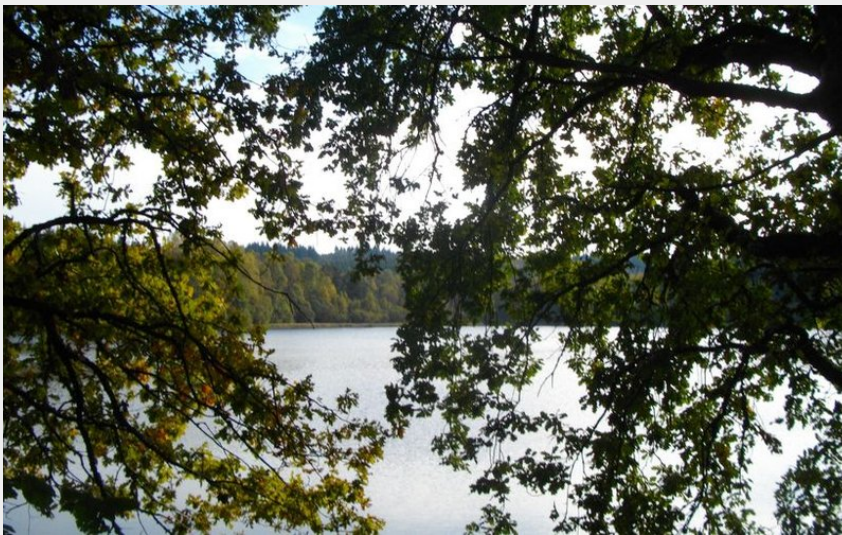


Les Hérons

Gorges et plateaux de la Haute-Dordogne - Eygurande



Etang de l'Eygadie (G. Salat - CC HCC)



Between forests and lakes, this is one of the prettiest family walks in the area.

The name of this itinerary refers to the magnificent bird that inhabits our ponds and lakes, although not much appreciated by the owners of these bodies of water due to the amount of fish it consumes. The Plateau de Millevaches is known as France's water tower because of the numerous rivers that have their sources there, but it also has a wealth of ponds and lakes. All artificial, they were created by humans, who most often dammed a stream at the end of a wetland.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 2 h

Length : 6.9 km

Trek ascent : 130 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Lakes and rivers,
Landscape

Trek

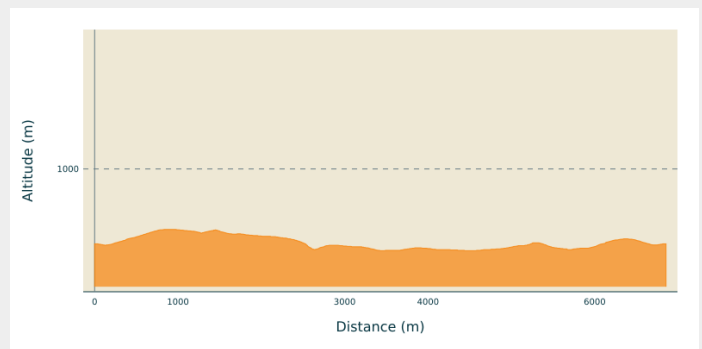
Departure : Parking at the Veyssie lake

Arrival : Parking at the Veyssie lake

Markings : — Yellow markers

Cities : 1. Eygurande

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 773 m Max elevation 832 m

Take the road to the east towards Eygurande for 200 m.

