

Leaving Saint Félicien, you will be struck by the panoramic views, each more beautiful than the last. Between Nozières and Lalouvesc the balcony road is a permanent delight. Finally, the descent via Pailharès will be a piece of cake. From St Félicien, the starting village of the Ardèchoise, a European-class cyclo sportive, you will take a little-known pass, but certainly one of the most beautiful in the region. For the steady climb up until the “Col de Fontfreyde”, you will have to give it 100%, unless you have an electric bike. From there, an almost flat road will bring you to the hilltop village Nozières where the scenery is striking. If it is a hot summer's day, the shade offered by the fir trees will be comfortably cool. From Nozières, it is another 1 km or so uphill and about 15 km after that on a false flat, but above all with permanent views over the upper Doux valley. Enjoy the scenery; look at the villages of St Jeure d'Andaure, Lafarre, Rochepaule and the gourmet village of St Bonnet le Froid, already in the Haute Loire. The final part, right before Lalouvesc will be the last few kilometers of ascent to over 1,000m, but with plenty of shade, they will be no more than a breeze. Take time to visit the heritage of Lalouvesc, a sanctuary dedicated to Saint Jean François Régis and Sainte Thérèse Couderc, around the basilica, whose architect, Pierre Bossan, was also responsible for the Fourvière basilicas in Lyon and Ars. After that, the downhill is child's play. From the “Col du Marchand”, don't miss the hilltop village of Pailharès. Then, there’s just a few more kilometers of descent to return to the starting point, following in the footsteps of thousands of cyclists in June.

Useful information

Practice : Vélo à Assistance Electrique

Duration : 3 h

Length : 51.7 km

Trek ascent : 1133 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Boucle

Themes : Freshness, Point de vue, Archéologie et histoire

Practices : Boucle cyclo

Trek

Departure : Saint Félicien - Post Office parking
Arrival : Saint Félicien - Post Office parking
Cities : 1. Saint-Félicien
2. Pailharès
3. Lalouvesc

1-3km

At the foot of the “col du Buisson”, don’t miss the road on the left-hand side heading to Nozières. The “Col de Fontfreyde” begins on a steady slope. The road continues on a false flat until you reach the village.

2-14km

In the center of Nozières, turn right onto the D236 towards Lalouvesc and go over the “Cols du Buisson et du Faux”

3-29,5km

2km before Lalouvesc, turn left onto the Bobigneux road to finish the climb towards the village of Lalouvesc.

4-34km

In Lalouvesc, turn right onto the D532 towards Saint Félicien until the “Col du Marchand”.

5-39km

At the “Col du Marchand”, don't miss the right-hand road leading down to the hilltop village of Pailharès.

From the village of Pailharès, go back to Saint Félicien by the D273.

On your path...



- Viewing point (A)
- Châteaublanc (B)
- Saint Régis in Lalouvesc (C)
- Basilique de Lalouvesc (D)
- Pailharès (E)

The Panoramic
Ardèche Verte - Saint-Félicien



Panorama avant d'arriver sur Lalouvesc (ARG - ADT 07)



All useful information

How to come ?

Transports

Line 11 Tournon sur Rhône - Saint Félicien - Lalouvesc equipped with bike racks from Easter to the autumn half term break.

Access

From Tournon sur Rhône, take the D238 then the D532 to Saint Félicien.

Advised parking

Post Office parking

Practices

Boucle cyclo

Information desks

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