Brignac trail to the mill at Le Got

Vallée de la Vienne – lac de Vassivière - Royères

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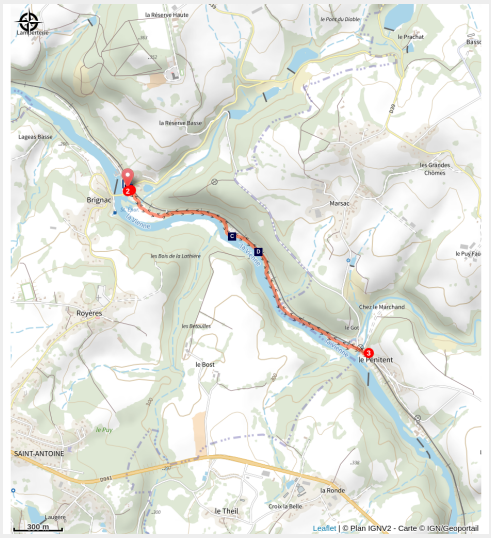


A family walk alongside the water tracing the history of the milling and paper industry in Limousin...

This round trip takes you to discover the banks of the Vienne and immerses you in the heritage of the mills of Limousin. Walk between the river and the railway on a level, shady trail passing through meadows and groves. In this peaceful setting, you can see the fauna and flora of the banks as well as the remains of mills. Follow their traces on the banks of the Vienne to the Moulin du Got, where artisans perpetuate the art of traditional papermaking.

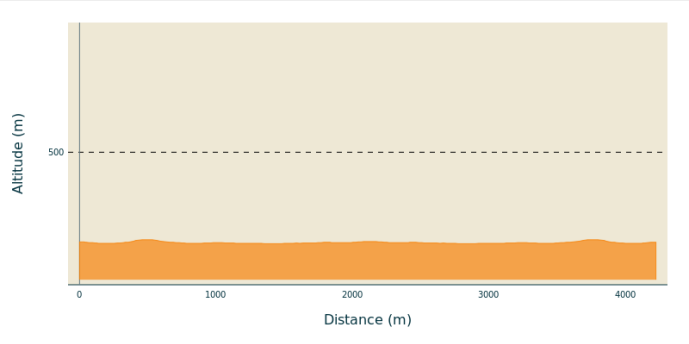
Useful information

- Practice : Pedestrian
- Duration : 1 h
- Length : 4.2 km
- Trek ascent : 38 m
- Difficulty : Easy
- Type : Round trip
- Themes : Expertise, Lakes and rivers
- Accessibility : VTT, Par train

Trek

Departure : Brignac, Royères
Arrival : Brignac, Royères
Markings :
Yellow markers
Cities : 1. Royères
2. Saint-Léonard-de-Noblat

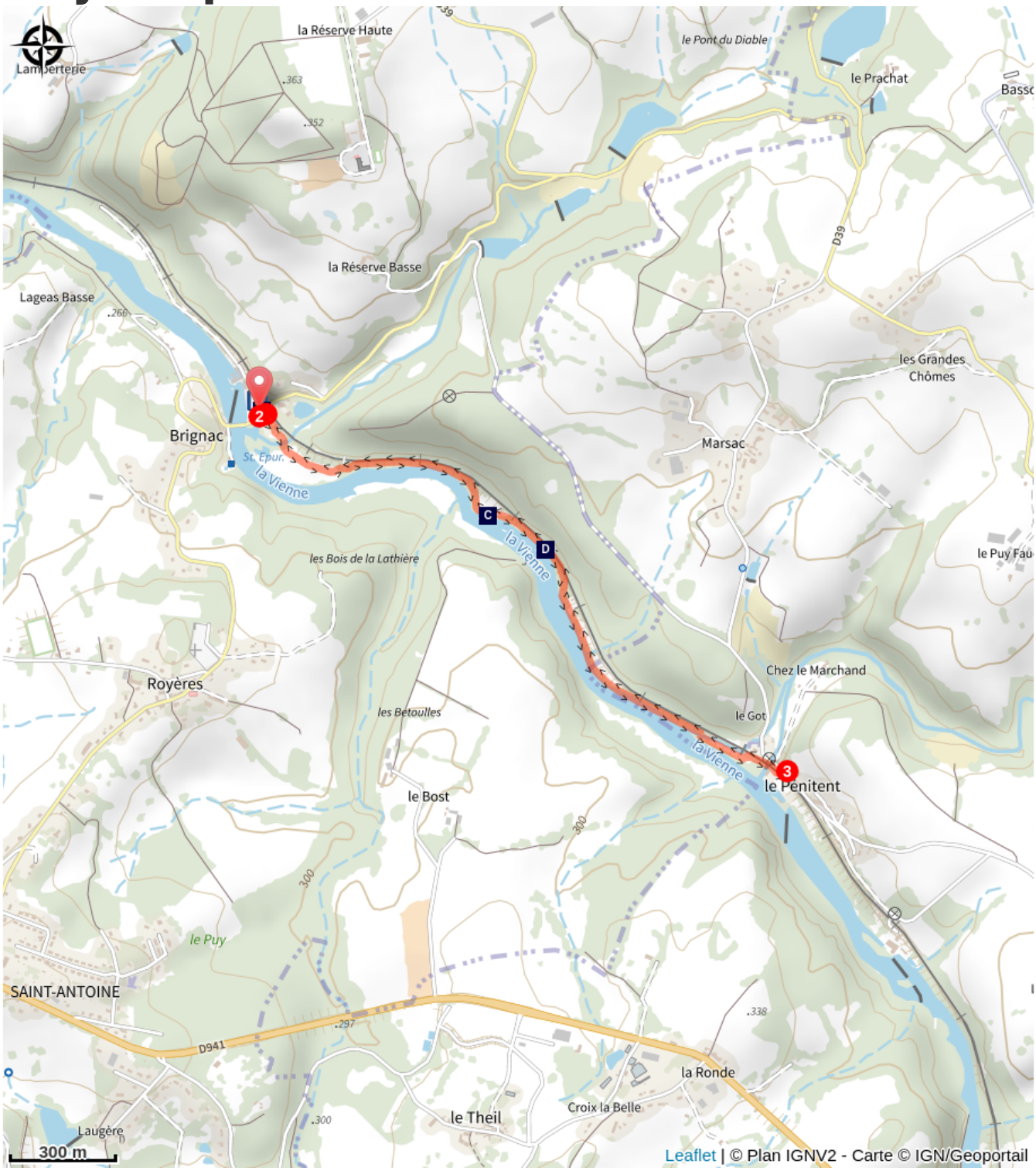
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 246 m Max elevation 257 m

