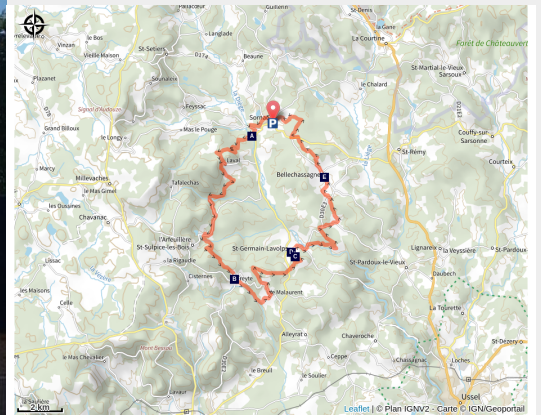


The Chateaux

Plateau de Millevaches - Sornac



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On the "menu" for this outing, two chateaux: Rochefort and Saint-Germain.

This circuit is part of the FFVélo Haute-Corrèze mountain bike base, the largest mountain biking area in France with 1000 km of marked circuits. This sporty circuit has some steep climbs but is still reasonably easy going overall. Ideal for a fairly long, reasonably strenuous outing.

Useful information

Practice : Mountain Bike

Duration : 3 h

Length : 35.7 km

Trek ascent : 863 m

Difficulty : Difficult

Type : Loop

Trek

Departure : Place La Poste, Sornac

Arrival : Place La Poste, Sornac

Markings : ➤ Brown mountain bike markers

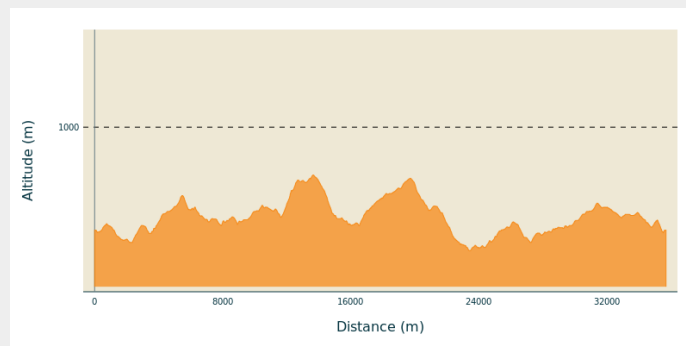
Cities : 1. Sornac

2. Saint-Sulpice-les-Bois

3. Saint-Germain-Lavolps

4. Bellechassagne

Altimetric profile

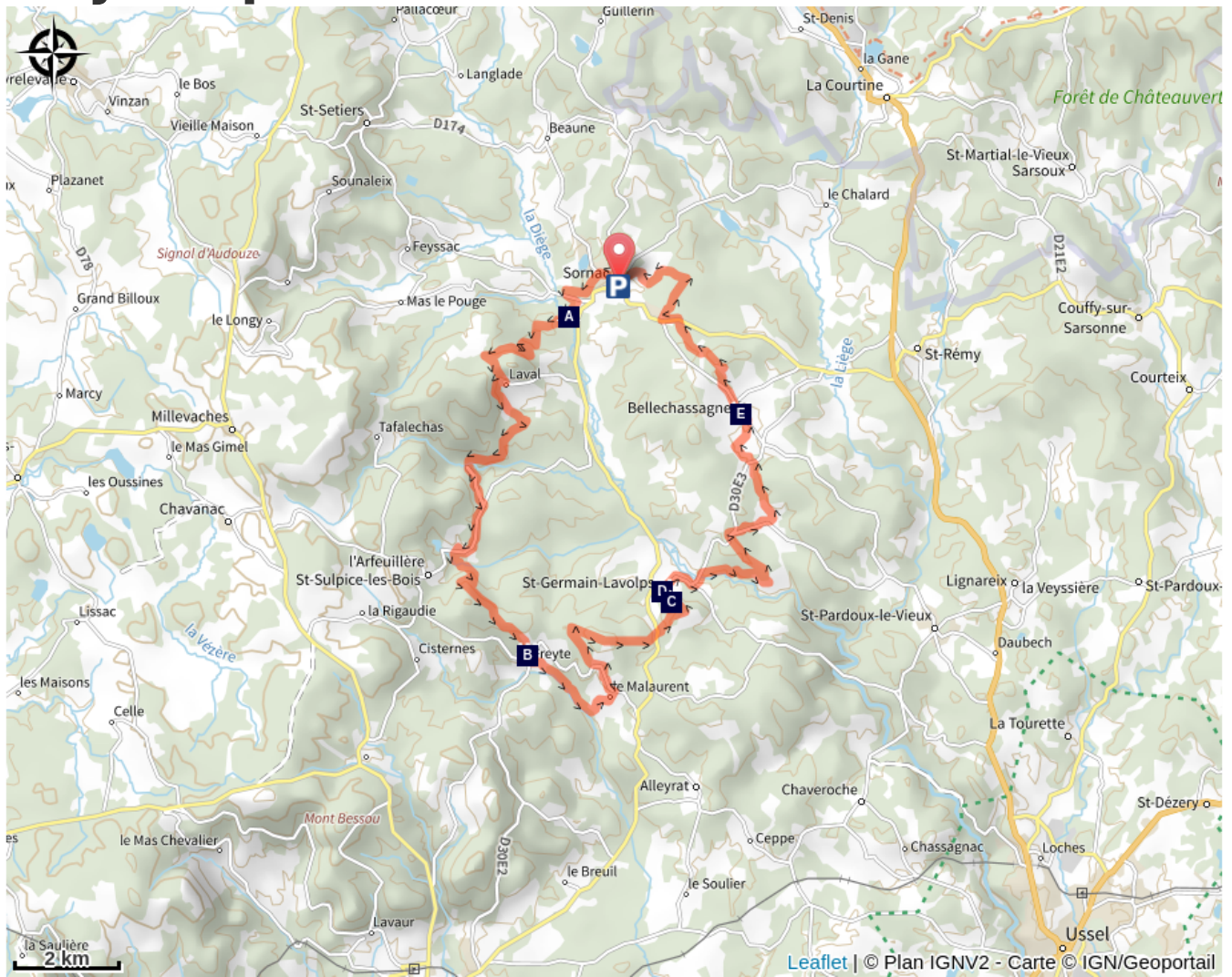





Min elevation 657 m Max elevation 867 m



Marking: brown arrows

Departing from the Place de la Poste. Leave from the other side of the village square, heading towards the police station.

On your path...



-  Les Entours (A)
-  The Diège Valley (C)
-  Bellechassagne (E)

-  The Chapel of St. James (B)
-  The château (D)



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All useful information

How to come ?

Access

20 km from Meymac, follow the D30. 29 km from Felletin, follow the D982 and then the D117.

Advised parking

Place La Poste, Sornac

Information desks

Bureau d'information touristique de Meymac

1 place de L'Hôtel de ville, 19250

Meymac

Tel : 05 19 60 00 30

<https://www.tourisme-hautecorreze.fr/>



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On your path...



Les Entours (A)

The first stop on your tour, this village established near the Diège had a mill. You will cross this stretch of river which is still fragile but already teeming with plants and animals. The Diège, with its source a few kilometres higher up, travels the Haute-Corrèze for 50 km before finally flowing into the Dordogne gorges.

