

Trek

Departure : Saint Félicien - Post office car park

Arrival : Saint-Agrève - Rue du docteur Tourasse

Markings : 🚲 VTT

Cities : 1. Tournon-sur-Rhône

2. Saint-Jean-de-Muzols

3. Lemps

4. Vion

5. Sécheras

6. Cheminas

7. Saint-Victor

8. Étables

9. Colombier-le-Vieux

10. Bozas

11. Saint-Félicien

12. Pailharès

13. Vaudevaut

14. Lalouvesc

1 - St Félicien

Cross the square in front of the tourist office, turn left past the old butcher's shop then right in front of the porch.

2. The park

Go straight on. At the fork go left round the top of the park. Continue up the main road and turn left after the sign indicating you are leaving the village. The road becomes a track.

3. Châtelas

Follow the main path becoming a grass track. Go through the stile entering into the property of the Château de Rosières. Go towards the gate and leave via the second stile. Turn left in front of the house and its porch. The path becomes a lane leading to the main road.

4. Pont de Maillotière

Go up the main road for a few hundred metres. When the slope eases off turn left and go down towards the hamlet of Crapanne. Turn right at the house up the incline. At the first crossroads turn right along the path following the river. Cross the wooden bridge and go through the following hamlet. Follow the path above the hamlet then the track along the stream on the right.

5. La Croze de Marron

Follow the small road on the left for a good kilometre then the steep incline towards the right. A little further on, a path on the right takes you up through fields and orchards.

6. Priolat

Follow the main path going up towards the village of Pailharès.

7. Pailharès

Follow the road leading to Col du Marchand just below the restaurant then first left downhill. The road becomes a path after the last hamlet taking you down into the glen then onto a steep uphill slope on a stone path. The path comes out onto a small road . Turn left here. When you get to the first houses follow the path opposite them, leading to the road above where you turn right.

8. Le Clos de Pierre Martin

Follow the panoramic grassy path along the hillside to the right.

9. Les Granges

Go straight on at the big chestnut tree facing you, along the pleasant path entering the wood. Cross a small, very often dry, stream, go past the isolated stone house and turn right downhill towards another glen. Turn onto the path on the left before the steep slope over the other side. The path leads onto a track taking you to the main road and le Col du Marchand.

10 - Col du Marchand

Take the path between the road to Satillieu and the level forest track. Further down you will come out onto the main road. Go along the road for a few metres before turning right onto the chemin du Buisson.

11 - Le Buisson

Continue along the main path that goes slowly uphill. At the fork turn onto the lower path. Go through the stile on the edge of the field. Go down a few hundred metres and turn left onto the path going round the glen.

12 - Combe

Follow carefully the signposts at this point (many different routes). Turn off to the right onto the small grassy forest path coming onto a higher track just after the bend. Turn left. When you come to the crossroads go straight over onto the steep pebble track (perhaps need to push the bike here) Turn left onto a continuous, however very pleasant, track in a dark forest with a lot of mosslike growth. The path brings you out onto an uphill track towards Lalouvesc.

13 - Le Bois Noir

Go past the water treatment plant and into the centre of the village.

14 - Lalouvesc

Follow the main road towards Saint Bonnet le Froid. After the crossroads of Rochpaule turn onto the grassy path between the houses leading to the road above.

15 - Les Croisières

Turn left onto the main road as if going down towards Lalouvesc.

16 - Chante Auce!

Follow the pretty track between fields leading into the woods named Versaille. Go straight on, the path levels off first then goes downhill. A few kilometres on turn right onto the road to Rochepaule. Go through the hamlet and turn right onto the grassy path just before the last house. Go down to Val d'Or dale then over the wooden bridge guarded by its wood-carved legendary dwarf. Facing you take the easy-going path leading to the small lane. Carry on along the steep path on the other side for thirty to forty metres.

17 - Les Sagnes Nord

Turn left onto the enjoyable slightly downhill single track. A short craggy and steep slope takes you across the small lane again.

18 - Bobigneux

Turn immediately onto the path, through fields and forest, going down into the Vallée du Doux.

19 - Chaude Oreille

Turn slightly right onto the path going into the glen. Cross the stream coming out just below the house and turn onto its drive. It will bring you out in the large bend on the small road. Follow the road downhill to the edge of the Doux river. Cross the stone bridge before tackling the steep slope leading to the road above.

