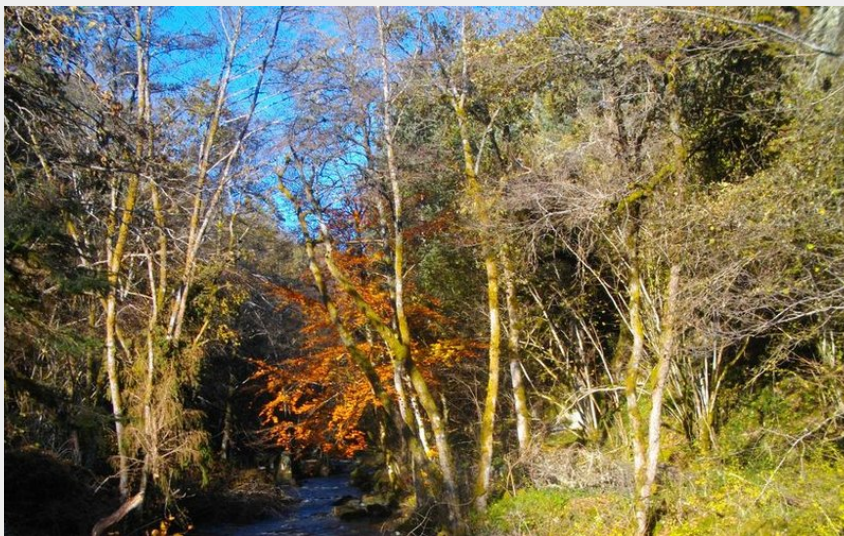
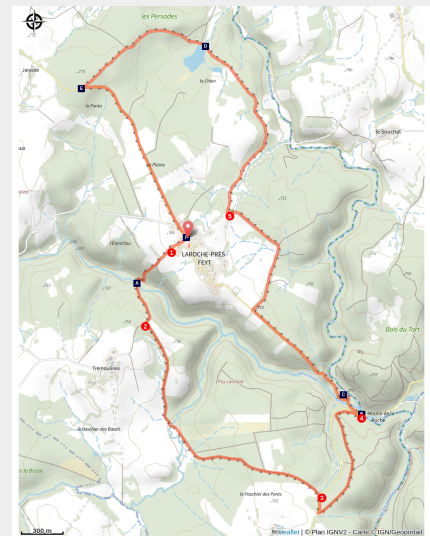


# At the source of the Chavanon

Gorges et plateaux de la Haute-Dordogne



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The name of this circuit invites you to look for the source of the Chavanon. It is born from the confluence of the Ramade and the Méouzette

This hike invites you to explore the Méouzette and Ramade, streams whose confluence will become the river Chavanon. The first part of the hike descends into the gorge towards this confluence. More family-oriented, the second loop takes a track in the forest.

## Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 2 h 30

Length : 10.7 km

Trek ascent : 257 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Lakes and rivers,  
Landscape

# Trek

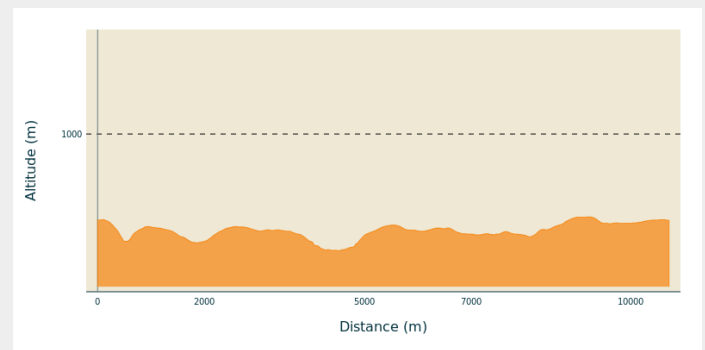
**Departure** : Place de la Mairie, Laroche-près-Feyt

**Arrival** : Place de la Mairie, Laroche-près-Feyt

**Markings** : — Yellow markers

**Cities** : 1. Laroche-près-Feyt

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 676 m    Max elevation 770 m

Set off in the direction of the playground at the Town Hall, opposite the restaurant. Continue to the opposite side of the village along the small road.

