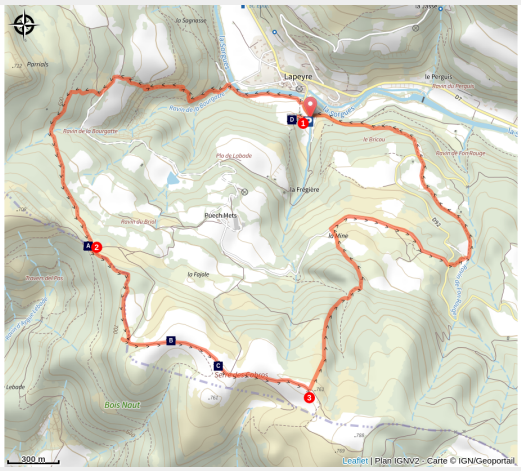
The Loubière plateau via Clipis

Des falaises de Roquefort au Rougier - Versols-et-Lapeyre



Le plateau de la loubiere par clipis (Roquefort Tourisme)

Along wooded trails, reach the Loubière plateau which is a majestic natural border between the Sorgues valley and the Rougier de Camarès and which offers some stunning views over these two landscapes. On the northeast side, the village of Lapeyre and the town of Saint-Affrique linked by the blue line of the Sorgues river.

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Useful information

Practice : Trekking

Duration : 3 h

Length : 9.0 km

Trek ascent : 450 m

Difficulty : Medium

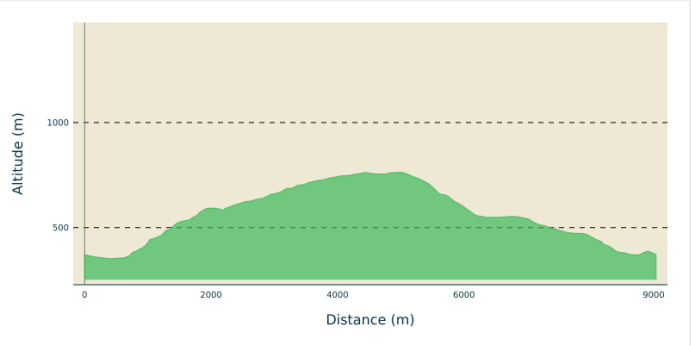
Type : Loop

Themes : Panorama

Trek

Departure : Lapeyre
Arrival : Lapeyre
Markings : PR
Cities : 1. Versols-et-Lapeyre
2. Gissac

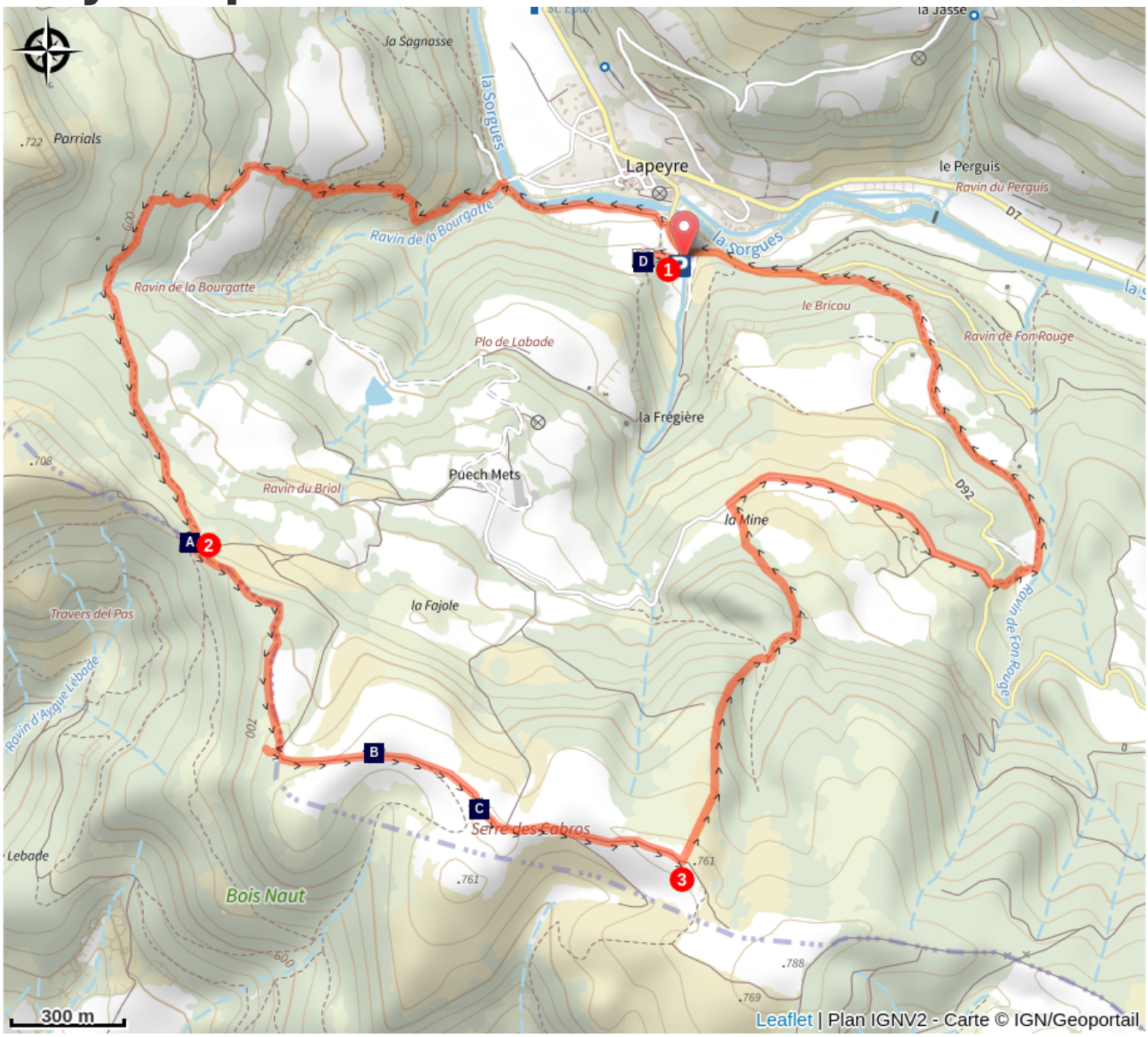
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 352 m Max elevation 764 m

