# Aizac crater

Bassin d'Aubenas - AIZAC







Min elevation 639 m Max elevation 794 m

#### **Useful information**

Practice : Hike

Duration: 1 h 30
Length: 4.3 km

Trek ascent : 173 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type: Loop

Themes: Châtaigneraie, Géologie

## **Trek**

**Departure**: At Aizac, go to the left of the square and houses. The path soon goes up among chesnut trees. Cities: 1. AIZAC 2. ASPERIOC

- 1. From the parking lot, take the path on the left of the house that climbs among chestnut trees. After a few dozen meters, you will come to a beautiful chesnut grove, and to a board. You will then pass the Aizac water catchment area.
- 2. At the next crossways, take the path on your left (past the second board). The path continues downhill under chestnut trees. In the valley bottom, you will find the third board. Go past it and start going uphill. Underfoot, the scoriaes are more and more numerous. After a few dozen meters, you will enter the volcanoes public forest.
- 3. At the crossways, turn left and pass the fourth board. Huge pine trees will for a while replace chestnut trees. After 400 m, you will reach board 5. The landscape opens on the Antraïgues valley.
- 4. After 250 m, at another crossways, take the path uphill on your right. After 300 m, the path turns left. You will reach board 8, then board 6, 50 m away.
- 5. Continue uphill, straight ahead. The top is 500 m away. The higher you get, the narrower is the ridge. The crater rim is only a few meters wide.
- 6. At the top, a bench, board 7 and a stunning view will greet you. You can see the Aizac and Juvinas passes one behind the other, on one side, and the Craux and Gourdon volcanoes on the other, as well as the Coiron plateau.
- 7. Retrace your steps to board 8 and there, take the path downhill on the left (midway between boards 6 and 8). This path is rather steep in the chestnut trees, with a bend on the right followed by a curve on the left. At the crossways just before board 4, carry on straight ahead and start going downhill to the Aizac path, your starting point.



# **A** Advices

Pas de point d'eau sur l'itinéraire mais de l'eau potable est présente au départ. La Coupe d'Aizac fait partie de la forêt domaniale des volcans. Si vous parcourez ce sentier à l'automne, il est interdit de ramasser des châtaignes. Prévoyez de bonnes chaussures, les scories roulent sous les pieds.

### How to come?

### Access

From Antraïgues, take the road D254 up to the pass.

### **Advised parking**

au col d'Aizac, face à la sculpture de volcan.