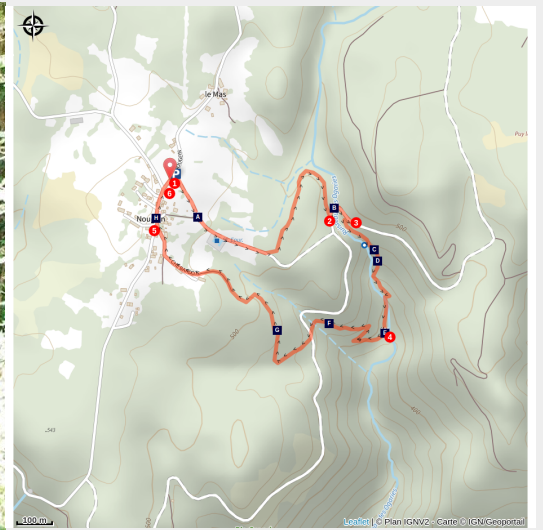


Les Agaries

Gorges et plateaux de la Haute-Dordogne



La cascades des Agaries (D.Agnoux - CC VEM)



The Agaries stream reveals its secrets to you; from occupation by humankind over the centuries to a rich, preserved natural environment today.

Between the village of Nougéin and Pierre Levée, this tour, with explanatory panels, offers a discovery of the natural heritage and past human activities in the gorges of the Dordogne.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 2 h

Length : 2.7 km

Trek ascent : 145 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Discovery trail, Fauna et flora, Heritage site and architecture, History, Lakes and rivers

Trek

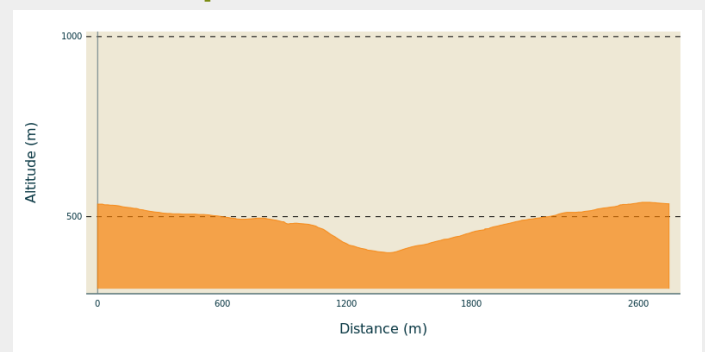
Departure : Nougein, Marcillac la Croisille