From Brignac station, cross the road and take the earth path opposite. Go through the meadow and go to the far left.
Continue on this path between the railway track and the Vienne. When you arrive at the Le Got mill, go under the railway track by taking the tunnel, to reach the entrance of the building. Or go to the level crossing, cross over, and take the road to the left to reach the mill.
Follow the road in the opposite direction to return to Brignac station.

On your path...



Brignac Mill (A)
Brignac Station (B)
The Vienne (C)
Ruins of the mill of La Lathière (D)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

Don't miss out on visiting the Moulin du Got, the last witness of the paper industry in Limousin.
There are picnic tables on the banks of the Vienne river next to the Moulin du Got.
Bring waterproof shoes in wet weather.
On-site, Terra Aventura geocaching is possible with the "Let the little papers sail" route.

How to come ?

Transports

Rail stop from Brignac to Royères, served by the TER line n°08 "Limoges - Ussel": https://www.ter.sncf.com/nouvelle-aquitaine/gares/87592063/Brignac/pratique

Access

25 minutes from Limoges. Take the D941 towards Saint-Léonard-de-Noblat. At Royères, at the traffic lights, turn left on the D124. Go through the village of Saint-Antoine and make your way to Brignac station.

Advised parking

Car park at Brignac station, Royères

Accessibility

VTT Par train

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On your path...

Brignac Mill (A)

Dating from before the 18th century, the Moulin de Brignac was first called Moulin de Cape. Equipped with paddle wheels, it used hydraulic energy to produce rye and wheat flour. At the end of the 19th century, the mill became a Jerusalem artichoke alcohol distillery. At the beginning of the 20th century, a papermaking business was established. Then, in 1942, the Resneau family bought the building and installed a ‘filterie’ for making thread, still in operation today. Although the old wheels have disappeared, turbines still produce electricity.

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Brignac Station (B)

Twenty years after the inauguration of the Paris-Limoges route, the Limoges-Eymoutiers line was put into service in 1881 following a construction project that involved more than 1500 workers. Brignac station in Royères was used to transport wood (previously floated along the Vienne), stones, tiles and bricks and food and fertilisers. Today, the line still carries passengers. The station building is now private property that cannot be visited.

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The Vienne (C)

Called Vinhana in Occitan Limousin, the Vienne is a river that originates in Corrèze on the Millevaches plateau. It is 372 km long and passes through the departments of Haute-Vienne, Vienne, Creuse, Corrèze, Charente and Indre-et-Loire. It is one of the main tributaries of the Loire and the largest in terms of flow. The Vienne has many tributaries and sub-tributaries, including the Taurion, the Creuse and the Gartempe.

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Ruins of the mill of La Lathière (D)

Four famous mills have worked on the Vienne and its tributaries in the commune of Royères: the mills of Lageas Basse, Brignac, Châtaigne and La Lathière. On the way, you can see the ruins of the Lathière mill that once produced flour.

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