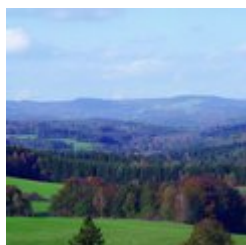
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The Chapel of St. James (B)

This chapel dates from at least the 13th century. Adjacent to a small cemetery, its wall-belfry is built very simply, but the quality of its window frames, its floor made up of a maze of religious burial tombs, and its fully panelled vault make it a remarkable building.

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The Diège Valley (C)

On the way back from the circuit, there is a beautiful view of the Plateau de Millevaches and, below, the château of Saint-Germain which dominates the Diège valley. Domination or protection, the peaceful river indeed meanders through magnificent meadows at the foot of the château before taking flight again through wild gorges. Rising a few kilometres upstream towards St-Setiers, it flows into the Dordogne at the Marèges dam reservoir.

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The château (D)

This château is mentioned as early as the 15th century, and the building has had a tumultuous history. The building grew over the centuries, but the misfortune of the owners led to the fragmentation of the agricultural estate; the château later became a public house and then the school canteen. Threatened with ruin, it was not until 1990 that a new owner started restoration work. This private château can only be visited virtually: <http://mapage.noos.fr/lavolps>

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Bellechassagne (E)

The origin of the name "Bellechassagne" would simply be "Beautiful oak". In an ancient writing it is referred to as "the Garden of the Mountain", a sweet oasis amid the cold heathers that so uniformly cover the Plateau de Millevaches. ». The 89 inhabitants of Bellechassagne counted in the 2017 census have adopted a gentle way of life.

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