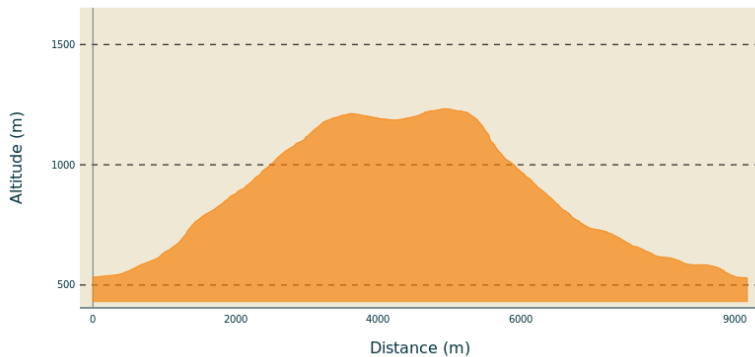


La Souche, the Mount Aigu circuit

Ardèche des Sources et Volcans - LA SOUCHE

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 529 m Max elevation 1233 m

Useful information

Practice : Hike

Duration : 5 h

Length : 9.2 km

Trek ascent : 729 m

Difficulty : Very hard

Type : Loop

Themes : Fauna - Flora, Châtaigneraie, Sommet et points de vue





Trek

Departure : Parking area Jean Moulin



Arrival : Parking area Jean Moulin

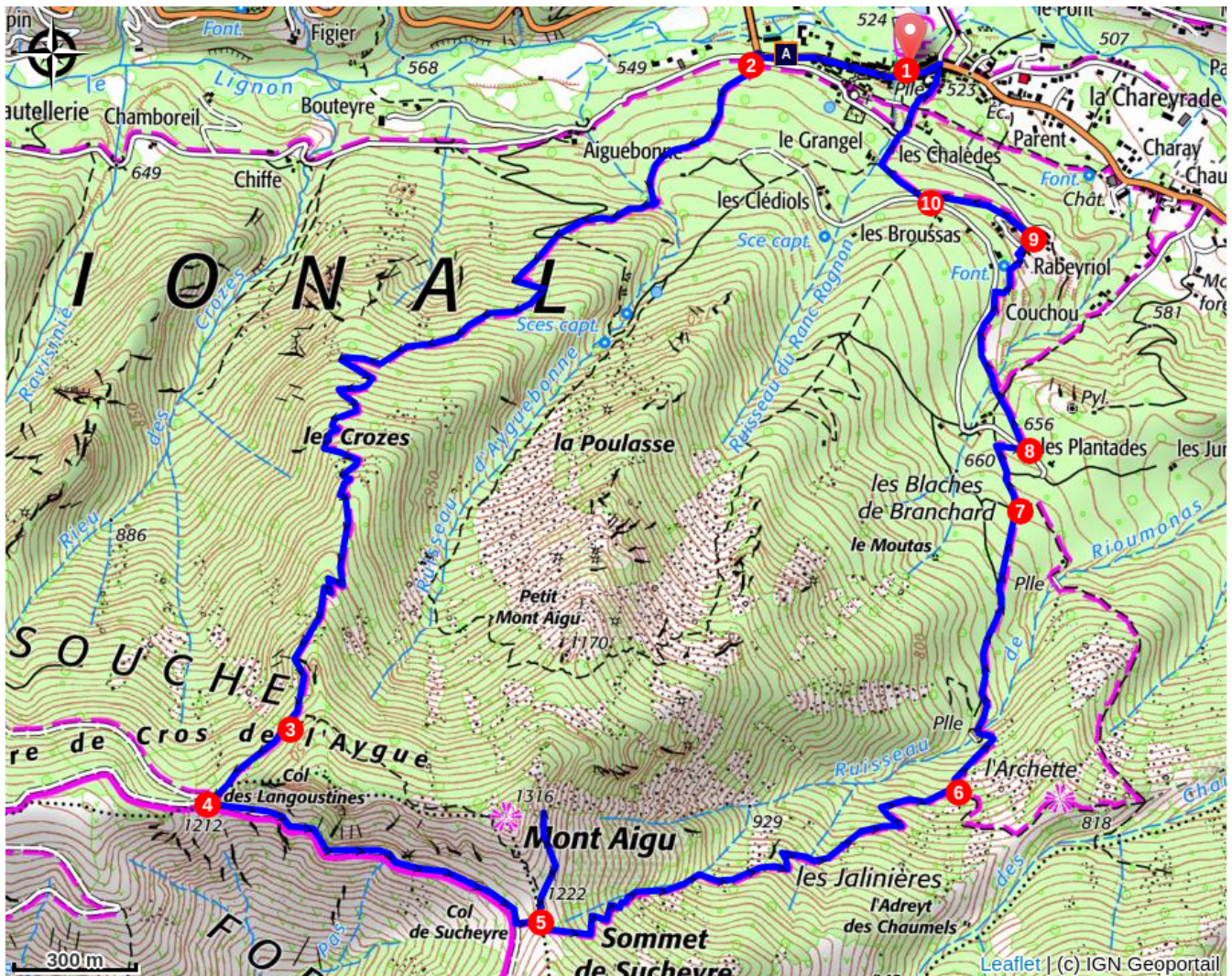
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Cities : 1. LA SOUCHE 2. LABOULE

1. Departure point from the hikes info board at Jean Moulin Square. Walk up from the square, ascend and turn right into the main street towards Pont Morand.
2. Go past the bridge, continue on the same road for about 50m and  follow the sign "Loubaresse 19.9km." Go up the path of "Les Gardes" - once used by the foresters to access the Tanargue - cross the chestnut grove and then ford the Aiguebonne stream (be careful as it is impassable after heavy rains). The chestnuts are soon left behind as the trail winds among beeches, cross the field of granite stones ("clapas") to reach the stoup (a bowl-shaped rock where rainwater collects).
3. You are now at Bournatas, to take a more difficult alternative trail, follow the sign "Sommet Mont Aigu," otherwise continue the path to the post "Le Col des Langoustines".
4.  From the "Col des Langoustines", take left towards La Souche 5.5km.
5.  At the sign "Col du Sucheire", take left to reach the top of Mount Aigu affording a 360-degree panoramic view of the Ardèche Mountains, The Cevennes, the southern part of the Central Massif, tMount Ventoux, Mount Lozère as well as the Alps on clear days. To continue the hike, retrace your path back to the crossing. Then take the trail on your left to the "Col la Grange".
6.  At the post la Grange, for the more difficult alternative trail follow Rocles 18.7km, climb the path on the right, pass under the zip line cable - once used to move the hay to the village - and reach the edge of

Rocles, otherwise continue the path in the direction of La Souche, crossing the stone site by the metal passageway.

7.  At the post “Les Plantades”, follow La Souche (1.8km) walk down “La Draille” through the chestnut trees.
8.  You have now arrived at the post “Les Quatre Chemins,” follow the signposted route to La Souche (1.3km).
9. Cross the hamlet La Rabeyriol and take the road on the left for 100m.
10. Take right and follow the track all the way back to departure point in La Souche (50m approx.)



Advices

The loop is delineated by yellow and white painting.

How to come ?

Access

From Aubenas take the N102 to Lalevade d’Ardèche then take left on the D19 in the direction of Jaujac and continue for 4 km towards “La Croix de Bauzon”. If starting east or north of Aubenas, take the D5 after Neyracles-Bains on the N102. Follow it to Jaujac and from there take the “La Croix the Bauzon” direction.

Advised parking

In the village square, at the Place Jean Moulin.

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