

Two peaks circuit, short variant

Parc de Millevaches en Limousin - Saint-Oradoux-de-Chirouze



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A very family-friendly circular walk to the highest point of the Creuse

Head for the Puy des Chaires, the highest point of the Creuse, through the Châteauvert forest. With an exceptional view of the Massif du Sancy as a bonus.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 1 h

Length : 2.8 km

Trek ascent : 56 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Landscape, Viewpoint

Trek

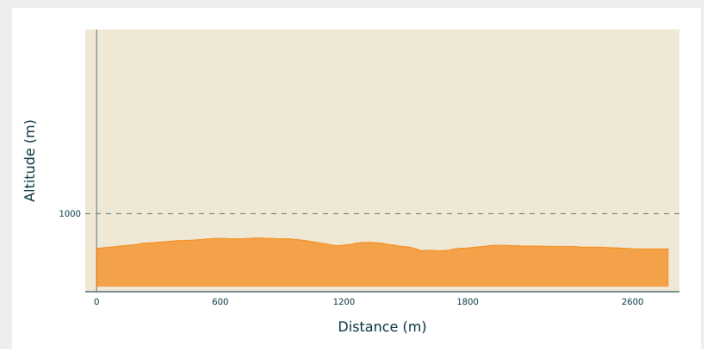
Departure : La Croix de Barbe clearing, St-Oradoux de Chirouze

Arrival : La Croix de Barbe clearing, St-Oradoux de Chirouze

Markings : — Red markers

Cities : 1. Saint-Oradoux-de-Chirouze
2. Saint-Martial-le-Vieux
3. Lamazière-Haute

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 897 m Max elevation 932 m

Park at the Croix de Barbe crossroads. Take an earth path opposite the hut. Continue always straight ahead.

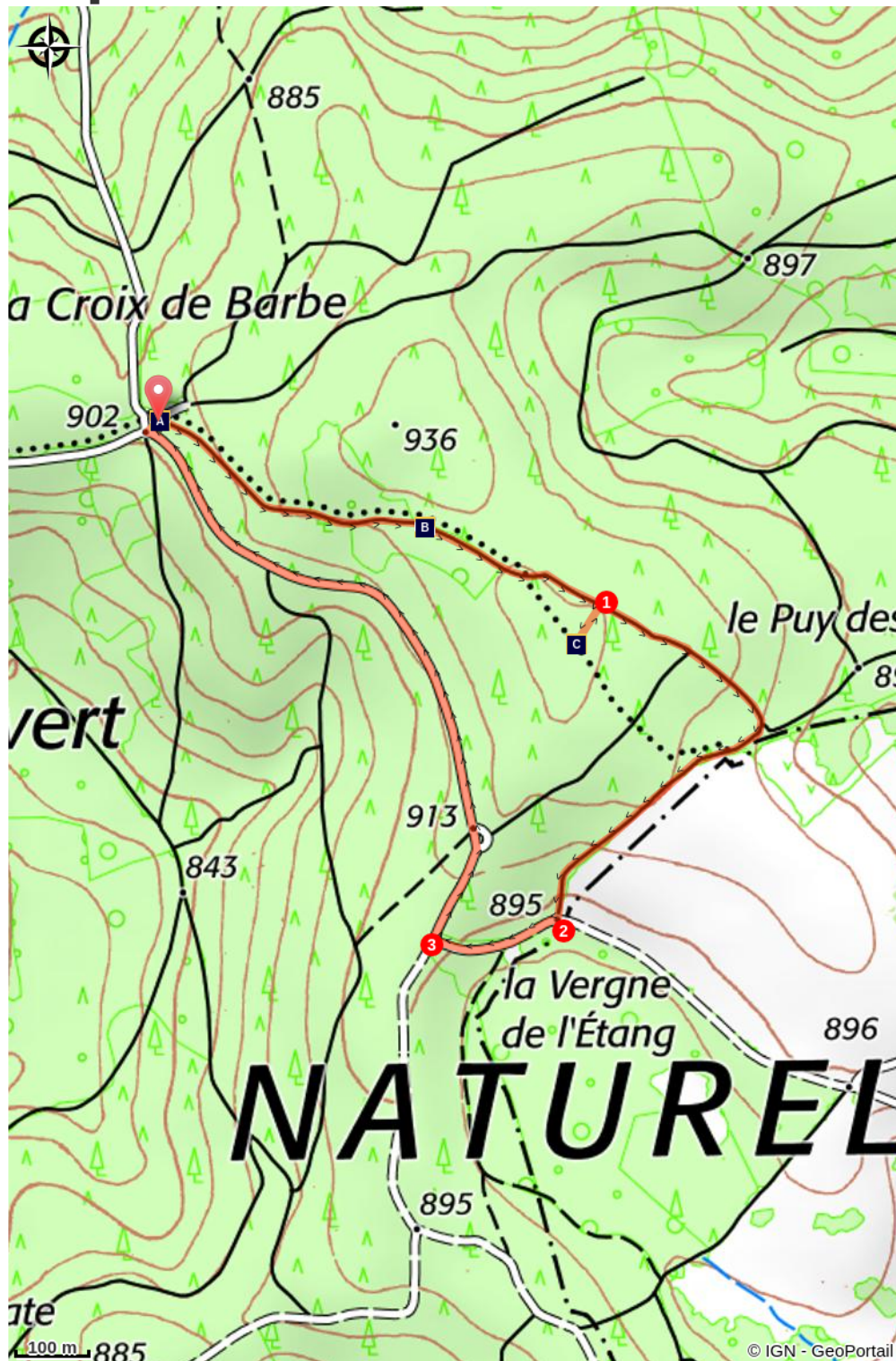
1. At the high point sign, walk back to the small cement marker that marks this point. Continue straight ahead.
2. Turn right onto a path (leave the longer circuits on your left). Join a track, which you take to the right. Continue straight ahead until you reach the road.
3. Follow this road to the right to return to the starting point.



