







# **Exploring the forest**

Gorges et plateaux de la Haute-Dordogne - Neuvic







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# Local memory and exploring the natural landscape will offer you a splendid overview of the history and heritage of Neuvic.

Visit the arboretum of Puy Chaffaud to learn how to differentiate between the different species of trees. Once you have finished your lesson, walk through the forests and take a break at the edge of the Vergne pond. On the way, pay attention, listen for the black woodpecker and surprise the deer or the roebuck. This walk will allow you to explore the forest, an economic asset of the region whose beauty changes with the seasons.

#### **Useful information**

Practice: Pedestrian

Duration: 3 h

Length: 9.5 km

Trek ascent: 199 m

Difficulty: Medium

Type: Loop

Themes: History, Landscape



# **Trek**

**Departure**: Arboretum du Puy Chaffaud,

Neuvic

Arrival: Arboretum du Puy Chaffaud,

Neuvic

**Markings**: — Yellow markers

Cities: 1. Neuvic

#### **Altimetric profile**



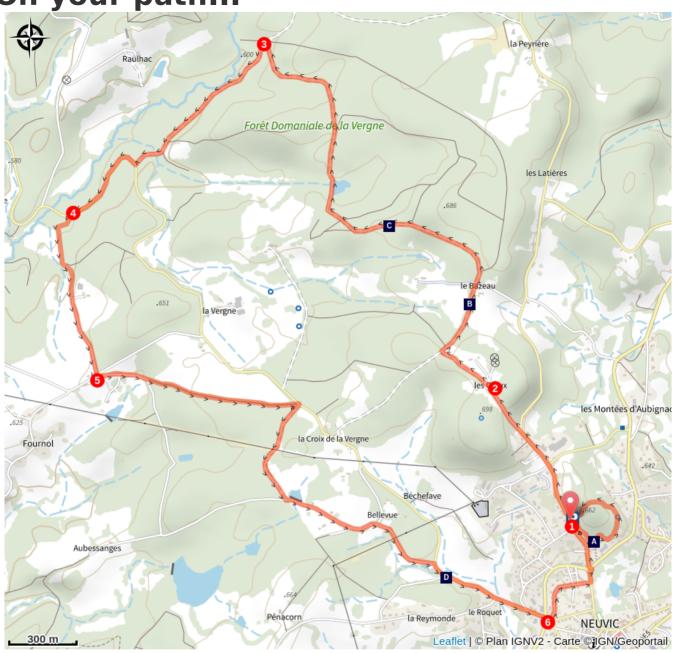
Min elevation 574 m Max elevation 689 m

Park on the esplanade at Puy Chaffaud.

- 1. Walk around it by taking the trail overlooking the houses; pass behind the monument to the Resistance. Continue straight on past the fitness trail workshops to return to the starting point. Go down towards the road to St-Angel; set off to the right. At the second crossroads, turn left towards Les Creux.
- 2. At the top, take the trail to the left; go right at the next crossroads. Cross the road and continue on the track. Stay on this main track, leaving less marked paths to the right and left. You go past a pond; continue.
- 3. At the T-junction, take the track on the left. At the next crossroads, take the road to the right for 500 m.
- 4. Follow to the left the path that goes up beneath the woods along a meadow. Follow the track to the right to reach the houses.
- 5. Cross over and continue on the small road almost opposite. In the bend, take the track straight ahead. At the top of the road, take the path on the right. At the next crossroads with the road, go left. Continue straight ahead to reach Neuvic.
- 6. Cross the D 982. Take the 1st left (Blvd Pasteur). Turn left to reach the roundabout; continue towards St-Angel on the road that goes up to find the starting point again.



On your path...



- Tribute to the Resistance (A)
- The forest of La Vergne (C)
- The Puy de Sancy (B)
- The wash house (D)



# All useful information

#### How to come?

#### Access

From Neuvic, go along the Place du Champ de Foire, go round the roundabout and head towards Saint-Angel. Continue for 200 m, then park on the right at the entrance to the Puy Chaffaud arboretum.

#### Advised parking

Arboretum du Puy Chaffaud, Neuvic

### **1** Information desks

# Bureau d'information touristique de Neuvic

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# On your path...



#### Tribute to the Resistance (A)

Below the path is a statue raised as a tribute to the Resistance fighters of the Second World War. Made by Raymond Couvègnes, it represents a maquisard, naked as in ancient times, holding a grenade in one hand. The departmental museum of the Resistance Henri Queuille, located in the town centre, gives you the chance to discover the life and political activities of President Queuille as well as the action of the Resistance in Haute-Corrèze.

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## The Puy de Sancy (B)

This hike will offer you a remarkable view of the highest volcano in metropolitan France, the Puy de Sancy. At 1,885 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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## The forest of La Vergne (C)

While the first part of the route leads through coniferous forests with numerous logging areas, this magnificent path leads to a beech forest.

Historically, the department of Corrèze was not forested. In 1900, forests in Corrèze occupied only ¼ of the territory. Today, almost half of the department's surface is wooded. The significant abandonment of agriculture has encouraged planting, particularly of softwoods, with a clear predilection for planting Douglas fir. The Antoine Munoz crossroads pays tribute to a former forest ranger.

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# The wash house (D)

In 1929, the town of Neuvic undertook the creation of three washhouses, including this one, the Raymonde wash house. Two other washhouses are still visible (the Grandes washhouse and the Gane washhouse). They remained in use until the middle of the 20th century when they were gradually supplanted by domestic washing machines.

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