20 - Armand

Continue on the uphill road in front of you. At the end turn right onto the path going past the houses of La Côte. The path is steep going into a wood of chestnut trees. At the crossroads 4 chemins turn left onto the slightly uphill path. Go past a crossroads and follow the path above the isolated house. Further up join the track and continue downhill. After the second bend turn right then when you reach the road follow it uphill. On the third bend leave the road and continue on the obvious path. Go past the house and take the path on the right through a pine forest. The downhill slope leads to Roches de Peyrhomme in a very open and mineral environment offering a breathtaking view. Follow the quite technical overlooking path to the village of Rochpaule.

21 - Rochepaule

Follow the main road towards Saint Agrève. Turn right onto the small lane after the dell going through a small pass then downhill. At the bend leave the road onto the lane in front of you becoming a track and going past ruins. Cross the cool glen with its tiny cascades onto the pleasant path running along the other side. Use the wooden steps to join a small road.

22 - Bruas

Turn right onto the road that becomes a track. Go round the glen coming out onto a small road over the other side. Go downhill about 30 metres and turn onto the pleasant forest track with small stone retaining walls. Carry on for a few kilometres then turn right onto a relatively steep path that becomes rough ground before arriving at the plateau (need to push the bike for about 10 minutes). On the small road you are on the plateau and heading to the main road.

23 - La Chaumette

Cross the road towards Devesset lakeside.

24 - Pioulouse

Go past the lovely stone barn on the edge of the lake then over the square onto the path along the campsite. This will take you back to the main road which you cross again.

25 - Lérenier

Turn right onto a very good track taking you to the top of the village of Devesset then down to the village itself through small streets.

26 - Devesset

Easy-going paths and small roads then follow. Go through the glen and follow the small road at the top on the other side. Head South for a few hundred metres then go into the fir tree forest. Go past some houses coming out at the Auberge L'Oustau. Follow the path above it.

27 - Les bleuets

Go back to the lakeside continuing for a few kilometres before crossing over the dam and coming back down the other side.

28 - Le lac

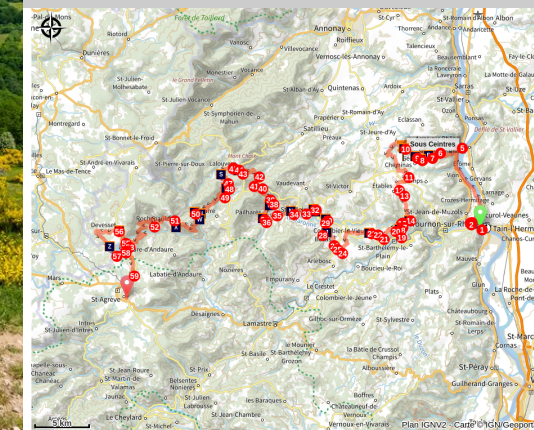
Turn sharp right up a steep slope full of tree roots. The path levels off further on. When you reach the farm go round it on the right then head south on roads and forest tracks.

29 - La Rèche

Keep heading south until you get to Saint Agrève.

Grande Traversée VTT de l'Ardèche : Tronçon Saint Félicien - Saint Agrève

Vallée du Rhône - Tournon-sur-Rhône



Sentier VTT en Ardèche Verte (Grégory Rohart - l-voyage)

A sporty alternative to the "Grande Traversée" VTT of Ardèche with some great single tracks to tackle the high plains of the Ardèche countryside. A long ascent to the village of Lalouvesc with a mixture of difficult and easy-going sections. An amusing descent towards the Doux valley before an uphill section to reach the plateau. Arriving at the Lake of Devesset makes the effort, provided on the overlooking path before the village of Rocheпаule, well worth it. The last section going to Saint Agrève will seem simple with its smooth-riding forest routes.

Useful information

Practice : Itinérance

Duration : 12 h

Length : 117.7 km

Trek ascent : 3972 m

Difficulty : Very hard

Type : Traversée

Themes : Flora, Archéologie et histoire, Point de vue, Architecture

All useful information

AdVICES

Il est recommandé de couper l'étape en 2 ou 3 car très physique.
Une première journée jusqu'à St félicien, puis une demi journée jusqu'à Lalouvesc, puis le lendemain jusqu'à Saint Agrève.

How to come ?

Transports

Bus route N° 11 Tournon sur Rhône - Saint Félicien - Lalouvesc equipped with bike-rack during the summer season.

Access

Follow the D238 from Tournon sur Rhône then the D532 to Saint Félicien.

