



Practical informations

- > Hiking shoes, water (1.5L/pers.), hat, sunscreen.
- > Preferably wear colorful clothes.
- > Respect private property, fauna and flora.
- > Do not throw your waste in nature.
- > Do not go on trails where a hunt is in progress.
- > We mark out 193 km of hiking trails on the territory. It happens that landmarks are deteriorated. Let us know.
It may be useful to download the GPS track of this route from the site below.

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GPX tracks and sheets downloadable from



www.gorges-ardeche-pontdarc.fr



HIKING TOUR

Sheet No. 3A

The Sainte-Beaume's Hermitage

This hike leaves from the village of Saint-Montan and goes around the Gorges de la Sainte-Beaume on a pretty steep path. It goes through the Cave of the Hermit Montanus (who gave his name to the village); and, by the Romanesque church of Larnas (view of the lavender and the vines of the Laoul plateau). You'll end up with views on the castle and the medieval village which were completely rebuilt by volunteers.

Combinable with the circuit Around Larnas which has a common section



**Level
Difficult**



Quartier Bauvache
07220 Saint-Montan.
Lat. 44,261937 N
Long. 4,373077 E



7 km



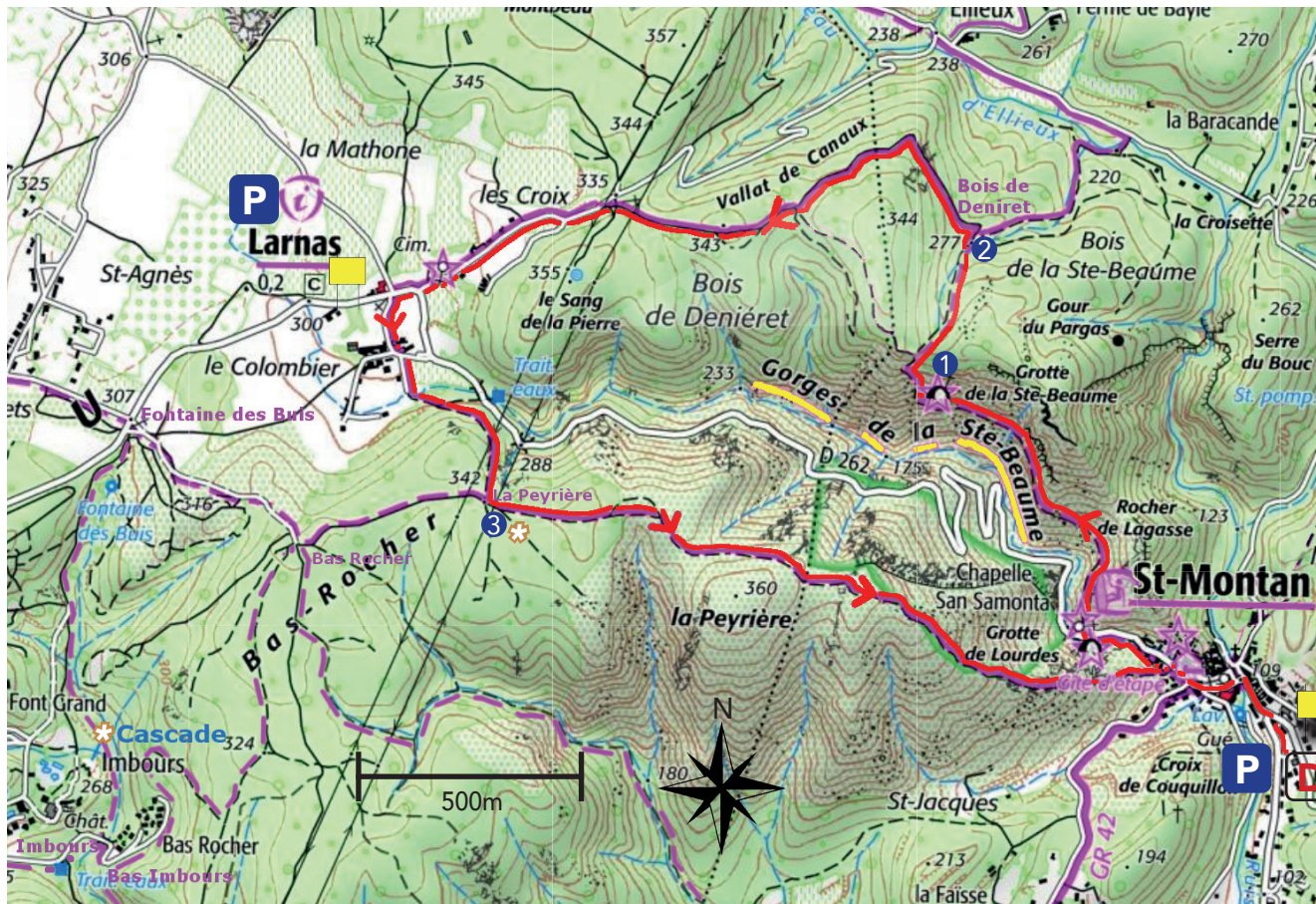
2h30



350 m



Step by step



Departure from the hiking information panel located in the parking of the post office along the D190 which goes from Saint-Montan to Bourg-Saint-Andéol. Carefully follow the PR indications: white and yellow marking.

Go north, the old village and its castle (to visit). Cross the bridge to the left on the D262, direction Larnas. Go past the church (drinking water fountain on the right just before it). Cross over a small bridge and continue on the road next to the creek to the San Montana chapel on the right.

Climb the path that starts at the wall of the chapel. Small signs will lead you to the Cave of the Hermit (1). The path leading to it leaves the PR markings. Get back on the circuit, be careful, the rocks crossed are very steep. After about 1.8 km of ascent, go down to the right following the PR indications. Whether you continue to climb straight you will shorten the circuit by 500m.

