The Beauvais Trail

Sud Creuse – Aubusson – lac de Vassivière - Saint-Pierre-Bellevue

Sentier de Beauvais (ComCom Creuse Sud Ouest)

Discover Puy Beaumont, which offers a unique panoramic view of the peaty valleys and wooded puys, another area covered with heather moors.

These vast areas of common land have, traditionally, been areas for pasture and food crops. You will find some traces from these ancient times on your journey: a plank bridge (bridge made up of granite slabs), hollow paths, agricultural benches, dry stone walls, pond dike, ruined mill... This centuries-old landscape was disrupted after the Second World War by the agricultural decline that affected the region and the State's desire to develop, through pine forstry, these lands now abandoned by humans.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 1 h

Length : 3.9 km

Trek ascent : 105 m

Difficulty : Easy

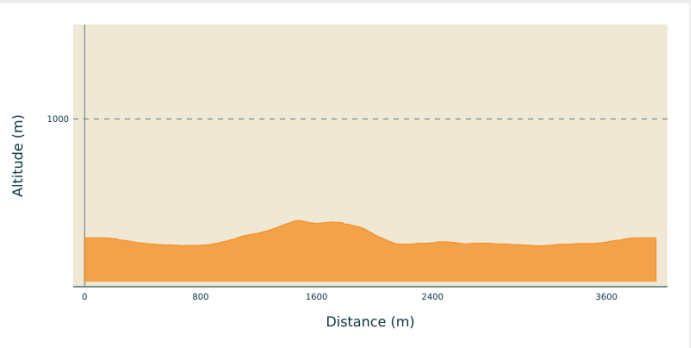
Type : Loop

Themes : Fauna et flora, Landscape, Viewpoint

Trek

Departure : Hamlet of Beauvais, Saint Pierre Bellevue
Arrival : Hamlet of Beauvais, Saint Pierre Bellevue
Markings : Orange markers
Cities : 1. Saint-Pierre-Bellevue

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 648 m Max elevation 718 m

From the Beauvais reception area, take the earth path straight down between the meadows.

1. Take the path on the right between the dry stone walls. Cross the Beauvais stream on a plank bridge, then cross the bog and forest plots to point 2.
2. Take the path opposite, still between the dry stone walls, to the top of Puy Beaumont. Take some the time to admire the 300° landscape and enjoy a rest on the earth bench. Begin the descent by walking around a number of bends, through leafy plots, passing in front of an old shepherd's hut.
3. At the bottom of the slope, turn left and walk along the edge of the Mazure peat bog to point 4. (this section is in common with the discovery trail of the moors and peat bogs of Mazure, so you could extend your route).
4. At the crossroads, go straight ahead until you reach point 5.
5. Turn left into the forest plantation to reach the boardwalks. Walk through them to the stream, the Beauvais, then cross the footbridge to reach an old pond dyke. Below, explore the ruins of the old Beauvais mill, then take the path on the left that leads to point 6.
6. Continue straight ahead to return to the reception area.

On your path...

From plants to medicine (A)
The plank bridges (B)
La Mazure peat bog (C)

All useful information

How to come ?

Access

17 km from Bourganeuf, follow the D8.

Advised parking

Hamlet of Beauvais, Saint Pierre Bellevue

Information desks

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On your path...

From plants to medicine (A)

Several plants found here have medicinal and homeopathic properties. While their use is sometimes outdated, this is not always the case. Cranberries are now known for their berries, which we consume as Cranberry juice. The Stag's-horn clubmoss is a tiny fern that looks like a moss and has diuretic properties (beware it is protected, collection is prohibited). Mountain Arnica is well known for the treatment of bruises in the form of ointment.

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The plank bridges (B)

The plank bridge consists of two ends and a central pillar made of matching blocks that support granite beams. None of the construction is visible, the "planks" are just placed side-by-side. This type of bridge does not appear on the 1831 land registry map. It can be dated to the end of the 19th century. "Offerings" were a fee in kind or working hours, which each owner owed to the commune according to his property. Property tax has replaced this fee since the 1950s. The maintenance of bridges, roads or common lanes was ensured by this means.

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La Mazure peat bog (C)

Covering an area of 280 hectares, this site, located in the communes of Monteil au Vicomte, Royère de Vassivière and St-Pierre-Bellevue is one of the most remarkable in the region in terms of well-preserved habitats but also in terms of rare and protected species.
It abounds in a mosaic of environments (streams, peat bogs, moors and forest) and many rare animal and plant species worthy of preservation.

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