

The Crosses Circuit

Plateau de Millevaches - Féniers



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Set out on along paths where you can discover the crosses of the Plateau de Millevaches, sober and moving witnesses to the people's faith.

Departing from the church square, discover the old machines of a mill under the communal wash-house, and then the hike makes a loop through the Rebeyrolle. At the highest point of the route, an altitude of 880 m, on a clear day, look at the view of the Monts d'Auvergne, before going through the hamlet of La Vialle, in the commune of Mas d'Artiges. On the way back to Féniers, detour to the source of Creuse.

Throughout the trip, you will find crosses, hence the name given to this walk.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 12.7 km

Trek ascent : 373 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Heritage site and architecture

Trek

Departure : Church Square, Féniers

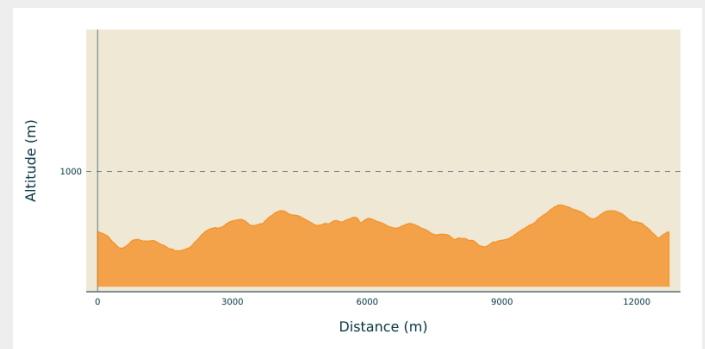
Arrival : Church Square, Féniers

Markings : — Yellow markers

Cities : 1. Féniers

2. Le Mas-d'Artige

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 780 m Max elevation 907 m

Depart from the church square. Go down the D 8 towards Le Moulin.

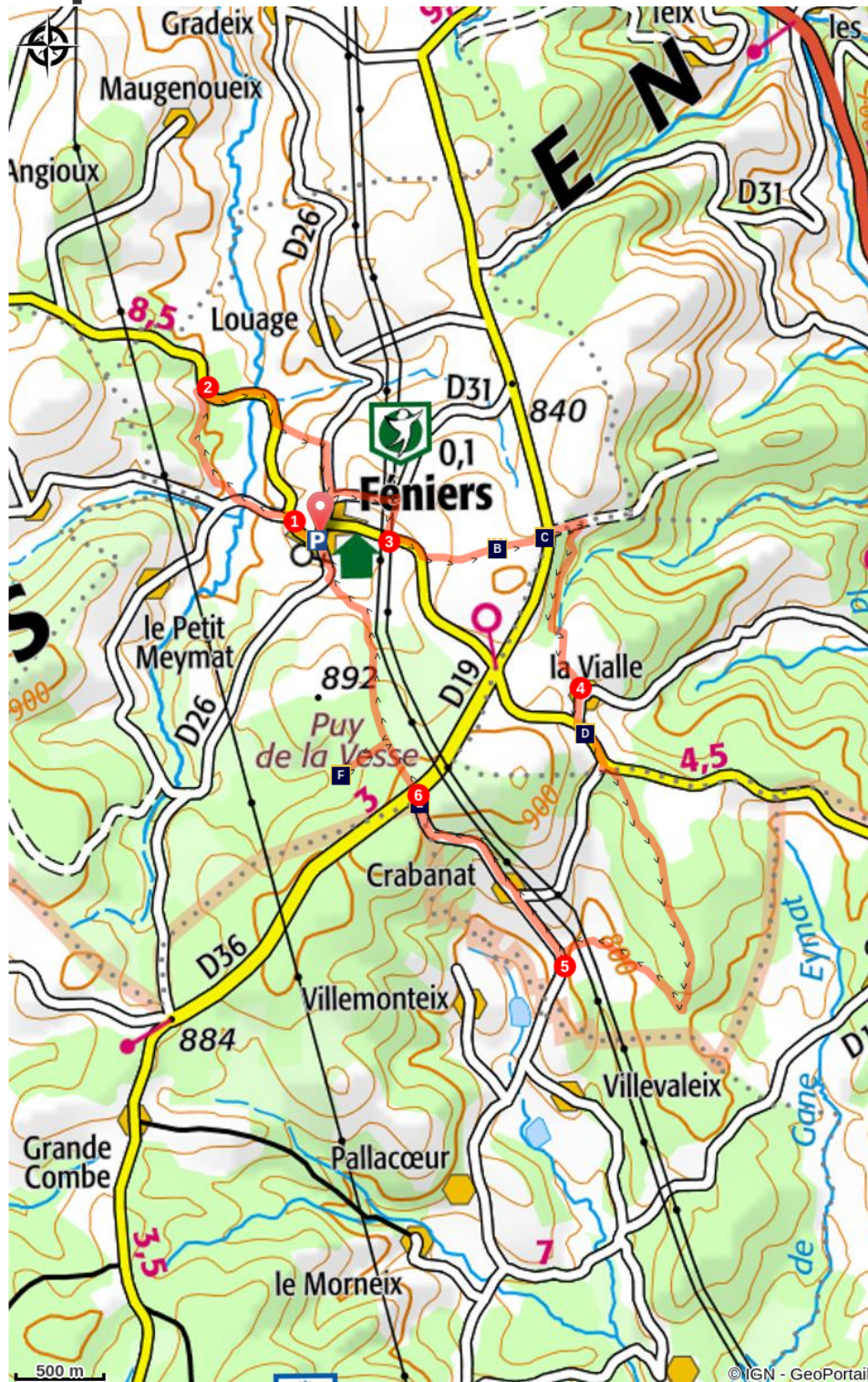
1. At the end of the village, turn left down the side road. Cross the Creuse then take the track to the right. At the next crossroads, take the track to the right. Follow it straight ahead to return to the D8.
2. Take the road to the right and cross the stream again. On the left at an abandoned road, take the uphill path to the D8. Follow it to the right; then, when you reach the cross at the village entrance, follow the road to the left. Continue straight ahead until you reach the power line and then turn right down the path.
3. Take the road to the left. At the cemetery, go up on the left by the track that runs alongside the solar energy park. Cross the D36 to take the track opposite. 200m. further on, take a forest path on the right that leads to La Vialle.
4. Enter the village and take the road on the right. At the next crossroads, take the departmental road on the left. At the crossroads with the road to Crabanat, go ahead and then immediately take the path below the road. Follow it for quite a long time. It begins a descent: at the Y-junction, take the path on the right that goes up.
5. Take the road to the right. In Crabanat, take the road on the left (when you get to the top of the meadow, turn around for a view of the Sancy and Cantal massifs) and go on to the D36.
6. Cross over and continue on the track ahead. A little further on, turn left (10 mins) towards the source of the Creuse river. Continue on the track straight ahead to get back to Féniers.



