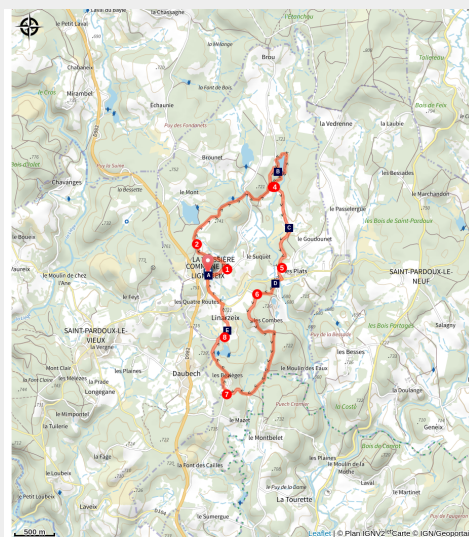


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Plateau de Millevaches - Lignareix



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As the name of the walk invites you to do, enjoy a little game guessing the function of the old buildings encountered on the walk.

Exploring the surroundings of Ussel. Identify the old buildings: old dwellings where several houses joined together, thus saving a side wall, farms where the "living" side communicated with the stable to benefit from a little heat, barns where the hay stored upstairs passed through a trap door to the animals. The highlight of the walk is the Combeaux pond, which supplied water to the mills located below and provided fish.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 2 h 30

Length : 9.7 km

Trek ascent : 184 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Art, History, Landscape

Trek

Departure : Place de la Mairie, Lignareix

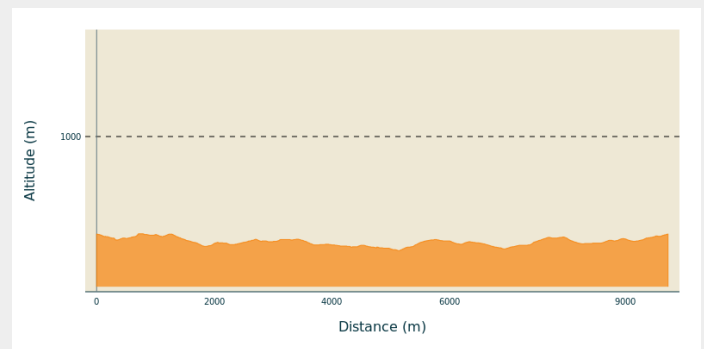
Arrival : Place de la Mairie, Lignareix

Markings : — Yellow markers

Cities : 1. Lignareix

2. Ussel

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 683 m Max elevation 730 m

Depart from the town hall in Lignareix. Go in the opposite direction from the RD 979 towards the Combeaux pond.

