

The Château du Theil

Sud Creuse – Aubusson – lac de Vassivière – Saint-Agnant-près-Crocq



St Agnant près Crocq - Château du Theil (M.Tijeras-Villejoubert (Creuse Tourisme))



The commune of St Agnant près Crocq invites you to take a stroll between history and panoramic views, with stops at Montgouyard, the Chapel of St Michel and the Château du Theil.

Along the paths that wind between the ponds and lakes and the beech woods, this circuit takes you from St Agnant près Crocq to the Château du Theil, via the Chapel of St Michel, the highest point in the commune, with a panoramic view of the region.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 11.4 km

Trek ascent : 238 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Heritage site and architecture

Accessibility : VTT

Trek

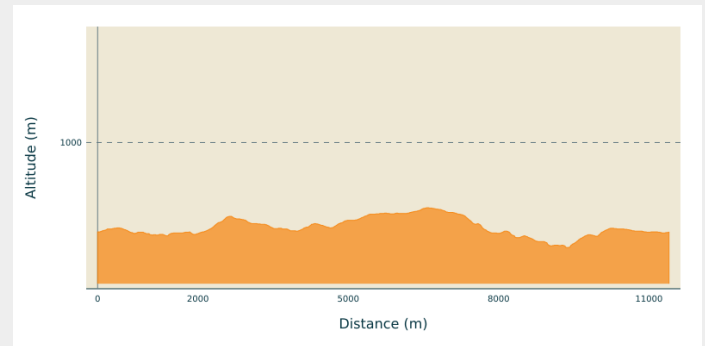
Departure : Town Hall, St Agnant près Crocq

Arrival : Town Hall, St Agnant près Crocq

Markings : — Yellow markers

Cities : 1. Saint-Agnant-près-Crocq

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 708 m Max elevation 819 m

1. At the church, turn right towards Magnat-l'Etrange.
2. 350 m after the pond, take a path on the left in the underbrush.
3. Go up a path lined with ancient low stone walls on the left.
4. At Morneix, go down and to the right.
5. Turn left at the intersection
6. Take the road to the right. In a bend, after the village, follow a woodland path on the left.
7. At the first branch, go down the sunken path on the left and at the second one continue on the left.
8. Just before the D29, go up a path on the right.
9. In Montgouyard, take a track opposite towards the chapel of St Michel.
10. At the cross, descend to the right. The path veers to the left before narrowing. At Le Besth, follow the road straight on.
11. Then take the first path on the right.
12. Cut across the D31, and follow the road beside the lake. At the end, go up the path on the right.
13. At the branch in the path, turn left to the road and then take two right turns to reach the town hall.





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On your path...



-  The Le Montgouyard sundial (A)
 Château du Theil (C)

-  St Michel's Chapel (B)



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All useful information

How to come ?

Access

10 km from Crocq via the D 996.

Advised parking

Town Hall, St Agnant près Crocq

Accessibility



VTT

Information desks

Communauté de communes Marche et Combrailles en Aquitaine

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On your path...



The Le Montgouyard sundial (A)

At Le Montgouyard is a sundial dated 1886 and made with lime paint. The house once belonged to Lord Galmaud de Magnat l'Etrange.

Attribution : MCEA



St Michel's Chapel (B)

Built in the 15th century on the initiative of Guillaume d'Aubusson, Lord of the manor of Theil, it was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1634. The chapel was restored in 1870 and its slate roof in 2019.

Attribution : Creuse Tourisme



Château du Theil (C)

Built in the 15th century, the château was significantly altered in the 19th century and has a beautiful structure, like a ship's hull. It served as a refuge for children during the Second World War and for the then Prefect of Creuse, appointed by the Free French. The mill built on the Theil stream between 1773 and 1840 may have depended on it.

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