

VTT N°18 - The Durzon Spring

Des Gorges du Tarn au Causse du Larzac - Nant



Vers la Source... (Virginie Govignon - OT Larzac et Vallées)



Through the small bucolic paths of the “Garden of Aveyron”, this mountain bike loop, accessible to everyone, takes you peacefully to the Durzon spring, punctuated by the murmuring of clear water.

From the « Place du Claux » in Nant, go for a refreshing breakaway in the Durzon valley. From irrigation canal to stream, water is the blue thread of this route that leads you to the resurgence of the Durzon, where the water flows in a green landscape of undergrowth. An exciting ride to share with your family!

Useful information

Practice : VTT

Duration : 1 h 15

Length : 12.6 km

Trek ascent : 164 m

Difficulty : Very easy

Type : Return

Themes : Geology, History and heritage, Water

Accessibility : VTTAE

Trek

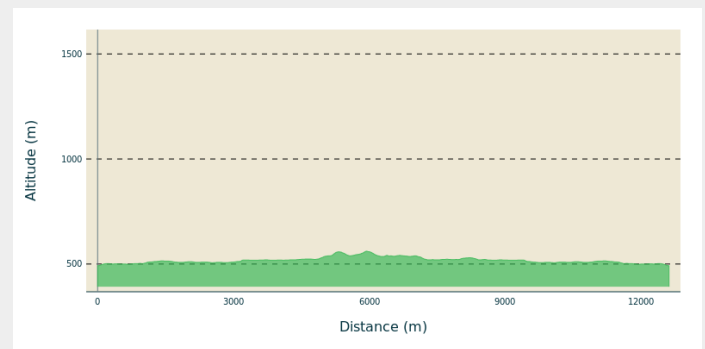
Departure : Nant

Arrival : Nant

Markings : ➡ VTT Parc

Cities : 1. Nant

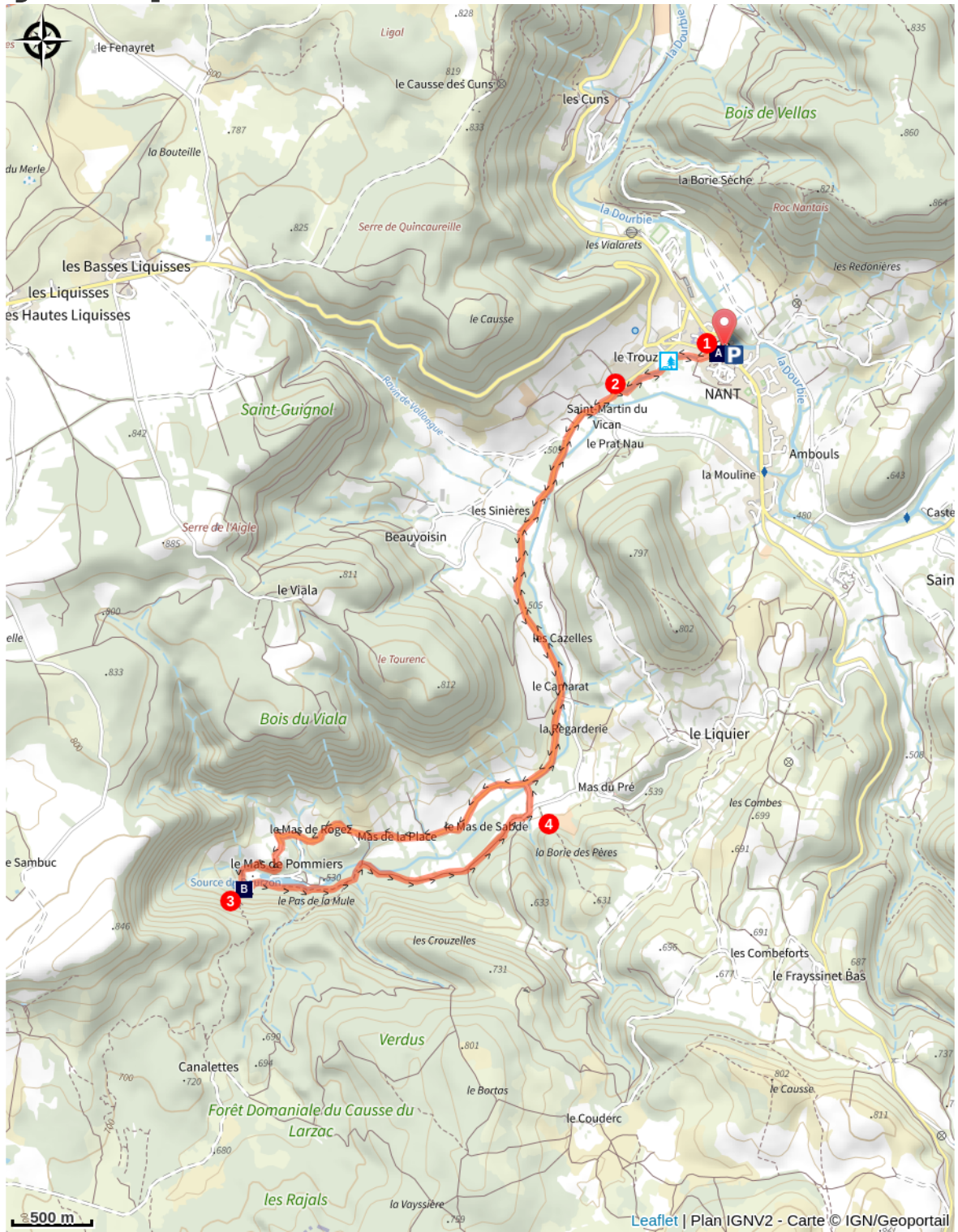
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 492 m Max elevation 561 m

