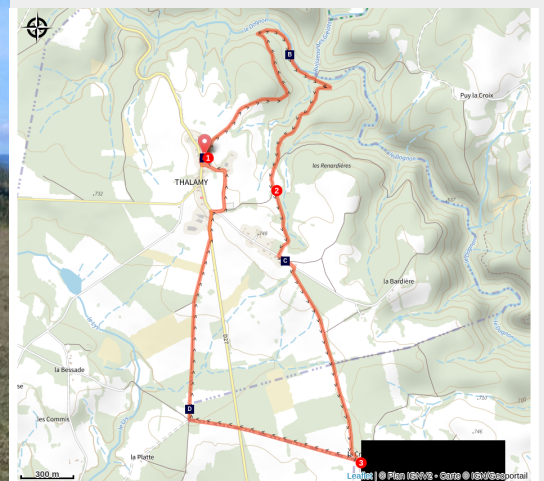


# The Knights of Malta

Gorges et plateaux de la Haute-Dordogne - Thalamy



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*From the forests of Correze to the viewpoint over the volcanoes and passing through the valley of the Dognon, this route takes you to explore some of the typical and remarkable landscapes of the region.*

This journey into the past will start just below the church at Thalamy. Indeed, in the Middle Ages, this building, steeped in history, was under the protection of the Order of Malta. Follow in the footsteps of these warrior monks along the picturesque paths that border the tumultuous waters of the Dognon, in the heart of a protected natural area.

## Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 2 h 30

Length : 7.0 km

Trek ascent : 140 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Fauna et flora, Heritage site and architecture, Viewpoint

# Trek

**Departure** : Thalamy Church

**Arrival** : Thalamy Church

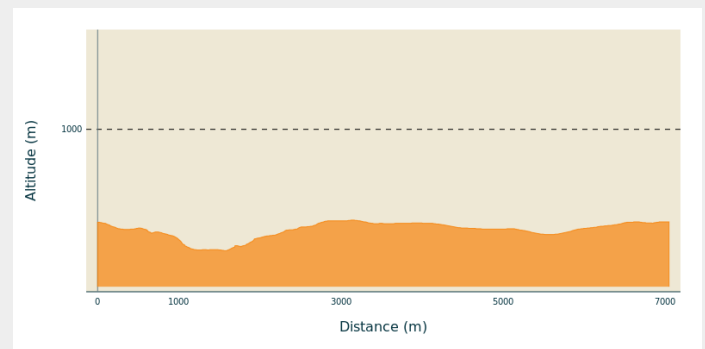
**Markings** :

