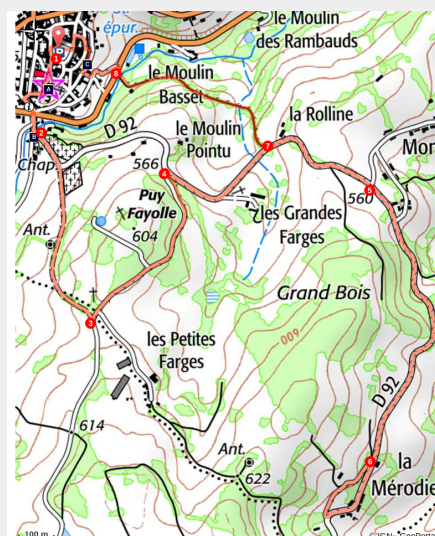


# La Mérodié

Sud Creuse – Aubusson – lac de Vassivière



Panorama (MCEA)



Through the green and hilly countryside of the Combraille, the Mérodié circuit invites you to discover the surroundings of Auzances, between Auvergne and Limousin.

Situated on a rocky spur, overhanging the curve of a wood-covered valley, the site of Auzances expanded until the 20th century commercially and artisanally through the tanneries and many mills installed along "La Noisette" which use hydraulic energy. Today, it is an agricultural basin for cattle breeding.

## Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 1 h 30

Length : 6.1 km

Trek ascent : 183 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Heritage site and architecture

Accessibility : VTT

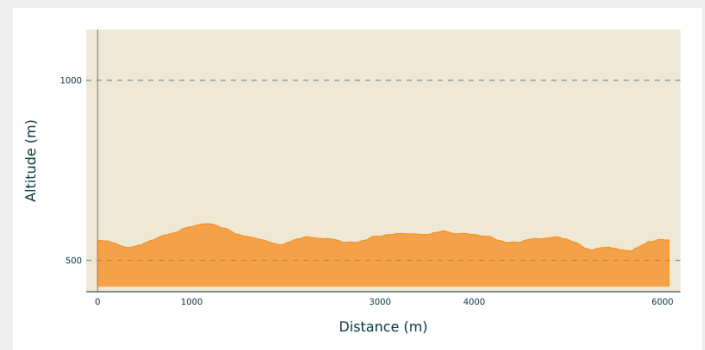
# Trek

**Departure** : Tourist Information Office,  
Place du Marché, Auzances

**Arrival** : Tourist Information Office, Place  
du Marché, Auzances

**Cities** : 1. Auzances  
2. Les Mars

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 527 m    Max elevation 602 m

1. Leaving the Tourist Information Office, go through the Market Square and take the street that goes down to the right of the church. Go to the bottom of this street, to the Stop sign. Cross the Rue de l'Abattoir, cross the small gothic bridge over the La Noisette River and head towards the Chapelle Sainte Anne.
2. Then take the road that goes up and past the cemetery. At 200 m, go into the Chemin de l'Echalou.
3. At the end of this path, take the road on the left for 500 m to a crossroads.
4. Turn right towards Le Monsenergue, go past the Grandes Farges farm, continue towards La Roline. Continue to Monsenergue.
5. Go through the hamlet by continuing on the public road towards La Mérodié. Go through La Mérodié then take the trail that goes up towards other houses on the left to return to the entrance of the village.
6. Take the path in the opposite direction to La Roline.
7. Just after a farm, turn right onto the Chemin des Pantouffles. Continue on this grassy path and cross La Noisette at the Moulin Pointu.
8. Cut the departmental road and take the sloping road opposite the Moulin Cagnol, continue in the Rue des Jardins and at the top, turn left into the Rue Pasteur to reach the starting point again.

