

The Valley of Serre

Des causses à l'Aubrac - Saint-Saturnin-de-Lenne



église de St Saturnin de Lenne (jgomez)



A path in the valley, from St Saturnin de Lenne, in a Causse countryside.

The valley of Serre was always a place to be. The "villae" (Gallo-Roman domains) existed before the villages along the river.

Useful information

Practice : Trekking

Duration : 2 h 30

Length : 10.7 km

Trek ascent : 159 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : History and heritage

Trek

Departure : Village hall, St Saturnin de Lenne

Arrival : Village hall, St Saturnin de Lenne

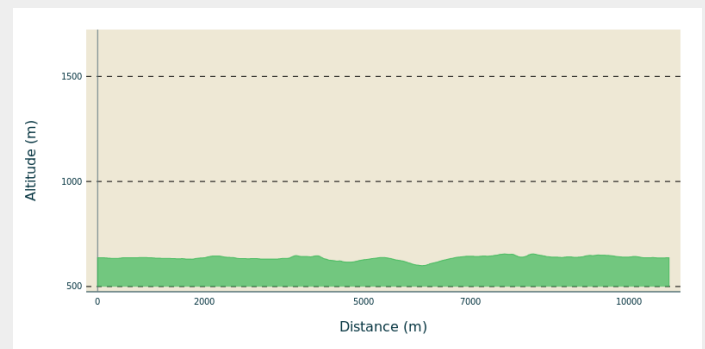
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Cities : 1. Saint-Saturnin-de-Lenne

