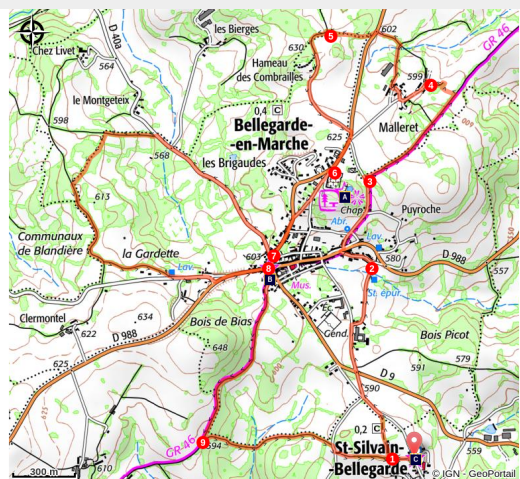


The Goat Eaters

Sud Creuse – Aubusson – lac de Vassivière – Saint-Silvain-Bellegarde



St Silvain Bellegarde - Carte de Cassini (BnF)



The Goat Eaters hike invites you to discover Bellegarde en Marche and St Silvain Bellegarde, two towns with a closely linked history.

History and legend mingle in this itinerary that leaves room for the imagination... The Middle Ages left their mark on the territory which, at the time, enjoyed a privileged status of exemption!

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 3 h

Length : 9.8 km

Trek ascent : 221 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : History

Accessibility : VTT

Trek

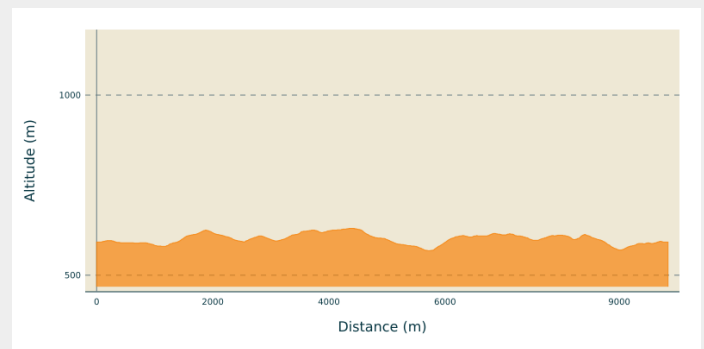
Departure : Church Square, Saint Silvain Bellegarde

