

The Gallo-Roman site of Les Cars

Plateau de Millevaches - Pérols-sur-Vézère



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Exploring a must-see site on the Millevaches plateau: the Gallo-Roman remains at Les Cars

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Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 12.0 km

Trek ascent : 297 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Heritage site and architecture

Trek

Departure : Church, Pérols-sur-Vézère

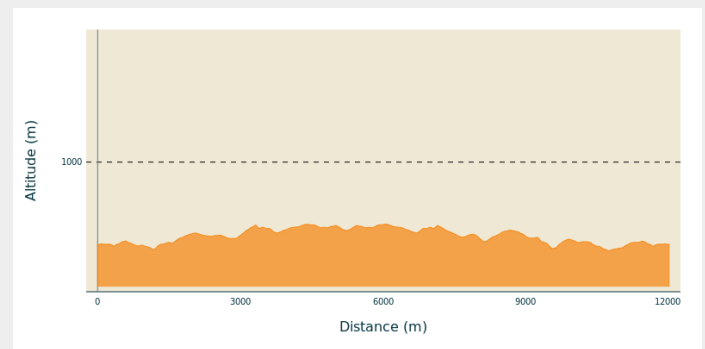
Arrival : Church, Pérols-sur-Vézère

Markings : — Yellow markers

Cities : 1. Pérols-sur-Vézère

2. Saint-Merd-les-Oussines

Altimetric profile



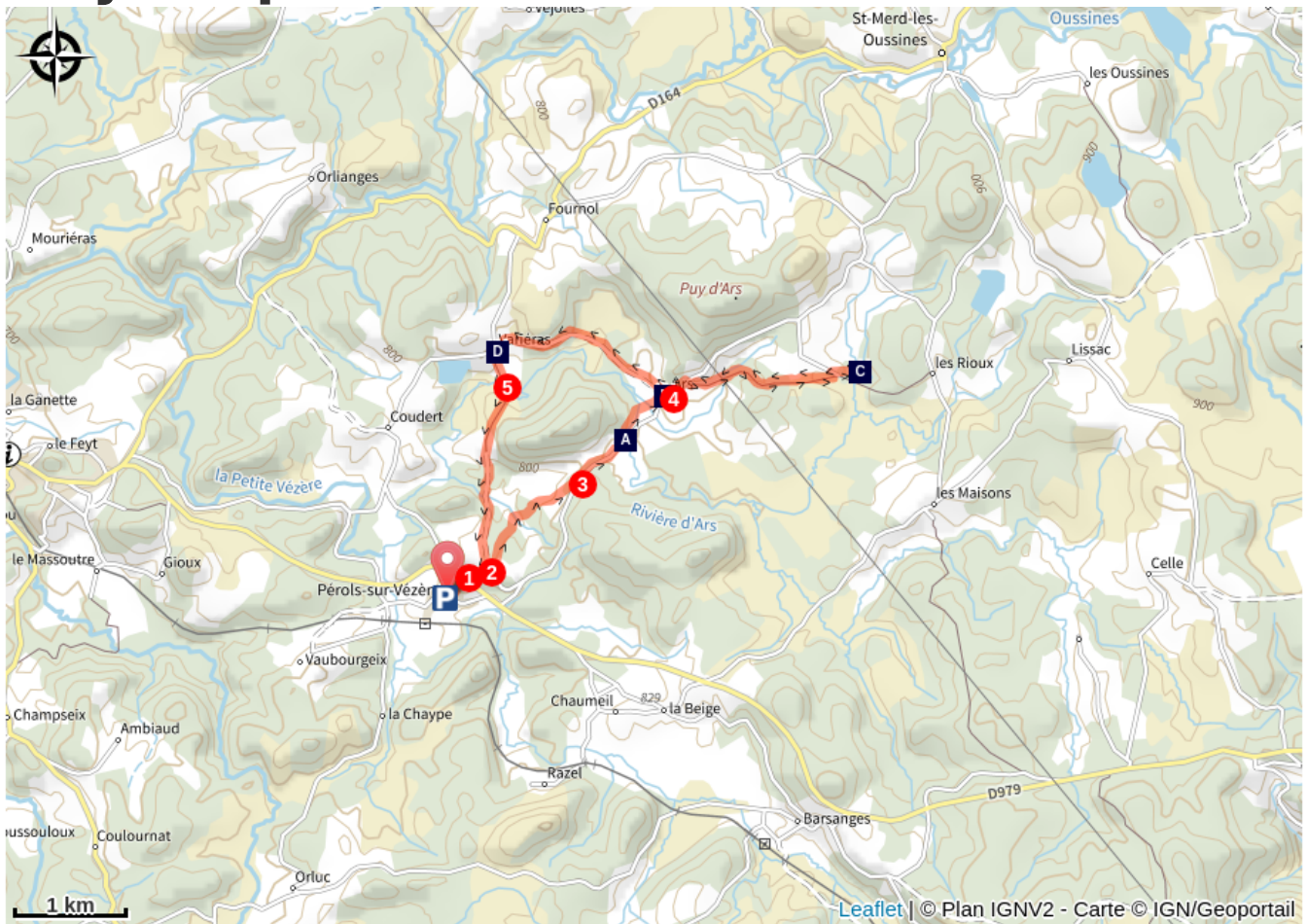
Min elevation 754 m Max elevation 828 m






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On your path...



-  The Ars stream (A)
-  Gallo-Roman remains at Les Cars (C)
-  The Variéras bridge (E)
-  The village of Ars (B)
-  The village of Variéras (D)



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All useful information

How to come ?

Access

5 km from the tourist information office in Bugeat and 18 km from the one in Meymac, follow the D979. Leaving the road to enter the village.

Advised parking

Church, Pérols-sur-Vézère

Information desks

Office de tourisme Terres de Corrèze - Bureau de Bugeat

Place du Champ de Foire, 19 170 Bugeat
Tel : 05 55 95 16 68

Bureau d'information touristique de Meymac

1 place de L'Hôtel de ville, 19250
Meymac
Tel : 05 19 60 00 30
<https://www.tourisme-hautecorreze.fr/>



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On your path...



🌿 The Ars stream (A)

Taking its source in the heart of the Plateau de Millevaches on the Longeyroux peat bog, the Ars becomes the beginning of the Vézère at its confluence with other streams at Pérois, then joins the Vézère which itself flows into the Dordogne after having travelled more than 200 km. The excellent quality of its waters is confirmed by the presence of the otter.