Arrival : Nougein, Marcillac la Croisille

Markings : — Blue markers

Cities : 1. Marcillac-la-Croisille

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 400 m Max elevation 540 m

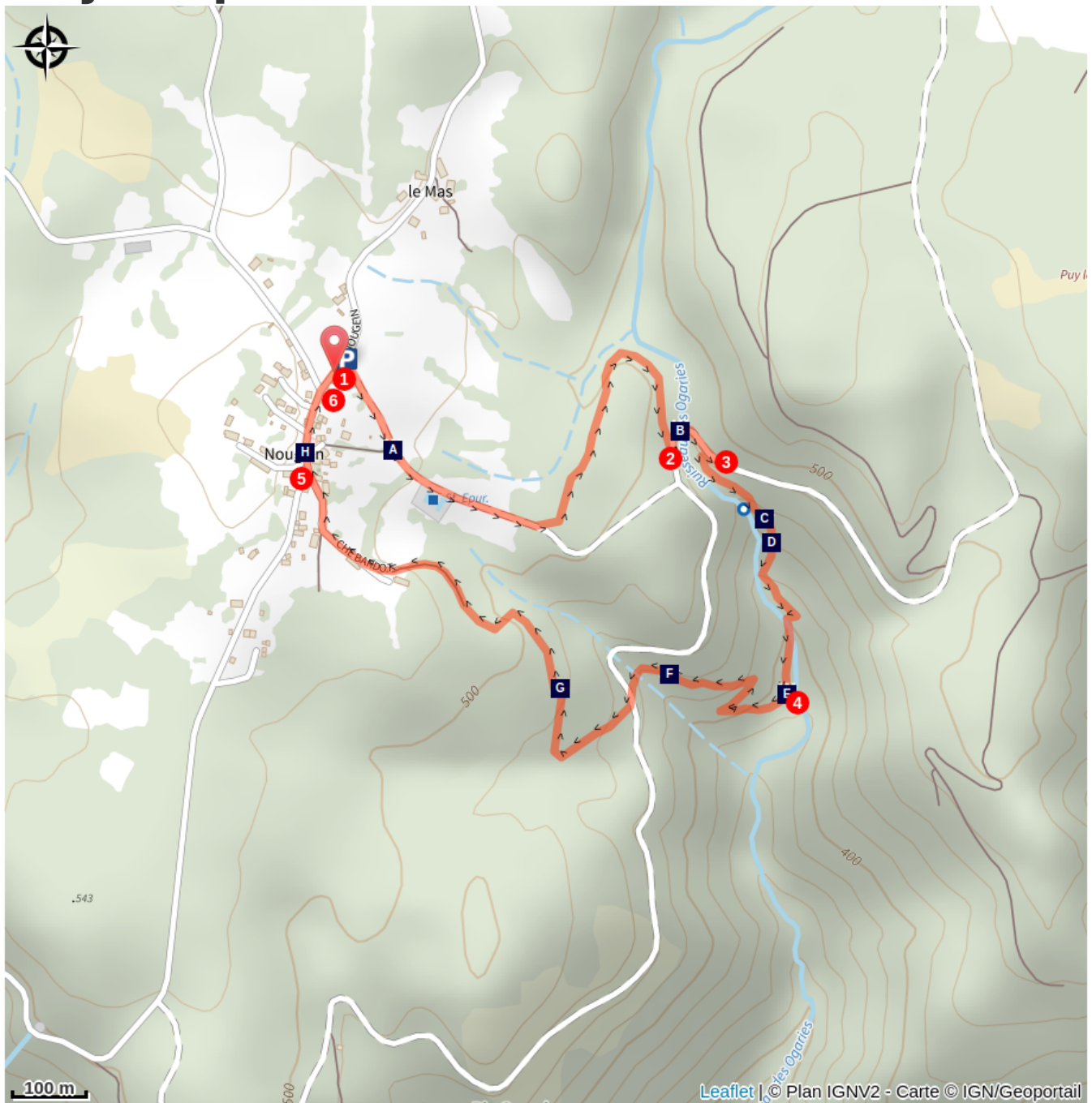
1. From the information panel, go down the track (the countryside of the Dordogne gorges), pass the panel (cave found during the excavation of the track) and continue along the track. In the undergrowth, turn left onto the trail edged by old dry-stone walls. It passes through the beech woods and descends.
2. On the track, keep to the left for a round trip to the "Les Ponts et Moulins" panel, then retrace your steps and take the wooden stairs on the left, then go over the old bridge.
3. Take the trail to the right on the embankment and go down along the stream, the Agaries, (vaulted bridge, diversion canal, imposing dyke and irrigation riser, witnesses of the past relating to water control). Continue on the trail to the left of the stream (lookout point and wildlife information panel facing the waterfall). Continue the descent (follow the markings carefully; the ground is slippery in wet weather). Pass the information panel about the flora, ford the stream and follow the right-hand bank of the stream to a footbridge (Access to Pierre Levée by the footbridge).
4. Go up into the old chestnut grove (remains of a chestnut dryer). The path climbs up into the undergrowth (information panel about the forests of the gorges). Cross the track and continue the ascent by the path. It crosses the remains of the heather moorland and reaches the plateau. Continue along the small road and pass the bakehouse covered with stone (schist) tiles.
5. Take the road to the right and pass the church.
6. Follow the road towards Vergne and go straight ahead to return to the starting point.






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On your path...



-  The cave (A)
-  The Fauna (C)
-  The "Pierre Levée" (E)
-  The moorland (G)
-  Bridges and Windmills (B)
-  The Flora (D)
-  The chestnut grove dryers (F)
-  The chapel (H)



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All useful information

Advices

The descent along the Agaries stream is steep and slippery in wet weather.

How to come ?

Access

5.9 km from Marcillac la Croisille, take the D18, then turn left onto the Nougein commune road, and in the hamlet of Nougein, turn left towards Vergne. Parking on the side of the road 50m to the right.

Advised parking

Start of the track, Nougein

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On your path...



The cave (A)

In 1990, the construction of a forestry track led to the discovery of a cavity, with the ground, which gave way under a lorry. After an excavation carried out with the authorisation of the Regional Directorate of Archaeology, the structure carved into the granite... (see the following panel 1).

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Bridges and Windmills (B)

The Napoleonic land registry (1818-1842) shows the Agaries stream crossed by the trail you are following. You will cross two bridges, usually called "Roman bridges"... (see the following panel 2).

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The Fauna (C)

The Chastang dam not far from here is a very important breeding site for two bat species, the Greater mouse-eared and the Lesser horseshoe. (see the following panel 3).

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The Flora (D)

The Northern Beech Fern: this mountain pteridophyte appreciates lush undergrowth, stream banks and wet slopes and avoids very acidic soils. Alive and well in Corrèze... (see the following panel 4).

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The "Pierre Levée" (E)

Raised halfway down the slope, this monumental sentinel reminds us irresistibly of a powerful menhir from the depths of time. It doesn't take a lot of imagination to see strange shapes on these sides... (see the following panel 5).

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The chestnut grove dryers (F)

Known as the "Bread tree" and present in our countryside for many, many years, the chestnut tree was cultivated for its edible fruit, the chestnut. The result of selection and cultivation, there are more than 80 species of sweet chestnuts and more than 25 varieties of horse chestnuts... (see panel 6 below).

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The moorland (G)

The moorlands, common in the past, have become very rare in Limousin today. Their conservation is also of European interest. There are several types of moorland whose composition is different depending on the geological substrate. (see the following panel 8).

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The chapel (H)

Nougein would have had a chapel as early as the 12th century. Ruined in 1775, it appeared on the 1835 land register as an almost square construction of 7 m on each side, surrounded by a 40 x 10 cemetery... (see panel 9 below).

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