Arrival : Church Square, Saint Silvain Bellegarde

Markings : — Yellow markers

Cities : 1. Saint-Silvain-Bellegarde
2. Bellegarde-en-Marche
3. La Chaussade

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 568 m Max elevation 630 m

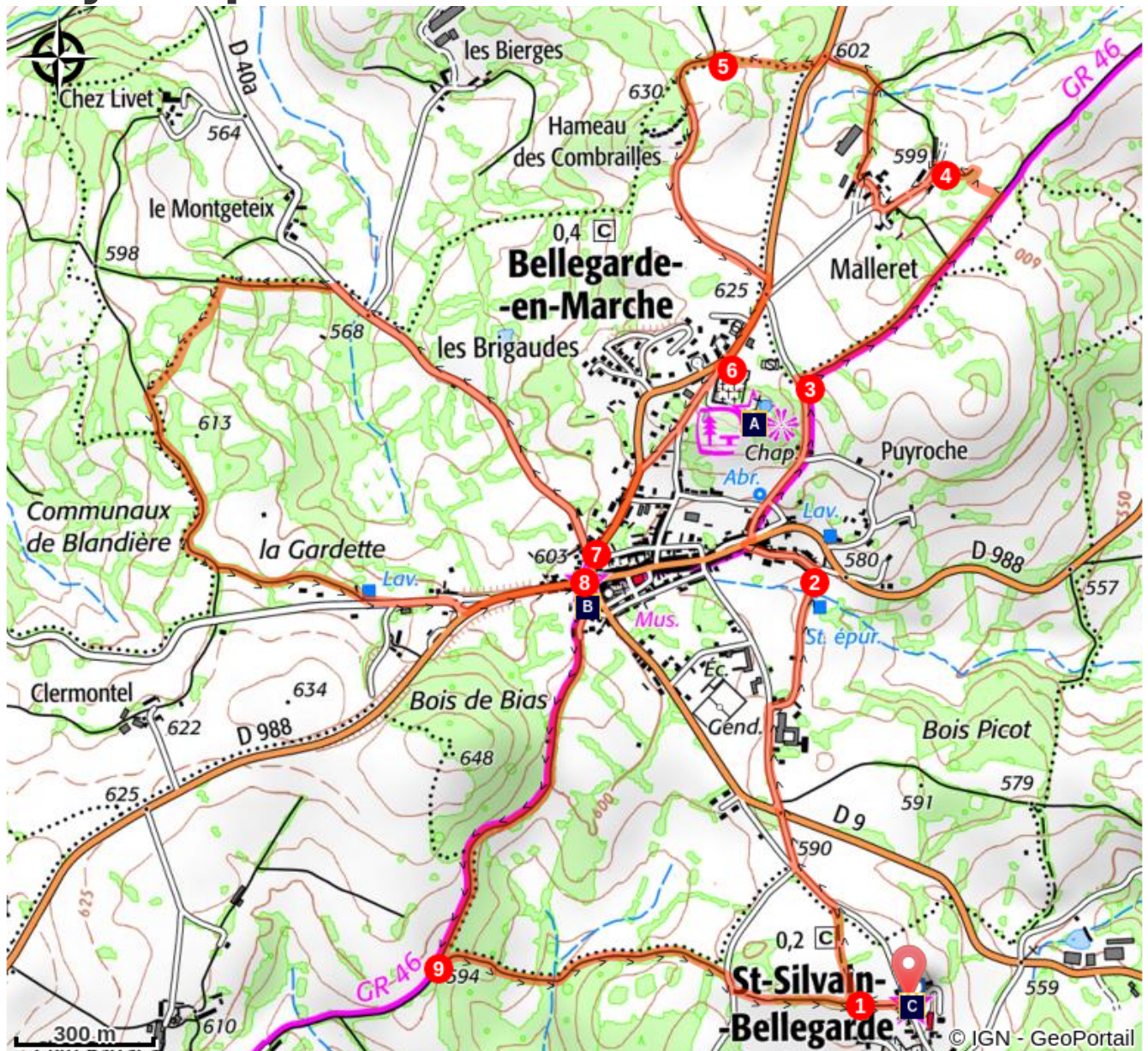
1. Leave by the path in front of the church gate. After 150 m turn right, follow the path and then the road to the D 9 crossroads. Continue straight ahead and then turn right "Chemin de l'abattoir".
2. Turn left into "Rue Basse", cross the road and take "Rue du Château".
3. On the right take the GR; leave it at the railway crossing on the left.
4. Go into Malleret on the left and then on the right, past a stable block. Take the path that goes downhill. Turn left at the crossroads. Cross the D9.
5. At the end of the path turn left; at the stop sign turn to the right.
6. Pass the cemetery and go up to La Chapelle to admire the view.
7. Take the road that goes down to reach the village.
8. At the crossroads, take the "Route du Breu" to the right. Leave the village "Les Bierges". A few metres further on, turn left onto a path that climbs up, keep left for 1 km 400 m and enter Bellegarde.
9. In front of the Clock Tower, turn right twice. Take the GR 46 for 1 km.
10. Leave the GR, take the path on the left. Follow it to the road. Go a few metres to the right and take the path on the left to St Silvain.




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On your path...



 Panorama overlooking Bellegarde en Marche (A)

 The Goat Horns (B)

 Church of St Silvain (C)



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All useful information

How to come ?

Access

From Bellegarde en Marche, take the D9 then right to join St Silvain Bellegarde

Advised parking

Church Square, Saint Silvain Bellegarde

Accessibility



VTT

Information desks

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On your path...



☀ Panorama overlooking Bellegarde en Marche (A)

In the Middle Ages, Bellegarde was the capital of the Franc-Alleu. This name designates a territory of full ownership, free of any obligation of paying royalties, unlike the fiefdom.

Attribution : Association des Amis de Bellegarde et du Franc Alleu



📖 The Goat Horns (B)

During the Hundred Years' War, the inhabitants of Bellegarde, attacked by the English army of the "Black Prince", defended their city with strange weapons: tool handles topped with goat horns. At that time, goats were abundant in this region covered with broom and heath. Afterwards, the alley was decorated with these horns, symbol of the Bellegarde epic. This legend is at the origin of the creation, in 1962, of the Confrérie des Mangeurs de Chèvres (Brotherhood of Goat Eaters).

Attribution : Association des Amis de Bellegarde et du Franc Alleu



🏰 Church of St Silvain (C)

A 13th-century church, rebuilt in the 17th century, listed on the Supplementary Inventory of Historic Monuments since 1925. The altarpiece and its two side altars are classified as historic monuments. The roof of its bell tower is made of chestnut shingles.

Attribution : Commune de St Silvain Bellegarde



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