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On your path...



 La Croix de Barbe (A)

 The Châteauvert forest (B)

 The highest point of the Creuse (C)



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All useful information

Advices

Ce chemin est un raccourci de deux boucles plus longues (5 et 9 km), qui font l'objet d'une fiche descriptive chacune.

A proximité du camp militaire de La Courtine, des tirs ont lieu régulièrement. Rassurez-vous, ils ne se déroulent qu'à l'intérieur de l'enceinte militaire.

How to come ?

Access

From La Courtine, follow the D996 towards St-Oradoux. For 6 km. Then follow the "route forestière" for 2 km. The circuit starts at the Croix de Barbe clearing.

Advised parking

La Croix de Barbe clearing, St-Oradoux de Chirouze

Information desks

Bureau d'information touristique d'Ussel

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



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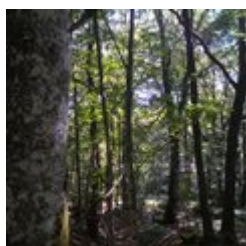
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La Croix de Barbe (A)

The presence of the typical hunters' hut at the start of this hike (the testimonies in the visitors' book inside prove that it is also used as a shelter for hikers, soldiers on manoeuvres...) reminds us of the richness of the woodland undergrowth of the Plateau de Millevaches: game, blueberries, mushrooms, so many gourmet treasures that can be found on our restaurant owners' menus.

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The Châteauvert forest (B)

The forest of Châteauvert is a vast massif composed mainly of deciduous trees and, more particularly, beeches. At over 900 metres, this forest has one of the highest beech forests in the region. It is defined as an old growth forest, which has been continuously wooded for at least 150 years: naturalists, therefore, consider that its ecosystem corresponds to an optimum close to environments where man has never intervened.

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The highest point of the Creuse (C)

On your right in the undergrowth, under the moss, try to locate a high point marked with a small cement marker: this is the highest point in the Creuse at 932 metres. We are also at a watershed: the springs that run north-west join the river Creuse, a tributary of the Vienne and then the Loire, while the others run towards the Dordogne.

Note that the low point of the Creuse is at the edge of the Creuse at Crozant, altitude 197 m.

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