Mont Signon

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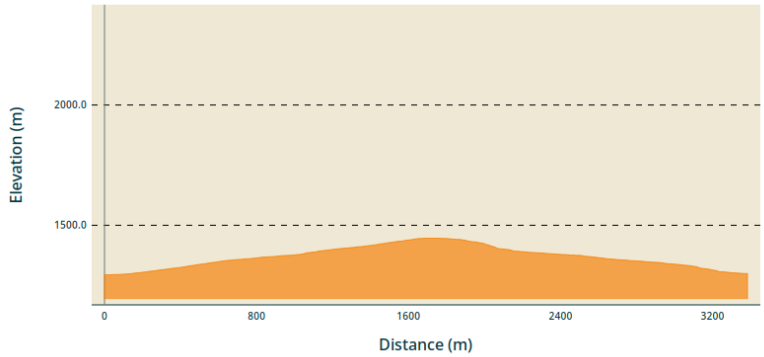
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1293 m Max elevation 1446 m

Useful information

Practice : Hike

Duration : 1 h 30

Length : 3.4 km

Trek ascent : 153 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Geology, Summit and viewpoints

Trek

Departure : From the village of Chaudeyrolles' entry, go back 20 m up to the Fin Gras statue, then take the road going uphill on the right

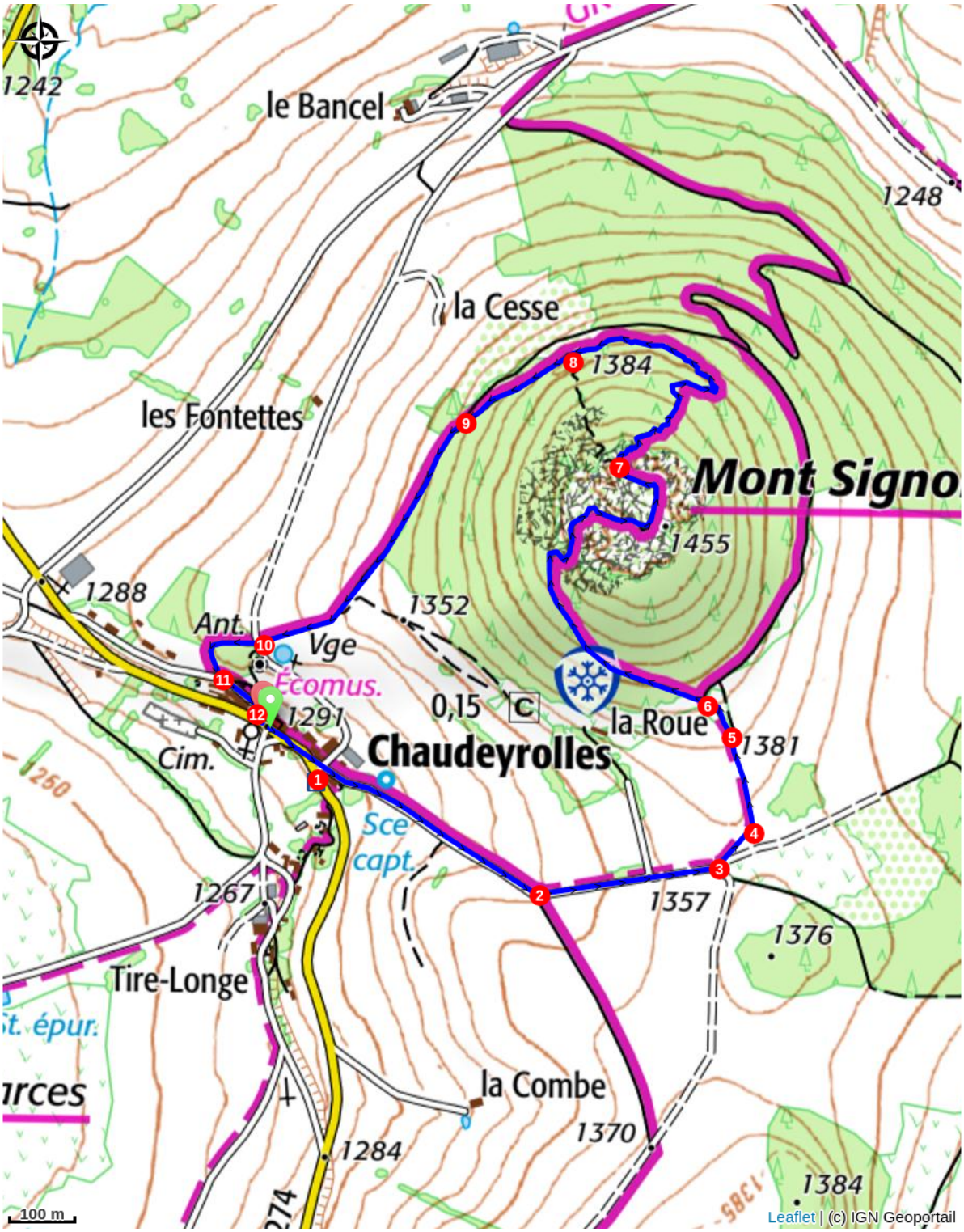
Arrival : Parking sous l'église, au bas du village

