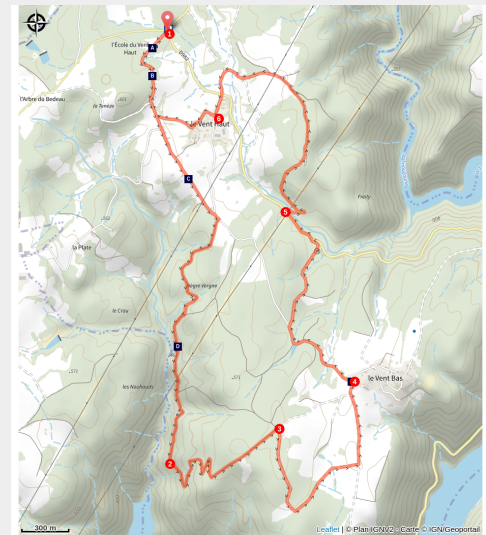


From Le Vent-Haut to Le Vent-Bas

Gorges et plateaux de la Haute-Dordogne - Neuvic



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To the south of the commune of Neuvic, go through these two villages, witnesses of the resources of the Corrèze of yesterday and today.

The route follows the "old road" which once linked Neuvic to Mauriac (Cantal) by way of the convent of Saint-Projet-le-Désert, now swallowed up by the Aigle dam. Beyond the impressive gorges of the Dordogne lies the Auvergne. The trail evokes life in the hamlets of the past: the séchadours (chestnut dryers) and the slate-covered wells are typical of the Haute-Corrèze.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 11.1 km

Trek ascent : 297 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Heritage site and architecture, Landscape

Trek

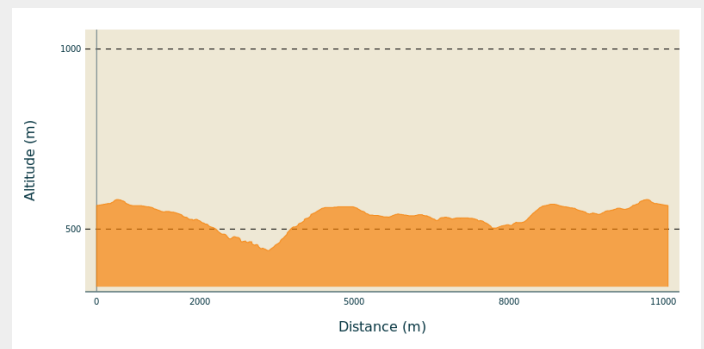
Departure : Parking at the former Le Vent-Haut school

