

Along the granite trail

Parc de Millevaches en Limousin - Chaveroche



(J.Primpier - PNRML)



A walk marked by the iconic granite rock, vernacular buildings, and lines of ancient trees.

From the traditional architecture and, in particular, the church at Chaveroche to the rocks in the Diège river bed, this walk is marked by the imprint of granite. However, with geological infidelity to this rock, there is a panoramic view of the Auvergne volcanoes towards the highest point of the hike.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 3 h

Length : 11.0 km

Trek ascent : 310 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Heritage site and architecture, Landscape, Viewpoint

Departure : Church Square, Chaveroche

Arrival : Church Square, Chaveroche

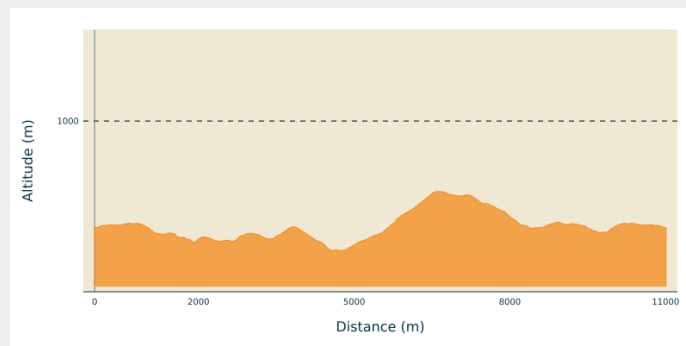
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Cities : 1. Chaveroche

2. Saint-Pardoux-le-Vieux

3. Saint-Germain-Lavolps

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 640 m Max elevation 804 m

From the Chaveroche church car park, follow the D 67 to the right towards Saint-Angel. Just after the cemetery, turn right into the multi-purpose hall car park. Go through it.

1. Take the small road to the right to arrive at Chaverochette. Continue through the woodland undergrowth around a left-hand bend, then a right-hand bend to reach a crossroads (return route opposite).
2. Turn to the right along the path. At the T-junction, go up the small shady road on the left. At the end of the tarmac, go past the entrance to a house and continue for 40 m. At the fork in the road, go down the trail on the right and into the undergrowth. Cross the stream (granite bridge), go back up and 30 m after the Rocher de la Poule (large granite block on the right), under the high voltage line, take a path on the right which leads to a road (view over the Sancy massif).
3. Turn right towards the hamlet of Le Chassaing. Fork left just after the barn and go up a path.
4. At a fork in the road, go straight as far as La Diège following the sign "au fil du granite" (ignore the path signposted "Pierres qui roulent" on the right). Follow the river (natural site of Petit-Confolent) to the D 49, which you take on the left for 800 m.
5. Turn left towards the hamlet of Neuf-Jours and climb through the deciduous undergrowth to a fork in the road. Turn right (small Chaveroche sign). Follow a vast clearing to the bend (panoramic view of the Puy de Sancy to the Cézaillier mountains). Go straight up below the high voltage line in a coniferous forest (ignore the prohibition cross on a tree on the right), then, on the level, turn sharply left onto a track lined with old Douglas fir trees.
6. At the end of the road, turn right onto the tarmac track. After 300m, at the small building, turn left. Go down the valley (view of the Cantal mountains) to the hamlet of Le Queyriaux, which you leave on the left.
7. Take the small road to the right. At the fork, continue to the left, past a stream and then up (past a large granite block on the left bank with marks of the old stonemasons' work). At the fork, take the forest track to the left. At the junction, go straight on to join the crossroads at point 2. Then follow the route in the opposite direction to Chaveroche




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On your path...



 The village of Chaveroche (A)

 The use of stone (B)

 Le Sancy (C)



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All useful information

Advices

The banks of the Diège can sometimes be flooded during rainy periods.

How to come ?

Access

7.6 km from Ussel, follow the D 157.

Advised parking

Church Square, Chaveroche

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...



The village of Chaveroche (A)

The church-presbytery of St. Clair dates from the 14th century and was remodelled in the 17th century. The cross in the cemetery also dates from the 14th century. The traditional architecture of the Correze is represented in the various houses that make up the village of Chaveroche.

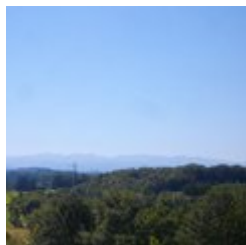
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The use of stone (B)

The migrant masons of the Limousin built their houses applying at home what they had learned on the large building sites in the big cities: facades in dressed stone, masonry works carried out with stone rubble and earth and lime mortar. Martin Nadaud, born in Creuse, is an iconic figure among these migrant masons. Granite rock is present throughout the walk in scattered blocks in the forest, low walls, bridges or other constructions.

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Le Sancy (C)

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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