *For those who fancy more mountain biking, you can take the farm tracks that run alongside the greenway, first to its right and then to its left (also after crossing the RD103, continuing to a vineyard plot, at the end*

of which a small path on the right takes you back to the greenway just before the bridge over the Auzon). **In both cases, take care when crossing roads.**

7. At the Y-junction, turn left; and, at the library (the former railway station), leave the greenway to the right to return to the starting point, which is on the left just past the roundabout. *If, at Y-the junction, you turn right and then left after the viaduct, you can visit the charming village of Vogüé, listed among the most beautiful in France. There are bike racks and electrical sockets behind the post office.*



AdVICES

Follow the signposted paths, keep your speed in check and always give way to pedestrians with a smile. The southern Ardèche is home to an exceptional and fragile ecosystem: help to protect it by staying on the tracks, taking your rubbish

away with you and closing gates behind you. Before setting off, check your mountain bike, put on your helmet, pack water and a repair kit, and let a friend or family member know if you're setting off alone.

☐ Emergency: 112 or 18



XC mountain bike. Suitable shoes, plenty of water, sun-protective clothing.

How to come ?

Access

From Aubenas: take the D579

From Montélimar: take the N102 then the D103 then the D579 in the direction of Ruoms

From Vallon-Pont-d'Arc and Ruoms: take the D579

Advised parking

Place Yvonne et Madeleine Testut



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