— Yellow markers

**Cities** : 1. Thalamy

2. Monestier-Port-Dieu

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 663 m Max elevation 748 m

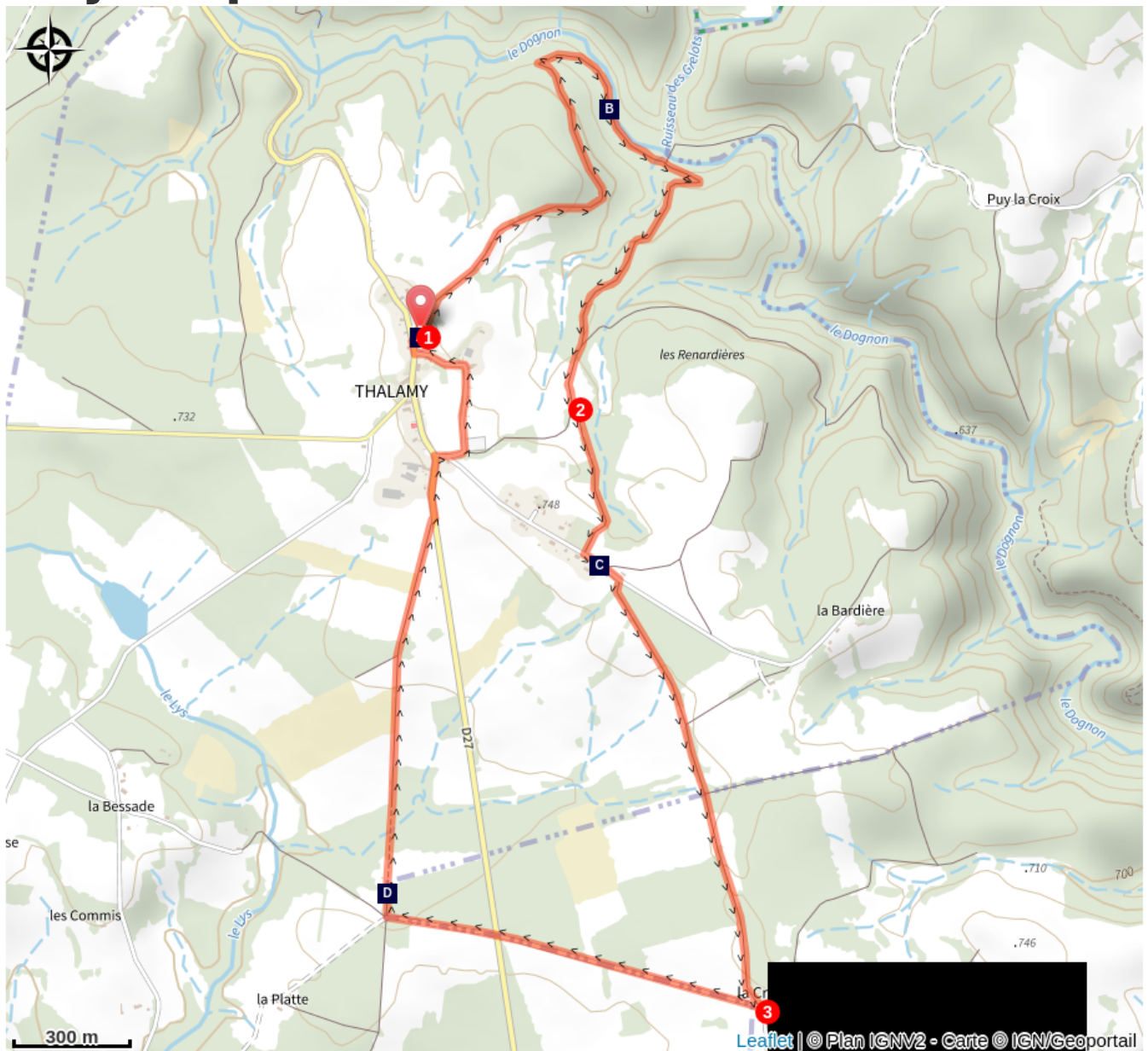
1. Take the path that goes down behind the church. After crossing pasture land, the trail meanders through woodland undergrowth. Continue to the river and walk alongside it for 200 m. Turn right onto a sloping path, leaving the bridge on your left.
2. At the junction, follow the left-hand path (the right-hand path leads back to the starting point), leading you to the road you will take on the left. 50 m further on, take the track on the right, which leads to a village.
3. When you arrive in front of the first house, take the road to the right. After 700 m, cross the road and continue straight ahead. At the intersection, turn right. Follow this long track until you reach the road, which you will follow on the left. At the first crossroads, fork right towards La Bardière, then immediately left towards the cemetery. At this point, turn left. You will reach the road that you will take on the right towards the church square.



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# On your path...



Church of the Nativity of St. John  
(A)



Puy de Sancy (C)



Dognon Valley (B)



Autocross circuit (D)



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# All useful information

## How to come ?

### Access

From Ussel, follow the D 45 towards Bort. Then the D 138 towards St-Exupéry. Continue on the D 138 to reach Thalamy via St-Bonnet.

### Advised parking

Thalamy Church

## 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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## Church of the Nativity of St. John (A)

This Templar church, dedicated to the Nativity of Saint John, was built or rebuilt in the 16th century. One of the two bells dates back to 1553.

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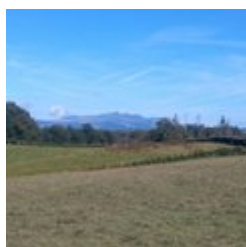


## Dognon Valley (B)

Classified as a "Natural Zone of Ecological, Faunistic and Floristic Interest" (ZNIEFF), this valley is of particular interest from a botanical point of view. Some protected species in Limousin have been identified: *Lunaria rediviva*, *Valeriana tripteris*, *Senecio cacaliaster*. This last species is only found in France in the Massif Central.

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## Puy de Sancy (C)

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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## Autocross circuit (D)

The model car club "Model Car 19", affiliated with the French Federation of Radio Controlled Cars (FFVRC), was created in 2003. The members work at several scales (TT 1/8 and TT 1/5), internal combustion and electric. A competition is held every year in September.

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