1. The latter becomes a path that descends to the Méouzette. Cross it and go straight up to where the trees are being felled.
2. Where the paths cross, turn left. Enter the meadow; continue straight ahead by crossing the Feyt stream on a footbridge. Leave the meadow. Continue straight ahead, leaving two paths on your left until you reach the road.
3. Turn right and continue for 150 m and then take the track on the left. Continue straight on, the track becomes a path that goes down to the road. Take it to the right.
4. At the crossroads, after a short round trip to the bridge over the Chavanon, take the road towards Laroche-près-Feyt. Just after the bridge over the Méouzette, take the steps on the right for a short return trip to the site of the old church. Go back to the road and continue to the right. When you arrive on the "plateau", take the track on the right. Ignore several paths on your right.
5. At the crossroads, take the track on the right after the meadow (go left to go directly to the starting point). Keep straight ahead, passing a pond. Ignore a track on the right and return the road. It takes you back to Laroche-près-Feyt.



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# On your path...



~~~~~ The Méouzette Gorge (A)

🏰 The old church (C)

🌲 Le Massif du Sancy (E)

~~~~~ The Chavanon (B)

~~~~~ The lake (D)

🏰 Village of Laroche-près-Feyt (F)



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# All useful information

## **Advices**

From Eygurande, follow the D22 then the D101 towards Feyt. In Feyt, go towards Laroche-prés-Feyt.

## **How to come ?**

### Access

From Eygurande, follow the D22 then the D101 towards Feyt. In Feyt, go towards Laroche-prés-Feyt.

### Advised parking

Place de la Mairie, Laroche-prés-Feyt

## **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...

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## ☆☆☆☆ The Méouzette Gorge (A)

The river Méouzette has its source in the military camp of La Courtine, in the commune of Malleret. It crosses a plateau in the south of Creuse (its course is dammed to create the magnificent Méouze lake) then it cuts in to join the river Ramade and give birth to the Chavanon.

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## ☆☆☆☆ The Chavanon (B)

A natural boundary between the Corrèze and the Puy de Dôme, the Chavanon is born from the confluence of two streams, the Ramade and the Méouzette.

It continues its course through gorges then flows into the Dordogne, upstream of the Bort-les-Orgues dam reservoir. Natura 2000 classified along its entire course, it is a river famous for its trout. It should be noted that one of the arches of the bridge was set aside as the water supply channel of the old rock mill.

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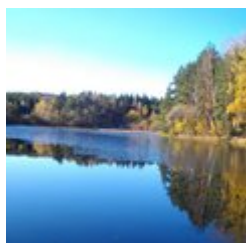
## 🏰 The old church (C)

A few steps lead you to the site of the old church. This promontory dominates the two rivers upstream of their confluence.

This old church was located on a ford

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## ☆☆☆☆ The lake (D)

After offering views over the Ramade, the hike leads you to a beautiful lake.

While Haute-Corrèze is often identified as the water tower of France because of the many rivers that have their sources there, it is also rich in a multitude of ponds and lakes. All artificial, they were created by humans, who most often dammed a stream at the end of a wetland, mainly for fishing.

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## Le Massif du Sancy (E)

The recent logging has opened up a remarkable view of the highest volcano in mainland France, the Puy de Sancy.

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## Village of Laroche-près-Feyt (F)

On the way back, a detour in the village is necessary. Note the name of the restaurant, Le Graphologue; a tribute to Father Michon, the graphologist, whose birthplace is in the village. This clergyman invented graphology, a "science" that analyses the personality of its author through writing.

In addition to admiring the traditional local architecture and a feudal mound, continue on to the church, transferred in the eighteenth century from the gorges. Its interior has been beautifully restored.

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