

## Practical information

Remember hiking shoes, water (1.5 L/person), hat and sun protection.

Ideally wear colourful clothing.

Respect private property and wild animals and plants.

Please don't litter the countryside.

Stay away from any trails where hunting activities may be taking place.

This area has some 193 km of signposted hiking trails. Sometimes the markers may be damaged. If so, please let us know.

**You may find it useful to download the GPS track of this route from the website below.**

For further information contact:

**Gorges de l'Ardèche - Pont d'Arc Tourist Office**

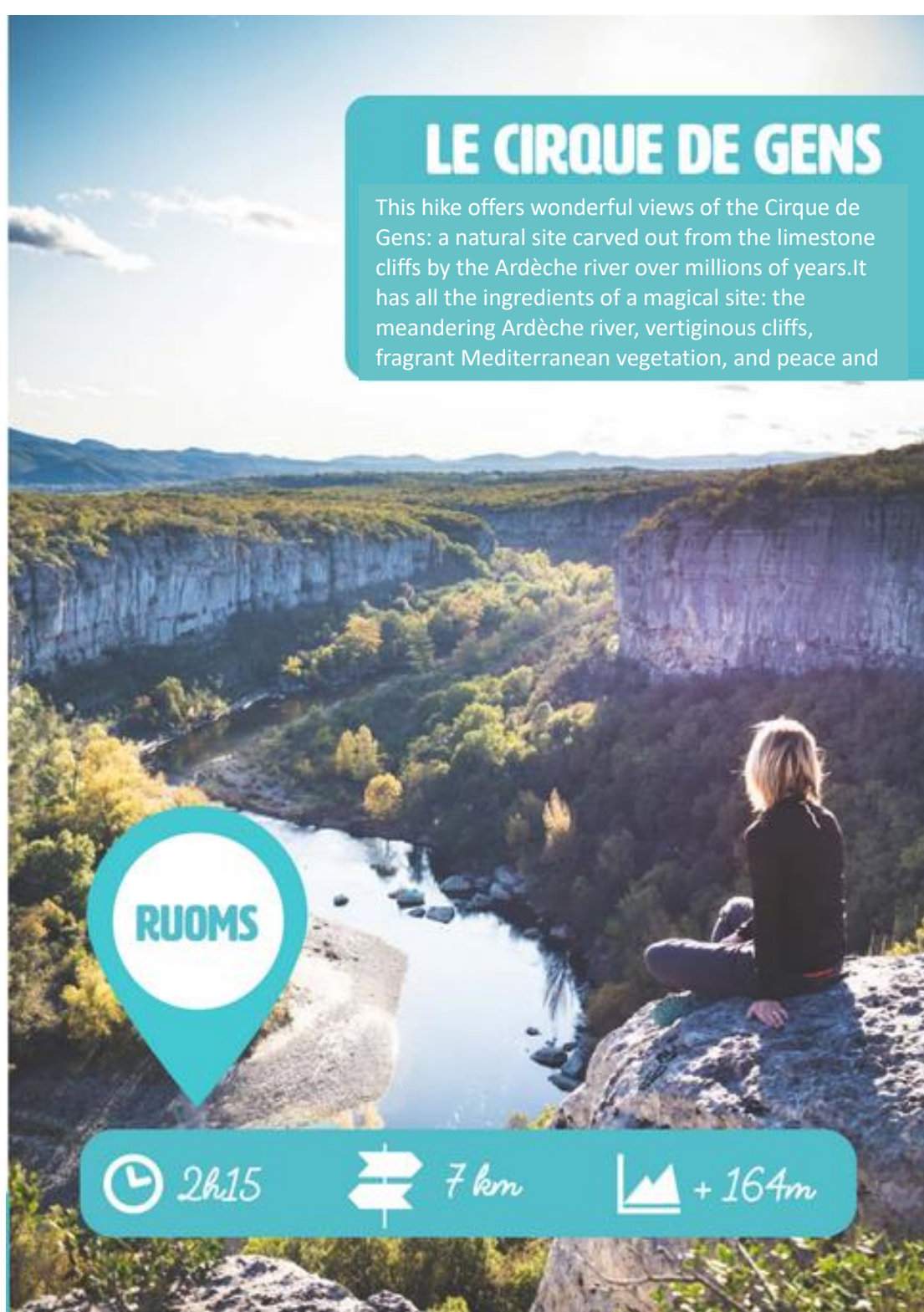
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GPX tracks and files can be downloaded from:

