The path of the Abesses - Route 1

Parc de Millevaches en Limousin - Combressol

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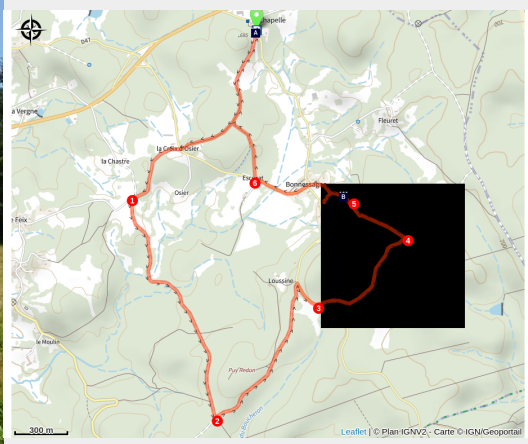


Explore the chapel of Notre-Dame du Deveix and the village of Bonnesaigne with its stonework.

This hike begins with a landmark site, the Notre-Dame du Deveix chapel. You can then enjoy the different forest landscapes on your way to the village of Bonnesaigne. Here you can walk around the site and look for the replacement stones from the former Bonnesaigne Abbey.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 2 h

Length : 7.0 km

Trek ascent : 140 m

Difficulty : Easy

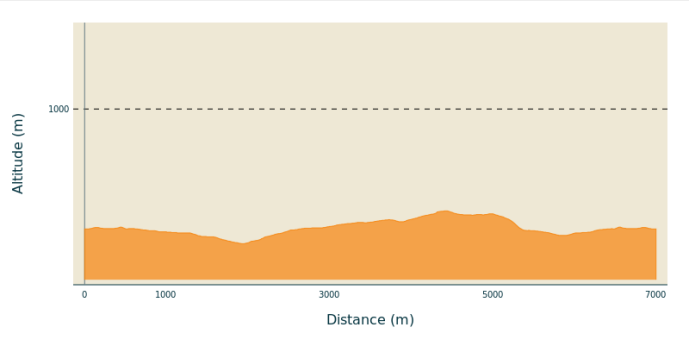
Type : Loop

Themes : Heritage site and architecture, History

Trek

Departure : Chapel of Notre Dame du Deveix, Combressol
Arrival : Chapel of Notre Dame du Deveix, Combressol
Markings : Yellow markers
Cities : 1. Combressol