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🏡 The village of Ars (B)

The villages of Haute-Corrèze are all involved in agriculture. Walking through these hamlets always produces interesting discoveries during a hike: barns, mansions, crosses, bread ovens... Don't miss the bread oven at Ars. The base of the cross and the granite vat are a reminder that the Gallo-Roman site is not far away, as these elements were probably reused stones from the site.

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🏡 Gallo-Roman remains at Les Cars (C)

The Gallo-Roman remains of Les Cars are composed of two funerary buildings and a vast dwelling located 200 m below. The presence, in the heart of an agricultural estate, of a wealthy villa owned by a landowner linked to two private mausoleums, dating from the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD, is a hypothesis that remains to be confirmed. This site, famous for its monolithic granite tank, is open all year round.

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🏡 The village of Varièras (D)

Varièras symbolises the renewal and creativity of the Plateau: if the cottage represents the traditional rural habitat of our region, the thatch is what predominates in this village of about fifty cottages. These buildings are real people's homes and are private properties that cannot be visited. On the descent after the village, the paved path goes down to the so-called Roman bridge of Varièras.

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The Varières bridge (E)

On the descent after Varières, the paved path goes down to the Roman bridge. Granite is everywhere in the traditional buildings of the Millevaches plateau, such as the villages of Pérols and Bugeat. From the extraction of rock to the work of artists and traditional local buildings, the Granite House, a permanent exhibition within the Bugeat tourist office, is a starting point for many discoveries.

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