From the post «Bois de Denièret» (2), the route is on the GR 42: white and red markings. At this post turn left and follow the direction Larnas on the main path, until the crossing with a Calvary on the right. To come down to the nearby road and follow it to the left to descend towards the church, passing next to a old thresher. The Saint Pierre church is a fine example of Romanesque art to visit. Take the road again until crossing and continue straight on the D262 to the nearby town hall where you will find a water point facade and the hiking information panel.

Take the small road opposite the town hall, which will take you to the small village. Pass under the porch, then take the Rue des Jardins which goes down along the access to the parking lot of the restaurant. Take then the path. You may have to open and then close a gate/fence. Carefully follow the GR and PR markings.

The rocky path climbs up to the «La Peyrière» post (3) ✨. There follow «St Montan, 1.7 km» to the left. Follow the undergrowth path. Climb to the summit, then remain vigilant at the markings on the descent to the village of St Montan. Small junction to the left offer beautiful views. At the junction with several paths: take the one that goes down to the village.

Arrived at the village, follow the wall of a house then go down to the paved road. Do not hesitate to visit the very beautiful old village. To return to the car park, go past the church and follow «Bourg-Saint-Andéol». Or, follow the stream to Place Poulallé.

LÉGENDE

Start Point

Parking

Hiking info point

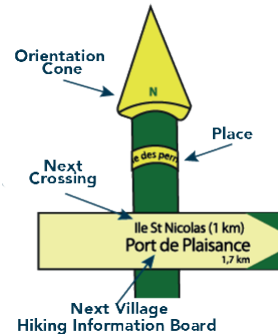
MARKING

Good direction PR

Change of direction

Wrong direction

GR



Advice from Vincent, hiking expert



On days following good rains, you can extend this circuit by 4 km to see the Imbours waterfall. For this, arrived at the post «La Peyrière» (3), turn right. At the «Bas Rocher» post (4), go down to the right. At the post «Fountain of Buis» (5), enter through a gate and continue to follow the PR markings until the waterfall, then at the post «Imbours» (6) turn left towards «Bas Imbours» (7) nearby. And there, return to the posts «Bas Rocher» (4) then «La Peyrière» (3). To return to St. Montan.