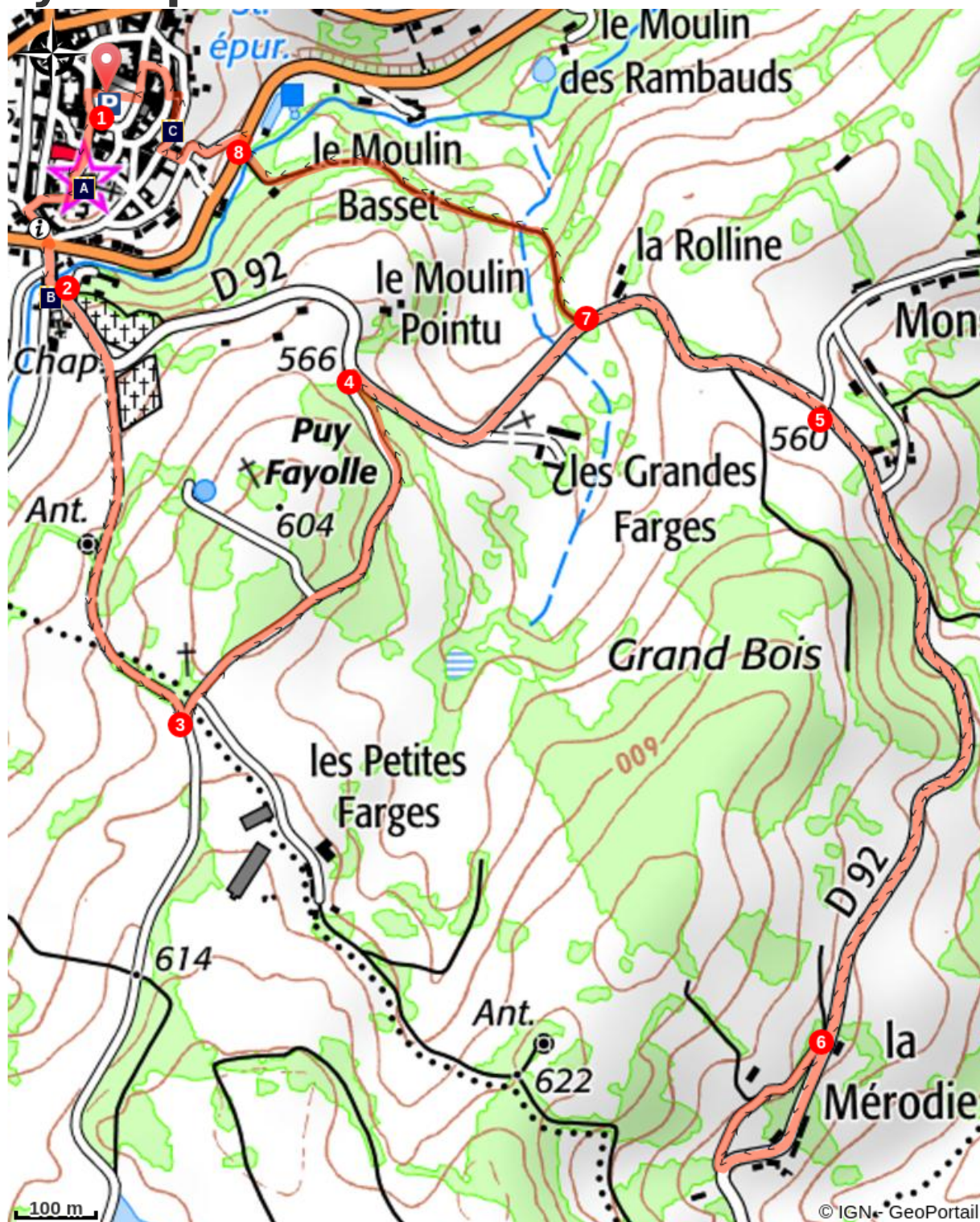




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## On your path...



-  Church of St. James the Greater (A)
-  Ancient Walls (C)

-  Ste Anne's Chapel (B)



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# All useful information

## How to come ?

### Access

Access to Auzances by the D 988 (Clermont-Fd road) and the D 996 (Evaux les Bains road)

### Advised parking

Place du Marhé, Auzances

## Accessibility

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VTT

## Information desks

### Communauté de communes Marche et Combrailles en Aquitaine

Rue de l'Etang, 23700 Auzances

Tel : 05 55 67 04 99



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# On your path...

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## Church of St. James the Greater (A)

Colourful Byzantine-inspired frescoes, the work of the Russian painter Nicolas Greschny, give the building a rare, even surprising look. Also noteworthy in this partly Romanesque church is the north portal, for its two capitals carved with faces (13th century), and the polychrome piéta (16th century) behind the altar. The superb Descent from the Cross (late 16th/early 17th century), is a rare copy of the work of Daniele da Volterra, brought back from Rome by Canon Brousse, recently restored & classified as a historic monument.

Attribution : Creuse Tourisme

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## Ste Anne's Chapel (B)

Next to the small "Gothic bridge" over the Noisette River, the chapel of St. Anne was once the burial place of the priests of the parish; some gravestones are still visible on the ground. The small bell tower is covered in chestnut shingles.

Attribution : Commune d'Auzances

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## Ancient Walls (C)

During the Hundred Years' War, Auzances was attacked by English troops. Certainly, at this time that the château was destroyed. The Rue des Jardins now marks the limit of the ramparts, of which a turret remains.

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