Advised parking

Post office car park

Information desks

Office de tourisme Ardèche Hermitage
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l'Hermitage

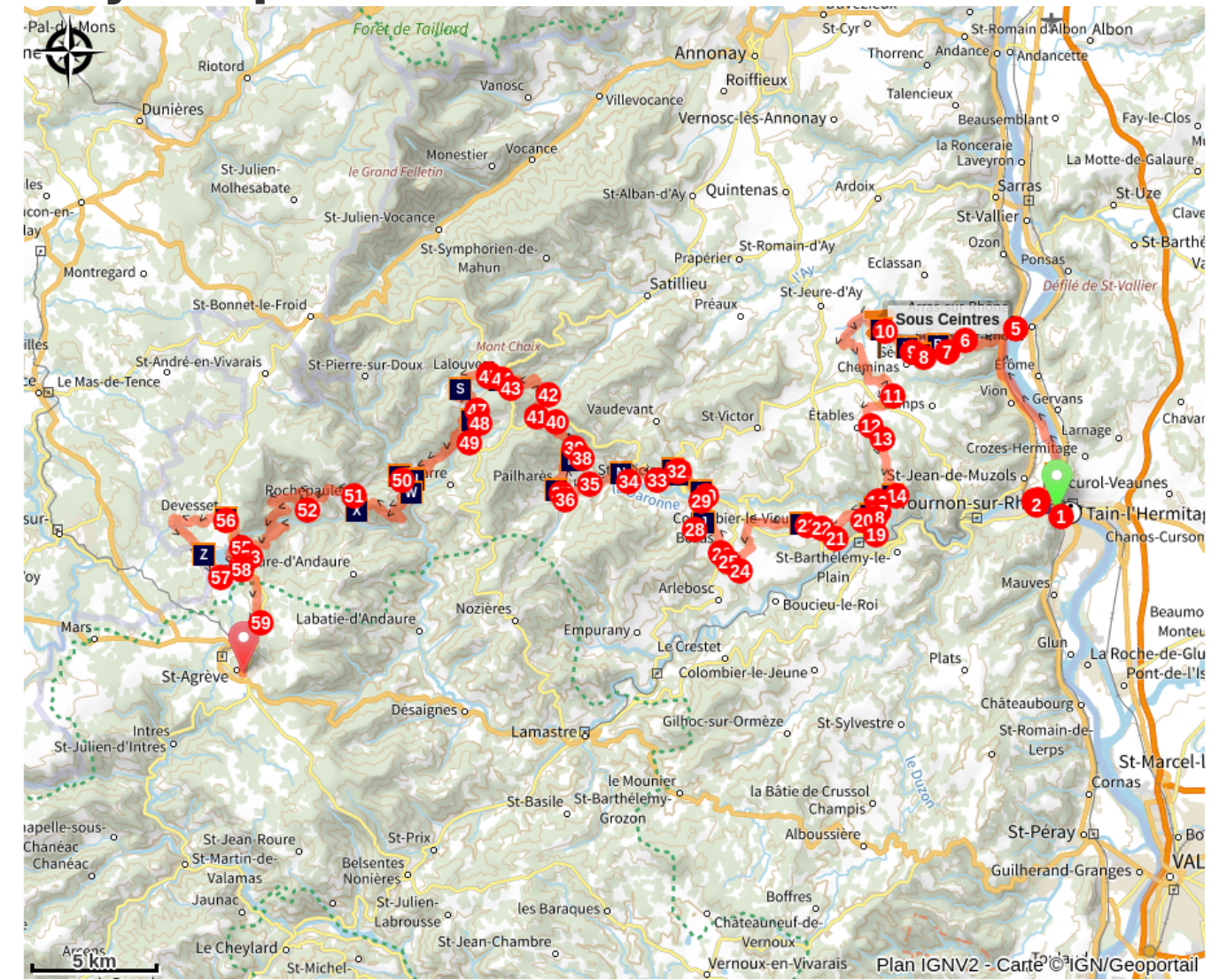
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On your path...



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| The King's table (A) | Viewing point (B) |
| Viewing point (C) | Viewing point (D) |
| The chapel in Ceintres (E) | Viewing point (F) |
| The chapel of Somy (G) | The secret nature of the Daronne Gorges (H) |
| Colombier le Vieux (I) | Roman way of Malaurier (J) |
| Viewing point (K) | Saint Félicien's silk farm (L) |
| Saint Félicien and its church (M) | Viewing point (N) |