

# The Wells Circuit

Sud Creuse – Aubusson – lac de Vassivière – Dontreix



Puits (ADRT23 Services)



*Rediscover the essentials: peace, quiet and nature.*

Near fountains, springs and sacred trees, the crosses are signposts for travellers and are also an opportunity to stop and pray. Numerous wells mark the course of a territory rich in springs.

## Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 3 h

Length : 10.4 km

Trek ascent : 255 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Heritage site and architecture

# Trek

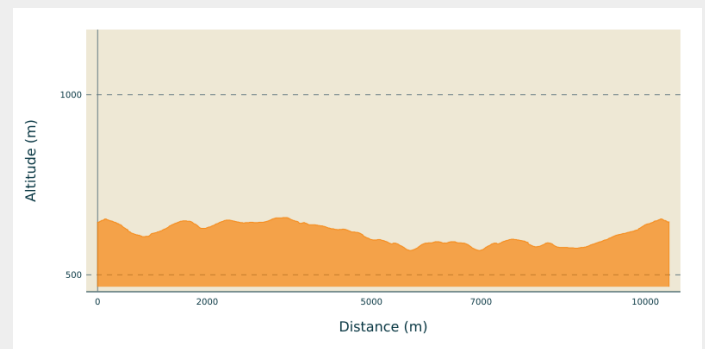
**Departure** : Puits des Gendeleauds, Dontreix

**Arrival** : Puits des Gendeleauds, Dontreix

**Markings** : — Orange markers

**Cities** : 1. Dontreix  
2. Charron

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 567 m Max elevation 659 m

1. Go to the Gendelauds Well, take the road to Fontille, turn left at the first path and then follow the path to the right.
2. Turn right towards Les Chabrat; at Chabrat, head towards Courdemanges.
3. At the crossroads, turn left onto the Chemin de Gibreix and continue for 1 km to Gibreix.
4. Cross the road and follow it to the crossroads signposted La Chaumette; (Return trip to La Chaumette to see the chapel); Turn left towards the La Carte Jarrige.
5. Take the road to Le Mas and follow the departmental road.
6. Continue along the D4 road towards Dontreix for 400m until you reach a grassy path on the left.





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# On your path...



-  Gendelauds Well (A)
-  Gibreix washhouse and drinking trough (C)

-  Church of St Julien (B)
-  Chapel of La Chaumette (D)



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# All useful information

## How to come ?

### Access

Leave Auzances and take the D988 towards Clermont-Ferrand for 7 km and enter Dontreix.

### Advised parking

Place, Dontreix

## Information desks

### **Communauté de communes Marche et Combrailles en Aquitaine**

Rue de l'Etang, 23700 Auzances

Tel : 05 55 67 04 99



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## Gendelauds Well (A)

In the past, the wells were meeting points for the inhabitants of the village who came to fetch water or water their animals. This well is dated 1888 and now contains a statue of the Virgin.

Attribution : Commune de Dontreix

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## Church of St Julien (B)

The 12th-century church was completed by a bell-tower-porch in the 15th century. The stained glass window of the Ascension is a copy of part of the one in Poitiers Cathedral. The church also has six Art Deco stained glass windows.

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## Gibreix washhouse and drinking trough (C)

Under a lime tree, you can admire the Pouchol de Gibreix Cross carved in 1865. This cross is made of Volvic stone. Opposite, discover a washhouse which was also used as a watering place for animals.

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## Chapel of La Chaumette (D)

Next to the chapel, remarkable for its bell tower, is a wrought iron cross bearing the symbol of the four evangelists (Tetramorph): the bull of St Luke, the eagle of St John, the lion of St Mark and the angel of St Matthew.

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