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*Vincent's top tip: in fine weather, take your swimming suit with you so you can enjoy the small sandy beach, in the middle of the site, facing the cliffs. It's a lovely spot for a refreshing swim. History enthusiasts should visit the old part of Ruoms with its lovely church. 6 towers mark the site of the old city walls.*



## LE CIRQUE DE GENS

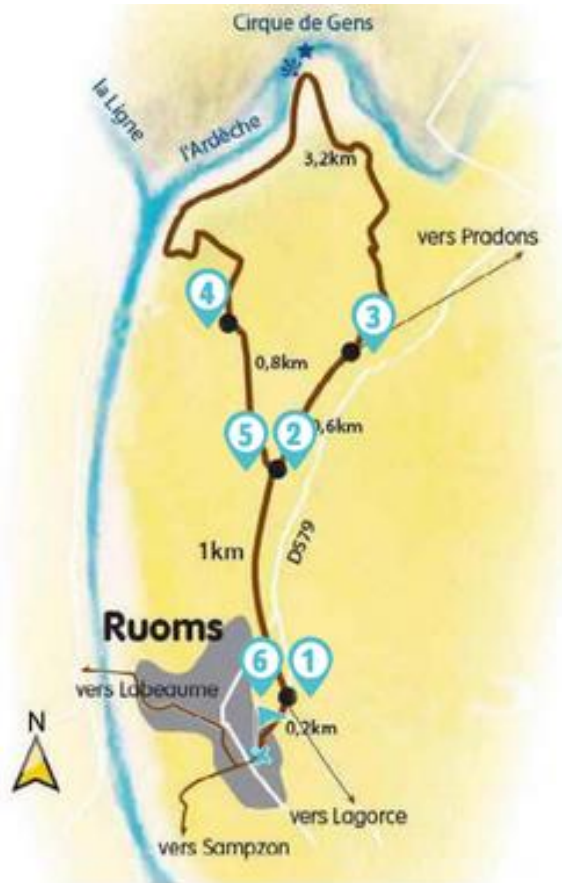
This hike offers wonderful views of the Cirque de Gens: a natural site carved out from the limestone cliffs by the Ardèche river over millions of years. It has all the ingredients of a magical site: the meandering Ardèche river, vertiginous cliffs, fragrant Mediterranean vegetation, and peace and

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🕒 2h15

➡️ 7 km

📈 +164m



**BALISAGE: JAUNE ET BLANC**

**Caution**  
 This hike includes a high section along cliffs, a steep, slippery descent and steep passages with rocks and pebbles. It is not recommended if you have mobility issues or are walking with young children. During flood season, the route is impassable as it borders the Ardèche river.

**Start**  
 If facing Ruoms Tourist Office, take rue Millerand on the right (towards Résidence le Méridien) and continue for 300 m.

**1** At the hiking marker post (1), turn left onto the Via Ardèche Greenway for cyclists and pedestrians, towards "Pradons."

**2** At the "Le Champ du Gras" marker post (2), follow the "Pradons 2.1 km" sign and stay on the Greenway for another 600 m.



At the "Les petites Pièces" marker post (3), follow the sign for "Cirque de Gens 4.6 km". Leave the Greenway on the left and follow the small, tarmac road to the hamlet of Mas du Grazel where the road continues into a track leading down through the trees towards the Ardèche river. The path will take you along the river, looking down onto large slabs of rock.

Roughly 300 m further on there's a small sandy beach that's well worth a visit (100 m round trip on the right). The hiking trail then climbs up towards the middle of the cliff, overlooking the river. **You need to be very careful here particularly with children!** At the bend, the track drops down again leading back to the river. Follow the river, over the rocky slabs (impassable when the water level is high). The rocks gradually give way to vegetation.

**4** At the "Les Carrières" marker post (4), follow the "Ruoms 2.4 km" sign. The trail widens once you reach the old quarry buildings. You'll then come out onto a tarmac road. At subsequent junctions, continue along the main road until you reach the Greenway.

**5** At the "Le Champ du Gras" marker post (2), follow the "Ruoms 1.2 km" sign to the right, along the "Via Ardèche" Greenway.

**6** At the "Le Champ du Four" (1) marker post, follow the "Info Rando 0.2 km" sign to the right. The rue Président Millerand will bring you back to the start point.

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