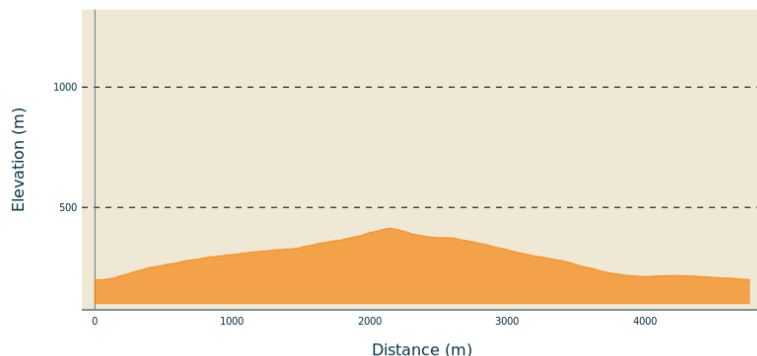


La Jaubernie caves

Privas Centre Ardèche - COUX



Altimetric profile



Min elevation 198 m Max elevation 413 m

Useful information

Practice : Hike

Duration : 2 h

Length : 4.8 km

Trek ascent : 219 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

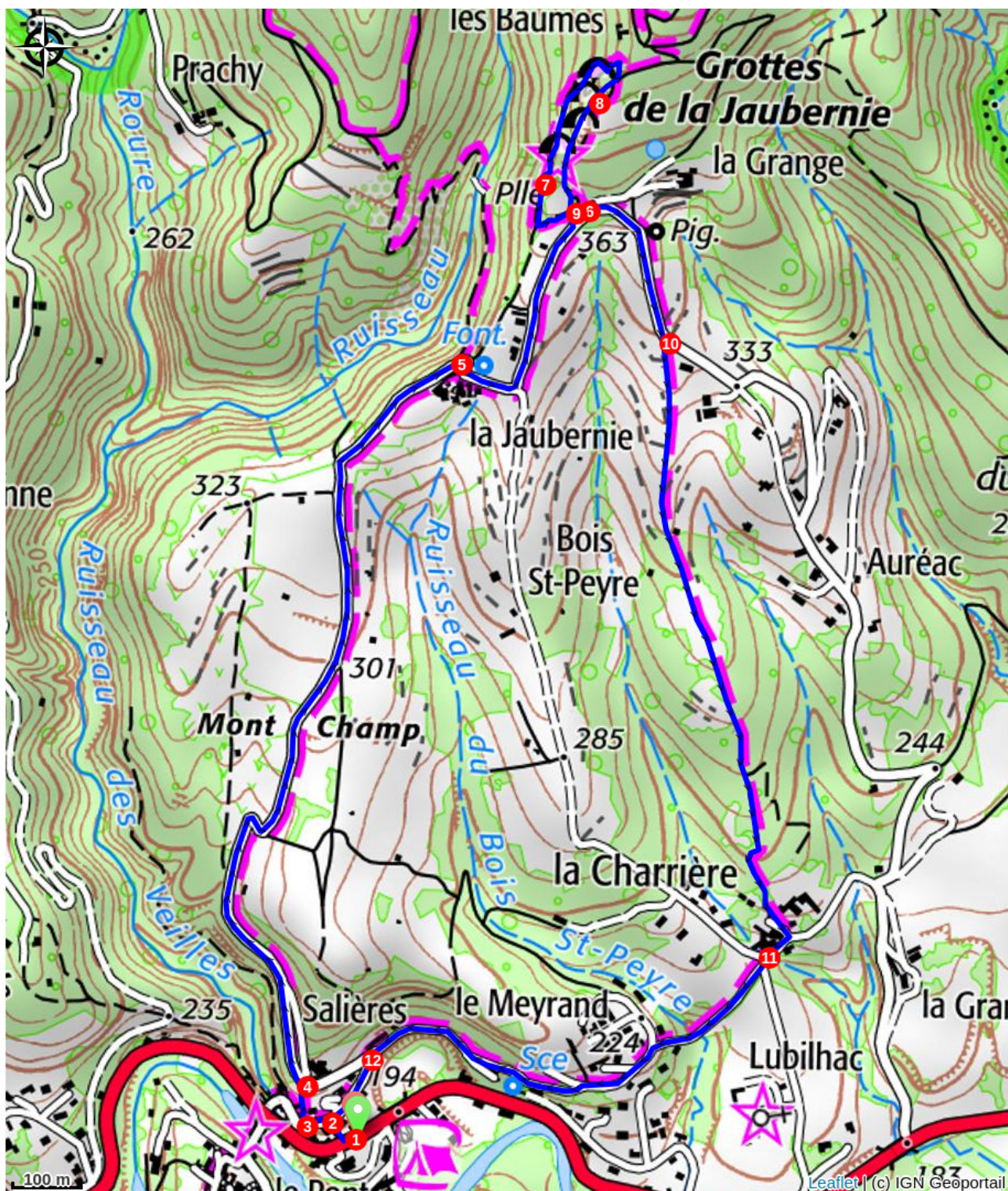
Themes : Géologie, Patrimoine historique et religieux

Trek

Departure : Hike board on d'Onclaire square, Coux

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1. Take the pedestrian crossing. Once on the pavement, turn left, then immediately right after 5 m, under the porch and up the stairs.
2. At the top of the stairs, take the road on the left towards "Vieux village, 2 km - La Croix, 1.4 km".
3. After 50 m, take the path going uphill on your right towards "La Jaubernie, 1.4 km - les grottes, 1.8 km".
4. The cobblestone path soon takes you to the narrow road leading to the hamlet of La Jaubernie (white and yellow markings).
5. Once at the hamlet, at the crossways, carry on straight ahead towards "Les grottes, 0.4 km - Coux, 2.5 km". Skirt the houses then go uphill on your left, on the road. Follow it for 400 m up to a rocky plateau.
6. From there, leave the road to reach the caves crossways. Turn left towards "Grottes de La Jaubernie" and follow the cobblestone path that will then turn right, going up between box trees along the cliff.
7. Be cautious : you must follow the cliff to reach the first caves. After them, a winding and steep path in the undergrowth will lead you to the top of the slab. Midway on your right, you will find a last fortified cave. At the top of the slab, behind the hike marking pole, is a strange "throne" carved into the rock (a sit and a spot for your feet). Do not hesitate to try it.
8. Go right in the direction of "Les grottes, 0.3 km - Coux, 2.4 km". The slab you are now crossing was used as a millstone quarry, see the traces left in the rock by the carving out of the stones. Cross this large slab in front of the Ouvèze Valley and Privas. Then carry on straight ahead to get back to the caves crossways.
9. This time, turn left towards "Coux, 2.1 km" and follow the path going downhill (chemin d'Aureac) and past an old dovecote.
10. Just before the next house, turn right towards "La Charrière" and pass the gate (don't forget to close it after you). Follow the path up to the hamlet.
11. At La Charrière hamlet, continue on the road going slightly to the right.
12. Follow it for 800 m up to the intersection with the road going up to La Jaubernie. There, turn left up to the first crossways where you will turn left again to come back to your starting point.



! **Advices**

Attention, les grottes de la Jaubernie sont des propriétés privées, admirez-les depuis le sentier. Le sentier passe en bord de falaise, la balade est donc déconseillée aux personnes souffrant de vertige.

How to come ?

Access

From the Rhône Valley, take the road D104 in the direction of Privas and stop at Coux.
From Privas, take the same road in the direction of Valence and stop at Coux, on d'Onclaire Square.

Advised parking

place d'Onclaire, en bord de la D104 à côté de l'arrêt de car, Coux