Arrival : Parking at the former Le Vent-Haut school

Markings : — Yellow markers

Cities : 1. Neuvic

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 440 m Max elevation 582 m

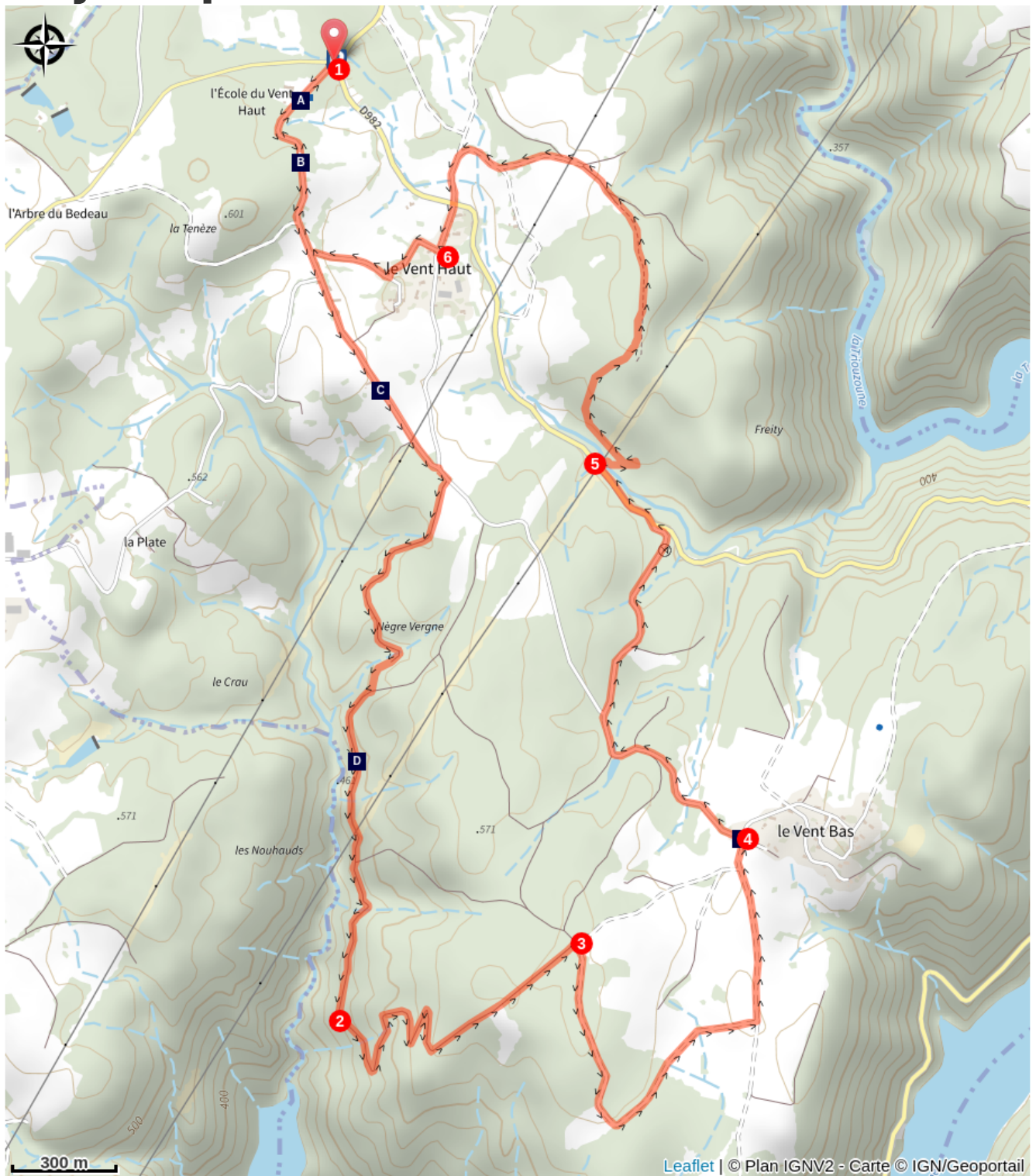
1. Park in the car park in front of the gîte (formerly Le Vent-Haut school). Set off on the track. Continue straight on until you reach the road, ignoring several tracks and paths on your right and left. Go straight ahead on the road for 50 m, then follow the path to the right. At the crossroads, keep left on the main track and continue downhill for a good kilometre.
2. Turn left onto the path that winds its way up. At the T-junction, turn left; continue straight ahead until you reach the point where the tracks cross.
3. Turn right and stay on the main track, which arcs round to Le Vent Bas, ignoring several paths and tracks on your right. Where the tracks cross in a T shape, turn left towards the village.
4. At the first house, take the road to the left and follow it as far as the intersection with the D 982. Turn left and go up for 200 m.
5. Take the trail to the right, cross the stream and follow the path that winds upwards and then straight on. After the steep path, follow the path on the left. Continue to the end of the wood, ignoring several paths on your left. Where the tracks meet, turn right and then left. Cross over to go into Le Vent-Haut.
6. In the village, turn right twice. Follow the track. At the T-junction, go right: follow the track you took on the outward journey in the opposite direction; it leads back to the starting point.








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All useful information

Advices

The former school at Le Vent-Haut is located 5 km from Neuvic.

How to come ?

Access

From Neuvic, take the D 982 south towards Mauriac for about 6km. At the bend in the road, turn right and then go straight on for a few metres until you reach the accommodation centre.

Advised parking

Parking at the former Le Vent-Haut school

Information desks

Bureau d'information touristique de Neuvic

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Neuvic

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



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On your path...



Former school at Le Vent-Haut (A)

The location of this isolated school may be surprising, but it was obviously put there to be equidistant from several villages. Unfortunately, the decline in the number of pupils led to its closure; transformed into a large capacity gîte, it now hosts family get-togethers, green classes, nature discovery courses, etc.

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Monts du Cantal (B)

Beyond the Dordogne, we will see the Monts du Cantal 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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Bread oven at Le Vent-Haut (C)

In the past, many villages had their own bread ovens, often owned jointly by the inhabitants. In addition to allowing the production of this staple food, the bread oven, like the spring and the washhouse, was a particularly convivial place for the villagers to meet.

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Forest of the gorges (D)

While the forest of Correze is often synonymous with agricultural activity and an economic asset for the region, here it is classified Natura 2000 and offers a privileged natural setting for the fauna and flora.

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Wells at Le Vent Bas (E)

It was essential to provide access to drinking water in the heart of the village, especially when springs were less accessible or non-existent. The presence of many shallow water tables in the area explains the large number of traditional wells.

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