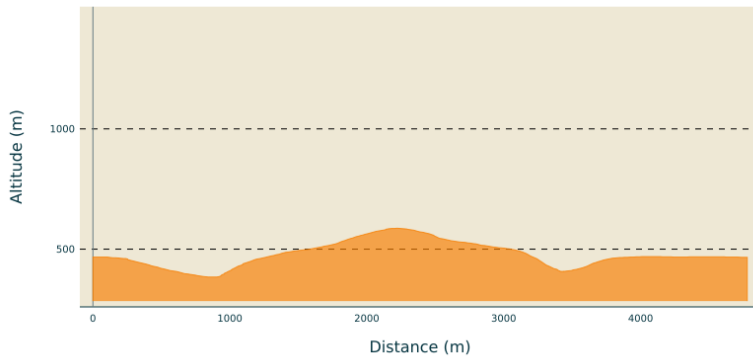


The Devil's Bridge - Fargebelle

Ardèche des Sources et Volcans - THUEYTS



Altimetric profile



Min elevation 384 m Max elevation 587 m

Useful information

Practice : Hike

Duration : 2 h 30

Length : 4.8 km

Trek ascent : 266 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Géologie, Sommet et points de vue,
Lac - Rivière - Cascade

Trek

Departure : From the pannel of hike on the square, go down with the N102 in Aubenas direction.

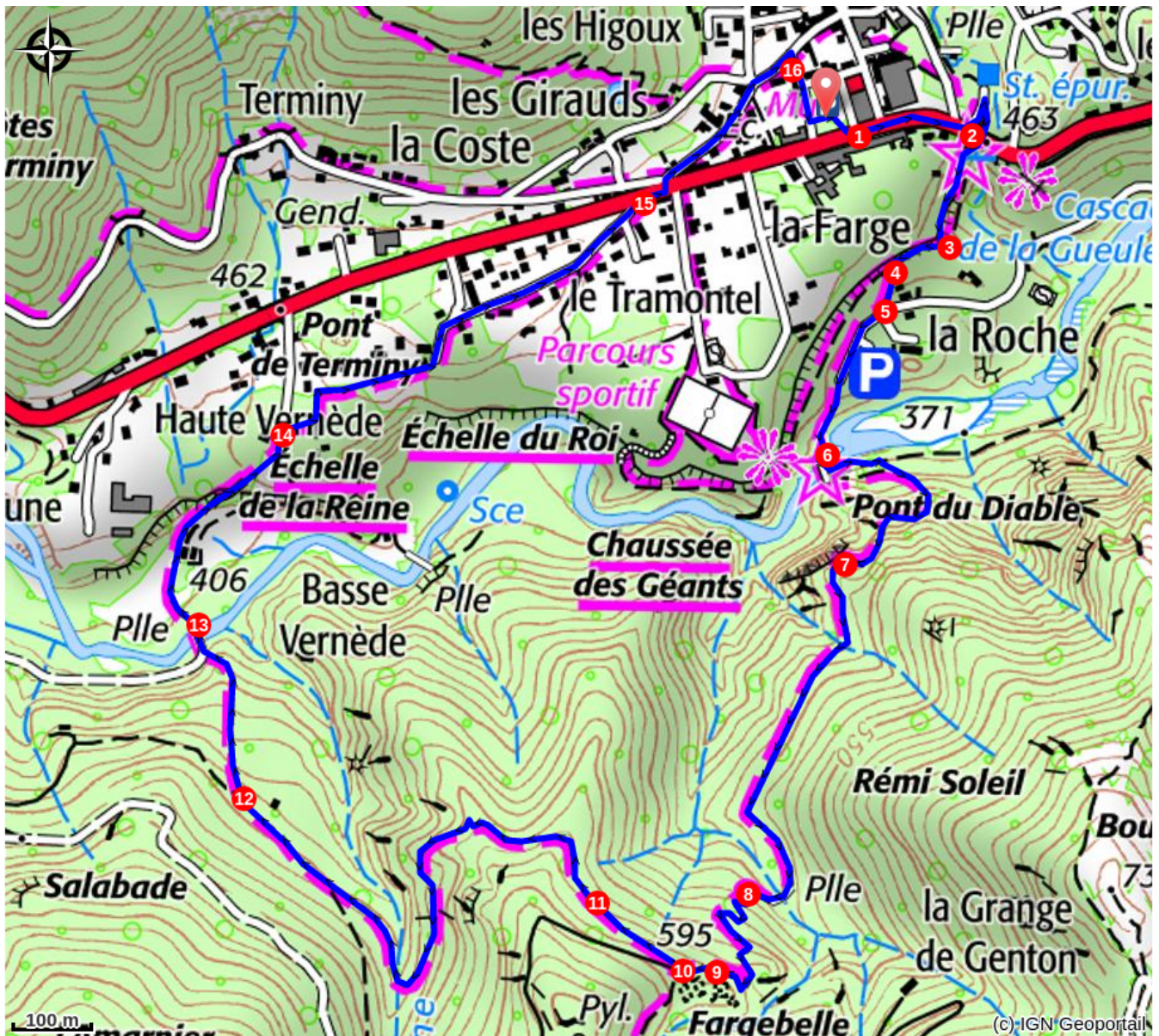
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Markings :  PR

