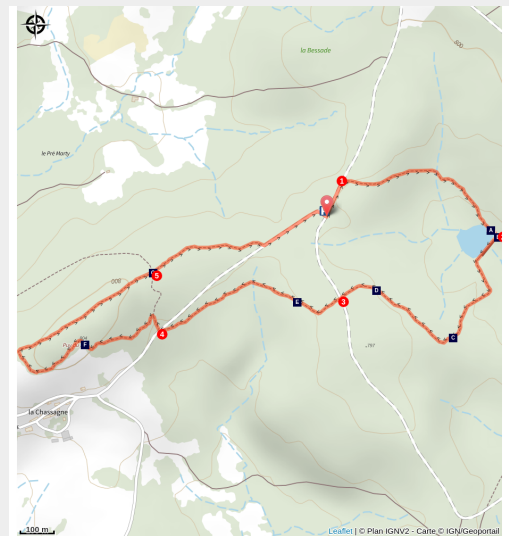


Badger Trail

Gorges et plateaux de la Haute-Dordogne



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Discover a forest massif rich in history.

René and Léon lived in Saint-Rémy. They both shared a taste for nature. They would meet here for a snack, a walk in the woods or a hunting trip. Their strong bond with this forest earned them the nickname of Badgers, from the local population, a friendly name that has endured over the years. Nowadays, they will accompany you on an exploratory walk lasting about an hour.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 1 h

Length : 3.9 km

Trek ascent : 87 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Fauna et flora

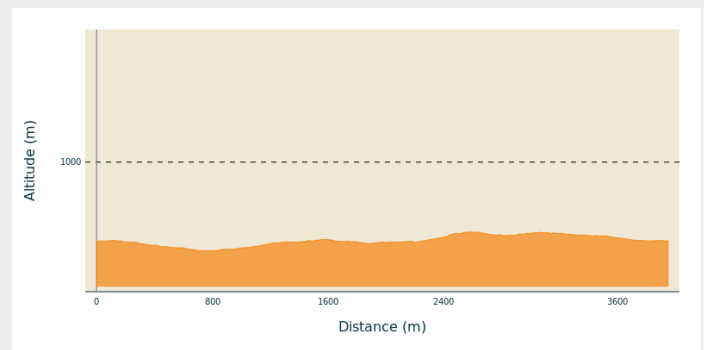
Trek

Departure : Mirambel forest car park (bus shelter)

Arrival : Mirambel forest car park (bus shelter)

Cities : 1. Saint-Rémy

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 754 m Max elevation 806 m

Marking: follow the Badger signs.

Departure from car park. At the hike summary panel, take the path on the right and go straight on for 100 m.

1. Go down the path in the forest on the left and keep going straight on. At the lake turn right on the dyke, then at the end, turn left on the path in the forest.
2. At the top of the path, take the ramp on the right to get an overview of the fir plantation. At the edge of the wood, cross the track to take the path in front of you.
3. Descend 100 m into the woods. At the bend turn right. Advance 50 m, on the right the Mirambel "Sonata". Continue straight ahead. Cross the access track and take the path opposite. Go uphill for 50 m and turn left in the bend to join the small path. At the viewpoint go straight ahead.
4. At the upright stone, continue straight ahead by taking the small path to the left of it. Follow this path until you return to the access track. Turn left.

On your path...



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All useful information

Advices

A booklet to accompany the hike is available at the tourist offices.

How to come ?

Access

From Ussel, follow the D982 road for 12 km in the direction of La Courtine. Turn right towards "La Chassagne". At the end of the village, turn left; continue along the track to the car park (with a bus shelter).

Advised parking

Mirambel forest car park (bus shelter)

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...



The Mirambel Forest (A)

At the start of the walk, the Place de Saint-Rémy is embellished with a magnificent Sully oak tree. Sully, a minister to King Henry IV, had roads and squares embellished with remarkable trees. The paving of the church, which dates from the 12th century, includes several tombstones. The outside of the apse is richly decorated with a modillion cornice.

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Of man and nature (B)

This lake was dug to supply water to fight forest fires. But nature has gradually regained its rights over this artificial environment: rushes, sedges, bulrushes; at the back, a floating area of soil has formed, the bog is gaining ground. With a bit of luck, you might be able to spot the grey heron that has taken up residence here.

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Plant species speak to us (C)

The plant species of this place are numerous. These grow according to their nutritional needs, and this creates a fantastic spectacle that delights the eye. It is common to find blueberries, holly, and meadow melampyrams in the undergrowth. On this massif, beeches and oaks grow together creating a deciduous "beech oak grove", an unusual sight in Haute-Corrèze.

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L'allée des Gardes (D)

"L'allée des Gardes", rows of large coniferous trees, refers to the forest rangers who manage this massif. Behind this alley, the forest is managed through natural regeneration (as opposed to planting seedlings and young plants from nurseries): the undergrowth is cleared, some beautiful preserved trees play the role of seed trees. The seeds grow into a shrub; gradually the "old" seed trees are eliminated to make way for the young shoots.

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The Mirambel Sonata (E)

This xylophone was made by the children from the Sainte-Fortunade special school in Corrèze. They have created this construction to try and demonstrate to us the variability of the sounds produced by the different species of trees according to their appearance, hardness and durability.

Enjoy and be lulled by this delightful auditory experience.

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The Mountains of Auvergne (F)

If the sun is shining on it, the neighbouring Auvergne will let you admire its volcanoes. On the right, the Massif du Sancy, on the left, the Monts du Cantal, in the centre the Plateau du Cézallier. However, it would be a pity to admire only the background of this landscape: the Haute-Corrèze countryside blends colours and shapes of meadows, coniferous and deciduous forests.

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The Resistance (G)

The stele, or memorial stone, erected at this crossroads takes up the Song of the Partisans, the hymn of the Resistance. It forms part of the interpretation trail that partially intersects this hike. During the Second World War, in July 1943, 60 to 80 resistance fighters belonging to Vincent Faïta's group (communist resistance fighters of Italian origin) hid in this forest. Sheltered in simple huts made of branches, they came to take refuge there between two ambushes intended to slow down the German advance.