The Abbesses

Parc de Millevaches en Limousin - Combressol

(HCC V.Mendras)

A multifaceted circuit, typical of the Haut-Corrézian landscapes.

This circuit will delight cyclists in search of paths that reflect the image of the Haute-Corrèze, such as paths through the extensive deciduous forests, winding roads, beautiful forest tracks, meadow edges and the chance to ride through charming hamlets.
With moderate gradients, it will delight amateurs as much as the most experienced, eager to discover this beautiful corner of Corrèze without too much difficulty.
Favourite: the narrow path lined with ancient stones just before reaching the hamlet of Bonnesaigne.
A shorter circuit (n°15) will delight beginners, and a more difficult one (n°17) will please the more sporty.

Useful information

Practice : Mountain Bike

Duration : 1 h 15

Length : 11.4 km

Trek ascent : 268 m

Difficulty : Medium

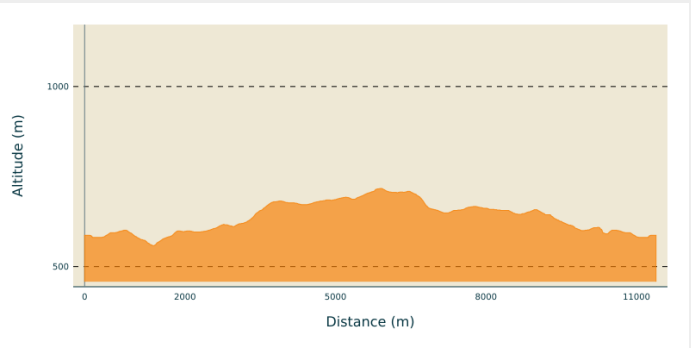
Type : Loop

Themes : Discovery trail

Trek

Departure : Pond, Combressol
Arrival : Pond, Combressol
Markings : Brown mountain bike markers
Cities : 1. Combressol

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 558 m Max elevation 717 m

Marking: brown arrows, circuit number 16

On your path...

Passerby, remember! (A)

Replacement stone (B)

Traditional winch and peg wells (C)

All useful information

Advices

Please note, pedestrians have priority

How to come ?

Access

Between Ussel and Egletons, take the D100 towards Lamazière, continue for 400m, then turn right. 250 m further on, turn right and then take the first left. The car park is located on the left by the pond.

Advised parking

Pond, Combressol

Information desks

Bureau d'information touristique de Meymac
1 place de L'Hôtel de ville, 19250
Meymac
Tel : 05 19 60 00 30

On your path...

Passerby, remember! (A)

On 3 June 1944, Jean Vilat (58), a veteran and member of the FTP (Francs-tireurs et partisans, the name of the French internal resistance movement), left his farm to warn a camp of Resistance fighters of the arrival of the Nazis. Pierre Denaes, 20 years old, who was on guard, was shot by the assailants. On his return, John was arrested and tied to a tree in front of his house. Jean would not talk despite torture and horrible mutilation, thus saving many resistance fighters.

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Replacement stone (B)

The abbey of Bonnesaigne was abandoned by the abbesses in the 18th century after numerous pillages and fires. Like many other buildings, it was then transformed into a stone quarry. The stones were used to make other buildings. Today you can still see them in the village of Bonnesaigne used in the village houses.

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Traditional winch and peg wells (C)

This type of well is not very common in the Haute-Corrèze because the water table is not as deep as in the north of the Limousin. It consists of a wooden structure that supports the winch and peg system.

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