Altimetric profile

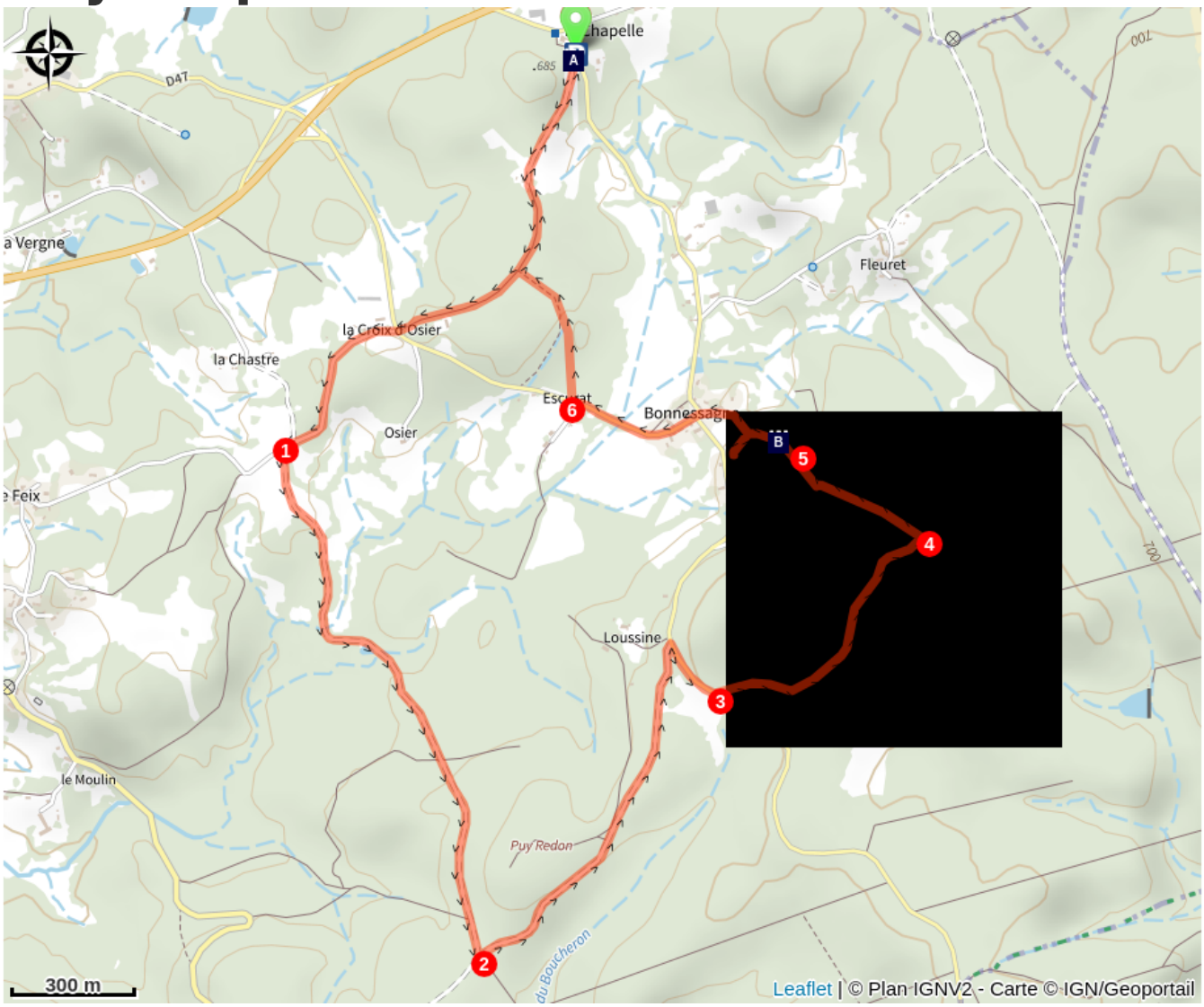


Min elevation 626 m Max elevation 717 m

Opposite the Chapelle Notre Dame du Deveix behind the hotel, take the little old Turgotière road on the left.

1. Take the track to the left.
2. Continue by turning left.
3. Leave the road and climb the track to the left.
4. Turn left where the tracks cross.
5. Straight on: the Abbesses' path on the right, the fishery on the left and abbey ruins on the right. (Off the circuit: on the left, numerous remains of the Abbey and the Barry fountain).
6. Leave the road by a narrow path on the right, opposite the spring hidden in the ditch on the left.

On your path...



The Chapel of Deveix (A)

Replacement stone (B)

All useful information

Advices

Be sure to locate the starting point, some distance from the town of Combressol. This hike has a longer route (14 km, marked circuit 2, which is the subject of a separate description sheet). It crosses an interpretation circuit at Bonnesaigne (which is also the subject of a description sheet).

How to come ?

Access

From the D1089 Egletons-Ussel, head towards "Chapelle de Combressol". The chapel is located 150 m after the D1089.

Advised parking

Chapel of Notre Dame du Deveix, Combressol

Information desks

Bureau d'information touristique de Meymac
1 place de L'Hôtel de ville, 19250
Meymac
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https://www.tourisme-hautecorreze.fr/

On your path...

The Chapel of Deveix (A)

This chapel is dedicated to the Virgin and was built in the 17th century at the request of the last abbess of Bonnesaigne, Gabrielle de Beaufort-Canillac. It was destroyed during the Revolution and rebuilt in the 19th century. You can admire the 17th century Virgin of Pity, which was returned to the chapel after being protected from looting and the Revolution by the villagers.
Even today, a pilgrimage takes place every year in September.

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Replacement stone (B)

The abbey of Bonnesaigne was abandoned by the abbesses in the 18th century after numerous pillages and fires. Like many other buildings, it was then transformed into a stone quarry. The stones were used to make other buildings. Today you can still see them in the village of Bonnesaigne used in the village houses.

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