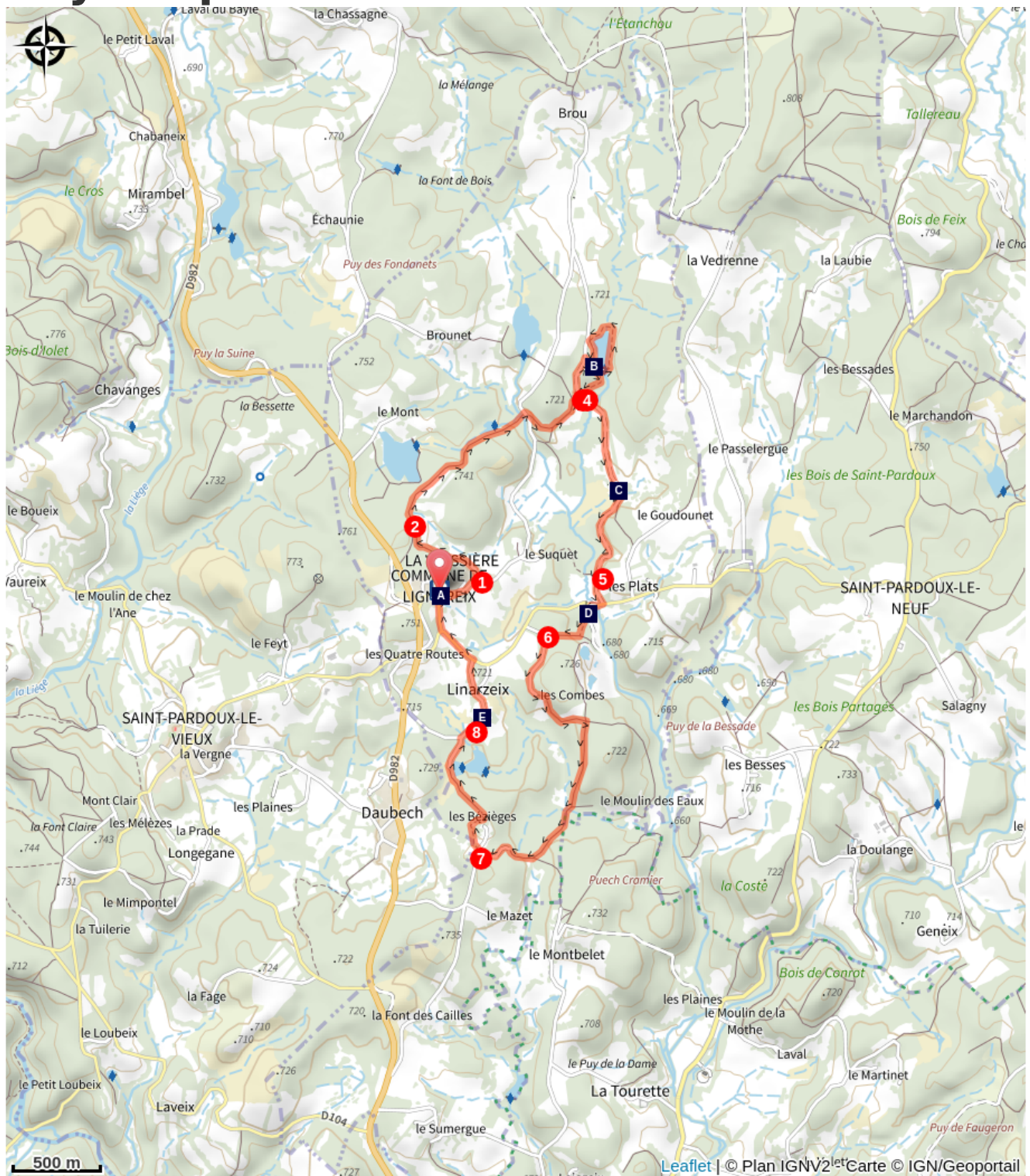
1. At the crossroads, turn left. At the end of the village, at the Y junction, take a path to the right. Continue straight ahead.
2. Join a path when you reach a property; continue to the right until you reach the road. Cross over and take the path opposite. Ignore a path on the right, then on the left.
3. When you reach the track, turn left to reach the Combeaux pond. At the road, go up to the right towards the building and then back down to the edge of the pond. Take the trail that goes around the pond in a clockwise direction. After the dam, turn left onto a trail that leads to point 3.
4. Continue straight ahead on the track, ignoring a path on the left and then on the right. After the beech tree border, go straight on (turn right for the shortcut)
5. Take the road on the right, then after the bridge, follow the quarry track on the left for 50 metres. Leave it and go up the path to the right. Turn right at the next crossroads to return to the road.
6. Follow it to the left. After the house, it becomes a track. Where the paths cross at the top of the quarry, turn right: the path goes down to a stream and back up again. Turn right at the T-junction to reach Bézièges.
7. Follow the road to the right. Before the chalet, take the grassy path that goes around a property. Continue straight on through the woodland. The path becomes a road. Turn right at the crossroads to return to Lignareix.
8. Go through the village. Straight on at the exit to join the departmental road. Follow it left for 250 metres; follow it to the right to get back to the starting point.








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On your path...



-  The village of Lignareix (A)
-  Wet meadows (C)
-  The Linarzeix Cross (E)

-  The Combeaux pond (B)
-  The Quarry (D)



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All useful information

Advices

This circuit has a shorter version of 7 km, which is described in a separate information sheet.

How to come ?

Access

Between Ussel and La Courtine, leave the D982 to reach the town hall of Lignareix.

Advised parking

Place de la Mairie, Lignareix

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 Lignareix (A)

Don't look for the church in Lignareix; there isn't one in the village. A quirk that is unique in Corrèze; 650 municipalities like this in France...

The explanation, however, is quite simple: destroyed during the Revolution, it was never rebuilt. The church building was located in a meadow below the town hall.

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The Combeaux pond (B)

Coming from springs, thanks to the numerous flat areas of this low relief landscape, the streams are the origin of numerous wetlands. Humans have taken advantage of the presence of water and the topography to create a multitude of ponds in Haute Corrèze. This is the case with Les Combeaux, where the monks at the abbey of Saint-Angel created a body of water to supply them with fish and also to turn two small mills below.

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Wet meadows (C)

Situated at the bottom of valleys, often in spring areas or on the bank of a stream that is barely flowing, wet meadows and peat bogs provide small fodder reserves in times of drought. Livestock finds food there during very hot and dry weather events. In the spring, these areas are also good for dragonflies.

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The Quarry (D)

Located in the municipality of Lignareix, this rock quarry exploits migmatitic granite and produces different types of materials, from boulders to sand, by crushing the rock. This is a private site, closed to the public.

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The Linarzeix Cross (E)

The villages of Limousin were all heavily involved in agriculture. Walking through these hamlets always produces interesting discoveries during a hike: barns, mansions, crosses and monuments, traditional local architecture...

In the village of Lignareix, a pretty cross by the wooden fence of a house.

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