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On your path...



Village of Féniers (A)



Aircraft and military field (C)



The Cantal Mountains (E)



Photovoltaic solar power plant (B)



Massif du Sancy (D)



Source of the Creuse (F)



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All useful information

Advices

Shooting takes place regularly close to the military camp at La Courtine. Don't worry, it only happens inside the military compound.

How to come ?

Access

Follow the D36 that links Felletin to Meymac. Féniers is 1 km away from this axis on the road to Gentioux.

Advised parking

Church Square, Féniers

Information desks

Bureau d'information de Felletin

Place Quinault, 23500 Felletin

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Tel : 05 55 66 32 12

<http://www.aubusson-felletin-tourisme.com>

Bureau d'information touristique de Meymac

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Meymac

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<https://www.tourisme-hautecorreze.fr/>



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On your path...



Village of Féniers (A)

Féniers, whose name is said to come from hay, had 94 inhabitants at the last census. It was the headquarters of a Knights Hospitallers' administrative centre with a sub-command in the village of Crabanat. The present church was placed under the authority of the commander.

Note the sizeable communal washhouse. Of recent construction and well-maintained, it shelters old tools used for flour-milling.

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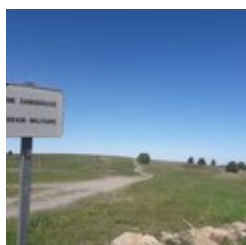


Photovoltaic solar power plant (B)

Commissioned in 2014, the Feniers photovoltaic power plant occupies 6 ha. It can produce 5,455,000 kWh per year, equivalent to the annual consumption of a thousand French households.

It is located on a former military field with two radars behind the panels.

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Aircraft and military field (C)

On the D36, a stretch carries a sign "military field". This is the former Féniers airfield. The latter, under the jurisdiction of the Courtine camp, was included in the list of airfields as early as 1926 but, surrounded by steep slopes, often snow-covered, it was not adapted to new aircraft models and was closed to public traffic in 1947; it was used for some time to train the troops. As a tribute to this period, a Fouga school plane is on display at the entrance to Féniers.

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Massif du Sancy (D)

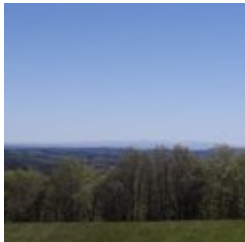
This hike will offer you a remarkable view of the highest volcano in metropolitan France, the Puy de Sancy. At 1885 metres above sea level, this summit is the highest point of the Massif Central. The two streams, the Dore and the Dogne, originate there, and their confluence forms the Dordogne.

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The Cantal Mountains (E)

Another Auvergne massif with Le Sancy, the Cantal Mountains, presents itself to us during this hike. This massif is, in fact, the remnant of a stratovolcano born 13 million years ago, the largest in Europe, eroded by collapse and glacial erosion.

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Source of the Creuse (F)

A short round trip allows you to discover a source mentioned on the 1834 land register, such as the Creuse spring: The D36 road marks the watershed between the Dordogne basin (fed for a tiny part by the springs located in the village of Crabanat) and the Loire basin (which has the Creuse and then the Vienne as tributaries).

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