2. Saint-Martin-de-Lenne

3. Saint-Geniez-d'Olt-et-d'Aubrac

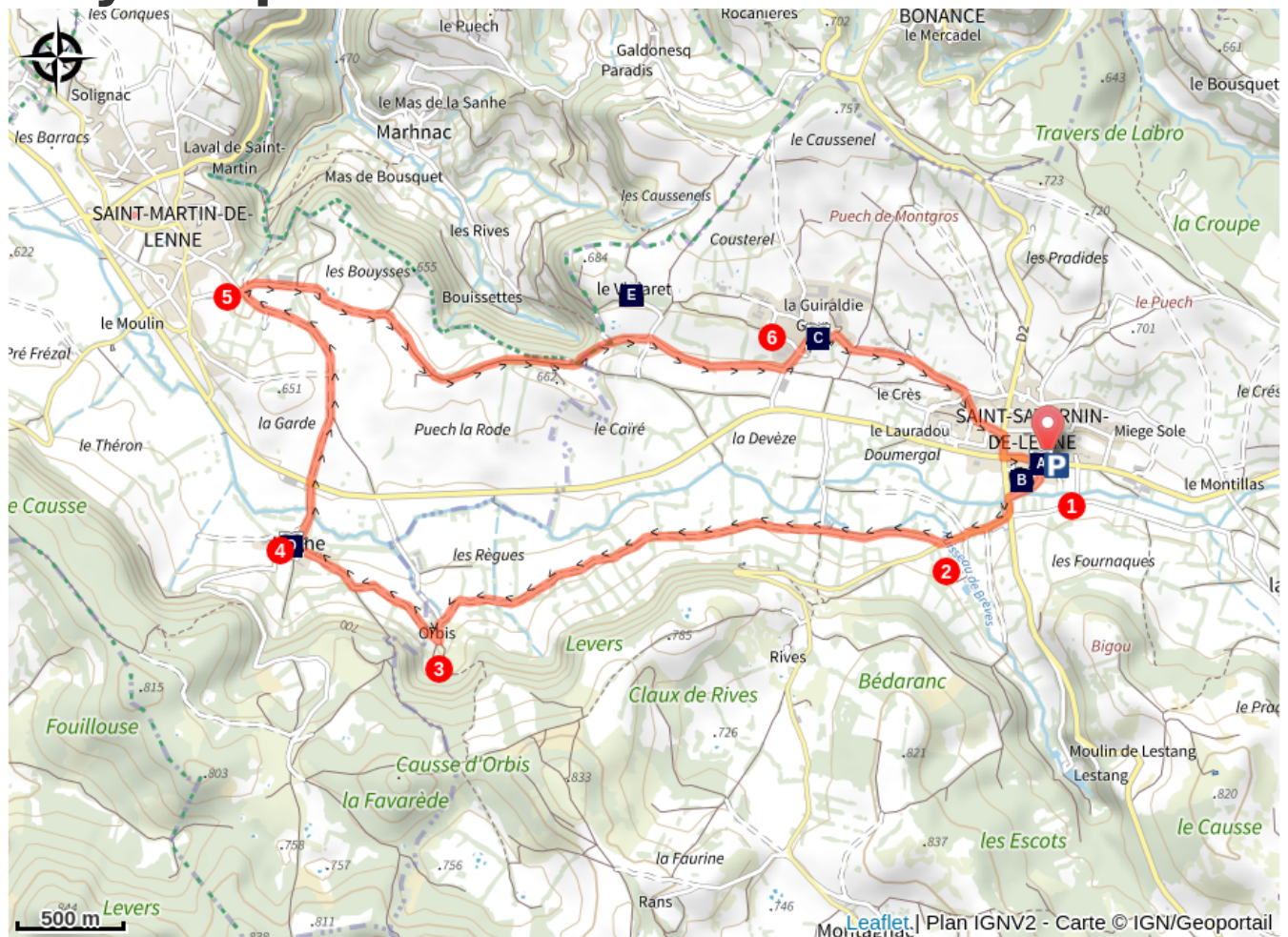
Altimetric profile








Min elevation 599 m Max elevation 655 m

1. Take the little street, just in front of the church until the bridge. When you reach the road D2, turn left.
2. At the cemetery, turn right and walk on the road D582.
3. 300 m further on, at the cross, turn right, in direction of "Trescanous". At the mill, go straight on, until the hamlet "Orbis" (public bread oven).
4. After the hamlet, turn right in direction of "Lenne". Go through the hamlet. The large building was an orphanage. It is now a holiday center.
5. At the church, turn right, cross the road D45 and go straight along the path just opposite. You join the village "St Martin de Lenne".
6. Before entering the village, turn right. Go straight on for 3 km.
7. 3 km further on, at the cross paths, marked by a cross, turn left in direction of "Grun", an old mansion of the XIVth century. Pass through the hamlet and along the beautiful building. Continue until the road D2 and continue back to the village of St Saturnin de Lenne.

On your path...



-  Church of St Saturnin de Lenne (A)
-  Mansion of Grun (C)
-  The fortified farm of Le Vialaret (E)

-  Gallo-Roman villa of Campfaros (B)
-  Church of Lenne (D)

All useful information

Advices

Se munir de bonnes chaussures de marche.
Prudence en traversant la D45 après le point 4.

How to come ?

Transports

Line 10 TER Languedoc-Roussillon (http://www.ter-sncf.com/Regions/Languedoc_Roussillon/Fr/Default.aspx) to the station of Campagnac.

Access

Highway A75, then roads D37 et D202.

National road N88 : follow the direction of Laissac, then St Geniez d'Olt

Advised parking

next to the grocery, St Saturnin de Lenne

Information desks

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On your path...



Church of St Saturnin de Lenne (A)

The first church of St Saturnin de Lenne, which dominates the Serre valley, was built during the 11th century. It had been reconstructed during the 12th century, then enlarged during the 13th.

During the 11th century, Bégon de Calmont gave the churches of St Saturnin and La Roque to the abbey of Conques. Around 1100, monks started to reconstruct the church. But works stopped.

During the 13th century, the tower was completed by the building of a bell room lighted by 4 bays and covered by a dome with shale tiles.

The 19th century brought numerous transformations : bays were opened in the east end, 2 bays were added between 1852 and 1856. Finally, an architect of Mende proposed to elevate the bell tower and to add a roof light of 8 small columns, of the Neo-Byzantine style.

Outside, sculptures represent historiated scenes (birds, horsemen, ...) from the end of the 11th century, in particular on the modillions of the east end and the transept.

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Gallo-Roman villa of Campfaros (B)

In 1988, during the creation of a subdivision, a part of ruins of an important Gallo-Roman villa in activity during the second part of the 1st and the 5th century, was discovered.

The remains are the western side of the urban part.

The thermal baths, for the owner and his family, are situated in succession, for the coldest to the hottest, as required.

People passed by the cold water pool to places heated by the floor.

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Mansion of Grun (C)

Mansion from the 17th century and its pigeon house.
Its corners have turrets allowing a defence of the fronts.

In 1755, it was one of the most important domain of the region: 4 pairs of oxes, 31 animals with horns, 4 mares, 408 animals which produced wool. The domain produced wheat, rye, barley, oats.

Attribution : jgomez



Church of Lenne (D)

The small Gothic church of Lenne was built at the end of the 15th century.

Inside, there is a copy of the statue of the Enthroned Virgin, coming from Luganhac. The original, sculpted in the wood, from the 12th century, is, with the one in Estables, one of the oldest of the Rouergue. The statue, as the reredos of the church, are classified in the inventory of historic monuments.

Attribution : OT St Geniez-Campagnac



The fortified farm of Le Vialaret (E)

This fortified farm depended from the monastic barn of Galinières, next to Pierrefiche d'Olt.

Its buildings close an indoor court, which the vaulted unique entrance is protected by a gatehouse (small rectangular room situated above the door, with pierced holes in the floor for shots).

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