Markings : PR

Cities : 1. CHAUDEYROLLES

1. From the parking lot with the path's start sign and the Geo totem pole, take the direction of the village and, after 20 m, turn right at the Fin Gras statue to take the road going uphill. (Yellow and white, red and white markings).
2. At the crossways, leave the GR (long-distance path) on your right to follow the road on the left and carry on uphill. After the row of trees, leave the road on your left and stay on the path. You are now following the *Lauzeur* (flagstone carver) who will show you the way.
3. At the next crossways, take the leftmost path. A beautiful view is waiting for you on the Fay-sur-Lignon and Sainte-Agrève plateau.
4. After 50 m, take the path going uphill on the left towards Mont Signon, covered with trees.
5. After 50 m, leave the PR (short-distance path) going around Mont Signon and stay on the main path.
6. At the crossways, turn left (still following the *Lauzeur*). The path enters a coniferous forest. After a few dozen meters, go past the extraction sledge and continue on the path. At the end of the forest, the path becomes stonier and the first flagstone deposits appear. Once at the top, enter the quarry, still following our friend the *Lauzeur*. A first board explains his work. Climb a few more meters to have a global view on the quarry, impressive in its stoniness. Two more boards will explain the landscape formation and the laying of the flagstones. A gorgeous view is waiting for you on the North side, on the Fay-sur-Lignon's plateau. The path, well marked, leaves behind the last flagstone deposits to go back down on the North side of Mont Signon.
7. Go past the last Respirando mast and continue straight ahead up to a boulder bearing the *Lauzeur*. He will carry on showing you the way on a narrow path going steeply down across flagstones, pine trees and heather. You will then reach an impressive flight of flagstone stairs. It will lead you back on the PR that you will follow on the left.
8. The path goes gently downhill, then crosses a coniferous plantation.
9. At its end, at the crossways, carry on straight ahead on the track. It will take you back with a soft gradient above the village of Chaudeyrolles, with beautiful sights on the Lignon Valley and the Mézenc.
10. At the next crossways, with a Geo totem pole, take the path going downhill in front of you across a small wood.
11. Once on the street, turn left towards the square and the Fin Gras House.

12. Once on the square, continue on the road to the left up to the parking lot at the village entry, your starting point.



Advices

Le chemin est balisé tout le long par un lauzeur. Attention les lauzes peuvent glisser, à éviter par temps humide.

How to come ?

Access

On the road linking Les Estables and Fay-sur-Lignon via the Mézenc.

Advised parking

l’entrée du village en venant depuis Les Estables, Chaudeyrolles

Environmental sensitive areas

Along your trek, you will go through sensitive areas related to the presence of a specific species or environment. In these areas, an appropriate behaviour allows to contribute to their preservation. For detailed information, specific forms are accessible for each area.

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Sensitivity period: