

Circuit of Pallier

Lac de Vassivière



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At the foot of the highest peaks of the Millevaches plateau, explore the small village of Pallier.

Immerse yourself in the history of the Knights Templar who erected a chapel in Pallier in the 12th century. This one offers a very beautiful bell tower-wall facade, whose door framed by two buttresses is surmounted by a broken arch and an armoured tympanum from the 14th century. Behind the chapel is a cemetery with tombstones decorated with a "double besantée" cross, which has a small geometric figure in a circular shape.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 3 h

Length : 9.4 km

Trek ascent : 234 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Heritage site and architecture, History

Trek

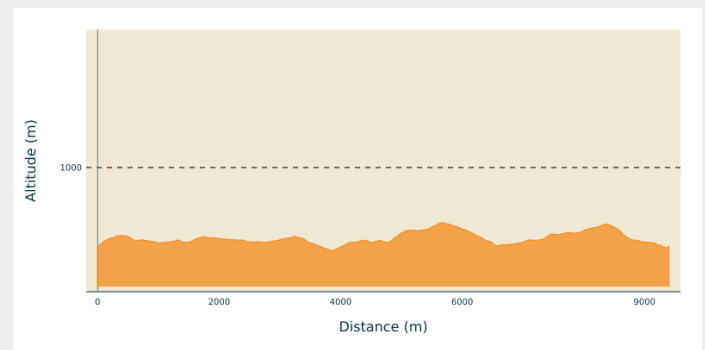
Departure : Place de la Mairie, Gentioux-Pigerolles

Arrival : Place de la Mairie, Gentioux-Pigerolles

Markings : — Yellow markers

Cities : 1. Gentioux-Pigerolles

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 769 m Max elevation 847 m

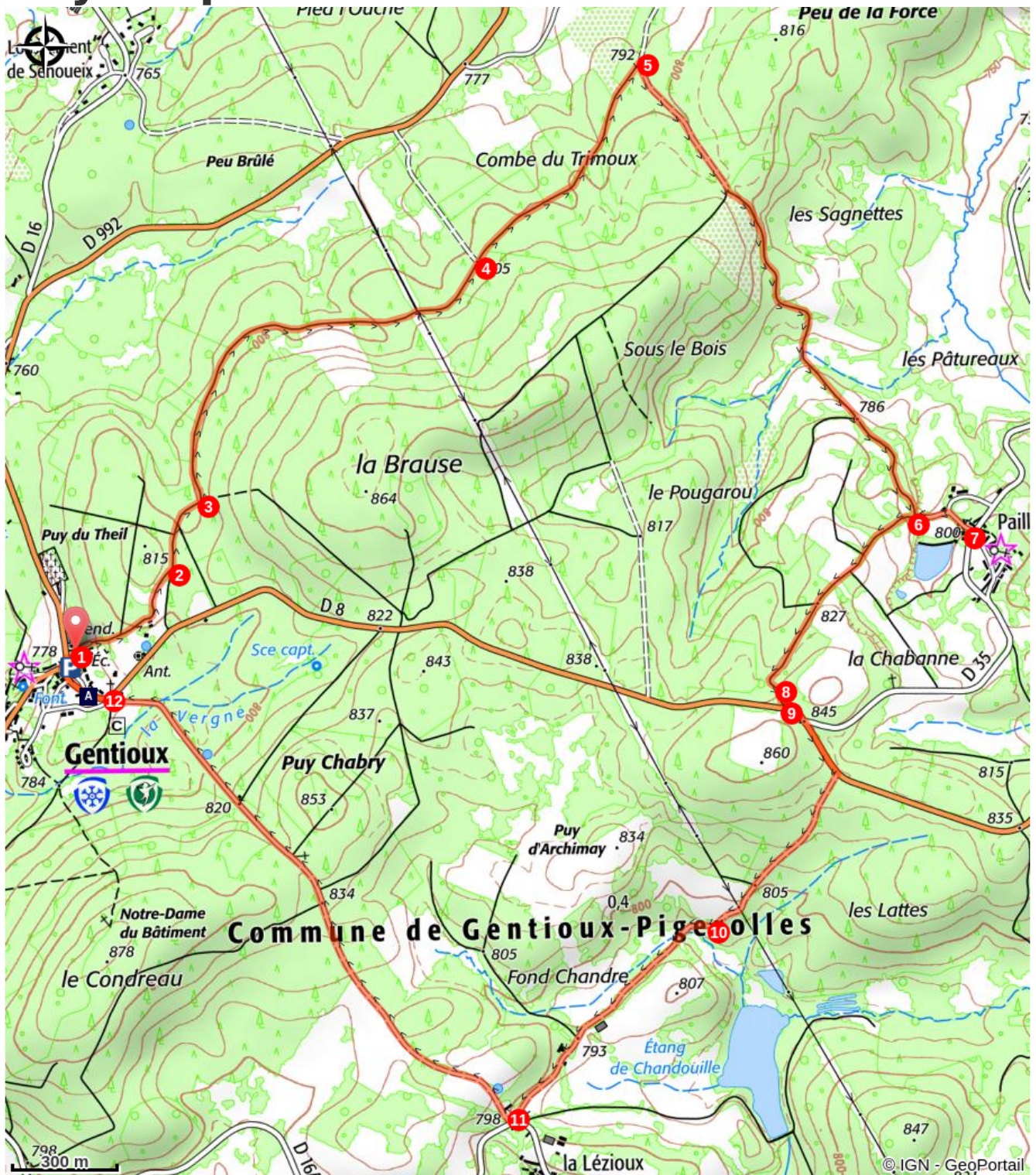
1. From the Place de la Mairie-école in Gentioux-Pigerolles, turn left by the town hall onto the grassy path that climbs to the edge of the woods. Follow it until you reach an intersection.
2. Continue to the left in the woods, go past two intersections and reach, after a few hundred metres, a crossroads.
3. Take the track on the left and leave the grassy path on the right. Follow it for 2 km. About 200 m after the high-voltage power line, you reach an intersection.
4. Leave the gravel track and follow the path opposite until you find a granite marker on the left.
5. Then turn right: the path climbs slightly upwards to a tarmac-surfaced crossroads. Cross it and continue opposite by the path that goes down to Pallier for 1km. Keep straight on, through woods and meadows, to a crossroads.
6. Take the path on the left to reach the picturesque hamlet of Pallier.
7. In the village, visit the 12th-century chapel. Behind this building are a 16th-century Cross of Calvary fleuronée, a 19th-century shoeing crush, the notary's house and other village houses. Return to point 6 by the same path.
8. Turn left onto the path bordered by a low wall: it climbs through the pastures before reaching the D8 (watch out for traffic).
9. Take the D8 on the left for 250 m, leaving the D35 on your left, then turn right onto a path that goes downwards. Pass under a high voltage line and reach a crossroads.
10. Leave the path on the right that leads to the quarry, and take the trail on the left that runs alongside the woods and the stream. Pass to the left of a house on a wide road and join the D16 which leads to La Lézioux.
11. Leave on your left the flowered 16th century Cross of Calvary fleuronée, and take the first path on the right. Go straight up, all the way to the top, granite cross on the right, then go down the long path through the forest until you reach the D8.
12. Follow the D8 on the left until you reach Gentioux-Pigerolles, where the cemetery houses tombs carved by Jean Cacaud.




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 The expertise of the Creusois
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All useful information

Advices

Be careful on the D8; it's a busy road!

How to come ?

Transports

Public transport >> www.aubusson-felletin-tourisme.com

Access

22 km from Felletin, take the D992.

Advised parking

Place de la Mairie, Gentioux-Pigerolles

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The know-how of the Creusois masons can be measured in the rural habitat. The care taken in the construction of the houses, particularly the carved door lintels, shows the concern of these migrant craftsmen, who worked in Paris (or elsewhere) for half the year, to leave a little of themselves at home. A statue of Notre-Dame du Bâtiment erected in 1901 on Le Puy Condreau reminds us that Gentioux was the centre of departure for workers in the Creuse.

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