Cities : 1. THUEYTS

1. From Thueyts square, go down the N102 (white and yellow signs) in Aubenas/Neyrac direction.
2. Just before the bridge, take on the left the via ferrata/pont du diable direction. To enjoy the view, you can cross the bridge to admire the devil's bridge site from the lookout point of « la gueule de l'enfer ». Go under the bridge and go down the calade which pass under basalt columns.
3. At the intersection, take right toward « Echelle du roi, Pont du diable ».
4. At the next intersection, take left toward « Fargebelle 1.8km, Jaujac 9.1km ».
5. Arrived on the road take right toward « le pont du diable ». At the « Plage publique » pannel, take right on the road. Go higher than the welcoming buldings of the Via Ferrata and the site and head for the scales which are in front of the devil's bridge.
6. Cross the bridge and take left on « Fargebelle-Mercier ». At the junction, take right toward the information board. The path weave going up to a belvedere which offer a magnificent view on the « Chaussée des géants » and Ardèche valley. The belvedere is on the arrival of the via ferrata too.
7. Continue the rise in « Fargebelle » direction. The path cross a chestnut grove. Cross the bridge on the stream of Fargebelle and continue to climb.
8. Careful, 50m further, the path slant on the left then on the right rising in a steepy way in the chestnut grove. Arrived under the big granite blocks, take right on the patio in « Fargebelle » direction.
9. After around ten metres, you will arrive at the abandoned hamlet of Fargebelle.
10. Take the path which get down on your right in « Thueyts, 3.2km » direction.
11. At the intersection, careful, take the path which goes up on the left and follow with alertness the signs (don't take the path) to go straight. The way exit the chestnut grove for a while to offer once again a very beautiful view on the upper Ardèche valley. Take the way down on the side of mountain then cross ford the Peyseline stream (careful with the rain).

12. At the junction, in the chestnut grove, take right toward « La Vernède, échelle de la reine ». The path is higher than the ruin barn and cross a nice chestnut grove that is in renovation. The way goes down snaking to the Vernede barn that you have to pass.
13. Continue the way to the queen's scale and its 215 steps.
14. At the top, after around 10metres, take right (chemin des plots) then left between the walls. Arrived to the paved route, follow it to the national.
15. At the crossroads of Travatel, take the street that goes in front toward right « Rue des Girauds » then take the second street on the right to return to the starting point, the square.



! Advices

The loop is delineated by yellow and white painting.

It is allowed to swim at the Devil's Bridge.

Be careful as the queen ladder is impassable in case of rain and don't enter Fargebelle hamlet.

How to come ?

Access

From Aubenas, take the direction of Le-Puy-en-Velay and continue on the road N102 up to the village of Thueyts.

Advised parking

Parking on the village square of Thueyts

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