1. From the parking, pass the old market and go to the square « *Place St-Jacques* ». Take the path called “*Chemin des Vernèdes hautes*”, a beautiful little path between the gardens, which follows an irrigation canal on 600m before finding on a small road (D178) towards the spring “*Source du Durzon*”
2. Turn left and continue on the road for 5km before reaching the spring. Let’s take a break and admire this special and peaceful place.
3. Go back on the right bank of the *Durzon*: cross the small concrete bridge and turn left on a path along the stream with a luxuriant vegetation, moss covers trees and the light has difficulty to land on the ground.
4. At the end of the path, at the cross, take left and pass on the bridge, then turn right on the road to go back to *Nant* by the same way.

On your path...

 The covered Market (A)

The Durzon Spring (B)

All useful information

Is in the midst of the park

This itinerary is located in the World Heritage zone Causses and Cévennes, mediterranean agropastoral cultural landscape.

How to come ?

Transports

To travel by [bus or train](#), by carpooling [Aires de covoiturage](#) and hitchhiking [Rezopouce](#).

Access

From Millau by the D991 (Dourbie Gorges) or by the D809 then D999 (Larzac Causse).

Advised parking

Place du Claux in Nant

Accessibility



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Information desks

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Source



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On your path...



The covered Market (A)

The city of Nant obtained in 1369 the right to have fairs and markets, right granted by the Duke of Anjou. In the 15th century, the privileges of the city are confirmed: weekly markets are held there, 4 annual fairs are conceded, one of which lasted 3 days on November, 2, 3 and 4.

The covered market was rebuilt in 1706 and 1707, the first stone was laid on March, 13, 1706.

It is a squat, rectangular construction (30 m long and 8 m wide) with 12 pillars supporting the vault, interconnected by a semicircular arch.

On a pillar, a plaque commemorates the events of August 14 and 15, 1944 when two Nant's civilians and seven maquisards from "Maquis des Corsaires" were shot.

Listed in the inventory of Historic Monuments since April 13, 1944.

Attribution : Sandrine Perego



The Durzon Spring (B)

Located at the foot of the Larzac Causse, in the south-west of Nant, the Durzon Spring is a karstic resurgence whose supplying basin extends over 100km² between L'Hospitalet du Larzac, Le Caylar, Cazejourdes and Egalières. The Karstic system doesn't retain water on surface and constitutes big underground water reserves.

The flow of the source varies between 0,8m³/s and 35m³/s and has an average temperature of 11,13°C. The Durzon river runs for 6km and flows into the Dourbie river at the place "La Mouline".

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