1. From the carpark of Lapeyre to the Croix del Pas: from the carpark head towards the village and before the bridge take left the path that runs along the river up to the old bridge. Right after the bridge, take the Bourgatte path for approximately 1km. At the junction with the logging trail turn to the left, walk above the Clipis farm and take right an ascending track towards the Croix del Pas.
2. From the Croix del Pas to the Serre des Cabros: at the pass take the most left track, walk through a wooded area and then along a field. At the junction with the logging trail, take right for a few dozen metres a narrow footpath that leads to a scenic view over the Rougier and the castle of Montaigut. Walk back to the trail up to a signpost indicating Lapeyre.
3. From the Serre des Cabros to Lapeyre: take the path that runs downhill through boxtrees up to the Puech Mets road. Turn to the right and follow the road until the junction with the D92. Take opposite a path that goes downhill and passes nearby a building. Reach the old track connecting Lapeyre to Sylvanès that runs along the Fon Rouge brook. Once at the D92, take opposite a path that goes downhill across woodlands allowing you to get back to the road near Lapeyre.

On your path...



The del Pas cross (A)
Wild orchids (C)
A view over the Sorgues valley (B)
Saint-Caprais church (D)

All useful information

Advices

Box tree months are active from May to October. During the caterpillar phase, they feed on the leaves of box trees. They crawl down trees and move on long silken threads, although these threads are annoying when hiking they do not pose any health risk

How to come ?

Transports

Travel by bus or train: https://lio.laregion.fr/

Carpooling : BlaBlaCar, Rézo Pouce, Mobicoop, Idvroom, LaRoueVerte, Roulez malin

Access

From Saint-Affrique, follow the D7 towards Cornus. Once in Lapeyre, which is the first village you drive through, turn right towards Gissac and park your vehicle next to the graveyard.

Advised parking

Cimetary carpark

Information desks

OT Pays du Roquefort
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On your path...

The del Pas cross (A)

This large metal cross is situated at the junction of paths, which allows a beautiful view over the two sides of the Loubière plateau, the Sorgues side and the Rougiers side.

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A view over the Sorgues valley (B)

This path which runs on the southern hillside of one of the Loubière vales will provide you with a wonderful scenic viewpoint over the Sorgues valley and the Frontal Causses.

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Wild orchids (C)

The Aveyron provides contrasting and diverse landscapes that will put a spell on you. During your time hiking on the Causses across these large limestone plateaux which cover an area approximately one-third the size of the entire department, you will enjoy a great variety of flora.

Hike through the dry grasslands which are so typical of these landscapes and provide a rich habitat for numerous orchid species with diverse forms, colors and fragrances: Dark-red Helleborine, Lesser Butterfly-orchid, Man Orchid, Lady Orchid, Fly Orchid and many more...

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🕮 Saint-Caprais church (D)

Saint-Caprais church stands opposite the entrance to the graveyard. In 1058 it was given to the Saint-Victor Abbey in Marseille. During the middle ages, the church was the centre of a very old parish which included the Lapeyre, Montalègre and Versols castles. In a short period of time a monastery was set up here by the Marseille Benedictine monks, but the 18th century Cassini map only mentions a ruined priory. The rubble of the Romanesque church was cleared away in 1880 revealing its former outline in the ground. The carved tympanum contains several informative details. The upper arch moulding which is ornamented with acanthus leaves intertwined with a 3 braided strand, displays a pattern called “fond de corbeille” (basket weave) on its top. The rose-colored sandstone used in Lapeyre is identical to the type used in Conques. The embossed pattern and the acanthus leaves can also be seen in Conques on one of the capitals, which dates the tympanum during the 3rd quarter of the 11th century. From the graveyard, two arches, the remains of the ancient Saint Sauveur church, can be seen in the village. This church was built on the fortified rock from which the village of Lapeyre was given its name.

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