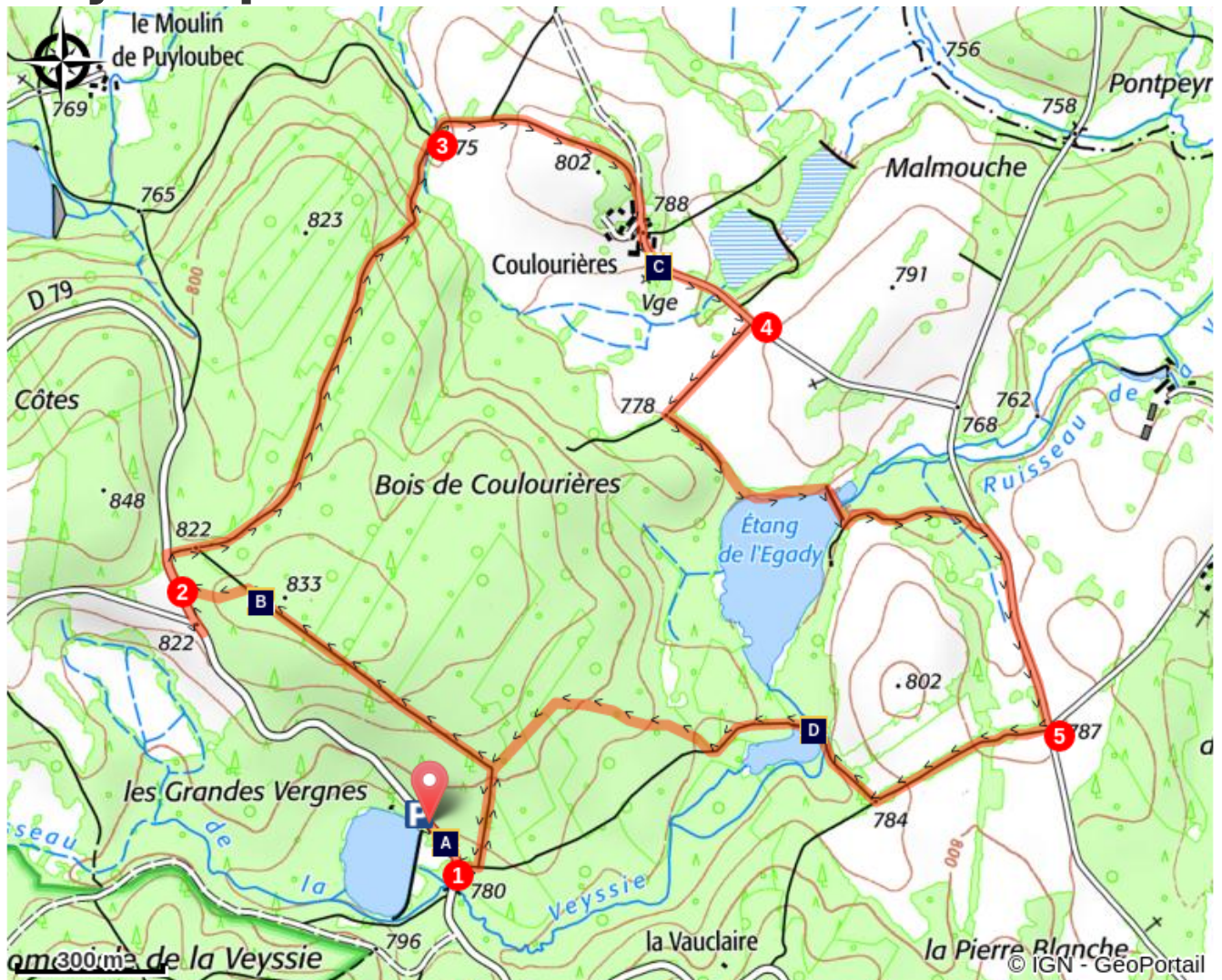
1. Turn left onto the path; take two left turns at the next two crossroads. The path goes over the road and eventually joins it.
2. Follow it on the right for 50 m and then turn right onto the path. Continue straight on through the woodland.
3. When you reach a meadow, there is a track that you take on the right. Go straight on at the next crossroads to arrive on a road that you take to the right. Go through Coulourières.
4. 300 m after the village, take the track on the right for 250 m. When you arrive in the woods, take the path on the left; go on alongside the lake, and go over the dyke. After this, follow the path to the left to get back to the road. Turn right for 400 m.
5. At the crossroads with the road, turn right onto the track which becomes a path and then a track after the lake. At the crossing of the paths, to the right is a path through woodland which joins the path you took at the beginning: go left and then right to join the road that goes back to the Veyssie lake.



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On your path...



-  Etang de la Veyssie (A)
-  Village of Coulourières (C)

-  Les Agriers (B)
-  Lake (D)



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All useful information

Advices

Follow the markings carefully at the Eygadie lake, it is private property.

How to come ?

Access

The departure point is 6 km from Eygurande: follow the D21, then the D79 towards Le Massif des Agriers. Be careful, at the entrance of the massif, keep right on the D79 to reach the lake.

Advised parking

Parking at the Veyssie lake

Information desks

Bureau d'information touristique d'Ussel

Rue Saint-Martin, 19200 Ussel

Tel : 05 19 60 00 30

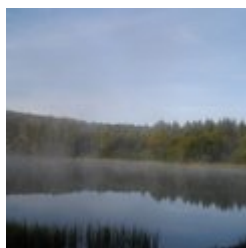
<https://www.tourisme-hautecorreze.fr/>



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On your path...



Etang de la Veyssie (A)

A funny name for a lake that probably takes its name from the Occitan word "Vaissa", meaning hazel wood. This lake is typical of bodies of water in Limousin where humans have dammed a stream at the outlet of a wetland to create a recreational site, mainly for fishing. This is the case of the Veyssie lake, which is owned by the Pays d'Eygurande general hospital works committee.

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Les Agriers (B)

A recent logging operation has opened up a view of the Agriers forest massif. This massif which culminates at 915 m at the Puy du Vareyron is the property of a forestry syndicate, managed by the Office National des Forêts. It covers 600 hectares, most of which is used for forestry production. This afforestation was carried out from the 1970s onwards, on heather moors with juniper bushes, which were used for sheep grazing.

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Village of Coulourières (C)

The villages of Haute-Corrèze are all involved in agriculture. Walking through these hamlets always produces interesting discoveries during a hike: barns, mansions, crosses and monuments, traditional local architecture... Don't miss the old bread oven on your left and the well in Coulourières. As you leave the village, on your right, there is an oratory dedicated to the Virgin.

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Lake (D)

This lake is certainly the wildest of the four expanses of water on this walk. It is a splendid observation point for waterfowl and amphibians. The shallow depth of this lake is undergoing eutrophication: in other words, the plants are growing and will fill the available space in the water. This body of water will become successively swamp, then wetland meadow.

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