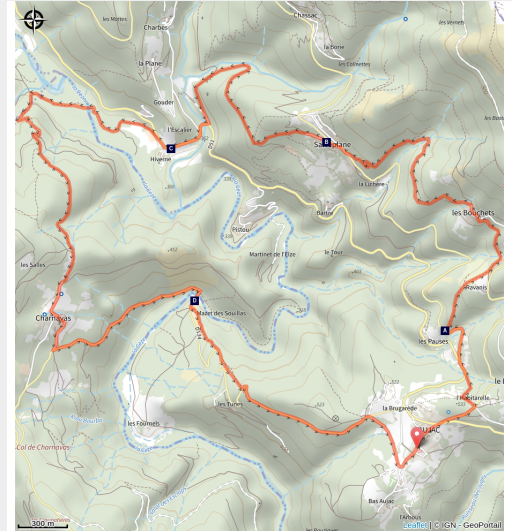


The ford at Hiverne

Mont Lozère - Aujac



Vue sur le village d'Aujac (© Bruno Daversin)



Crisscross the Césarenque area on a former mule track. You might even see that bird of clean rivers, the white-throated dipper!

Useful information

Practice : Hiking on foot

Duration : 5 h

Length : 12.6 km

Trek ascent : 518 m

Difficulty : Difficult

Type : Loop

Themes : Fauna and flora, Water and geology

Trek

Departure : Aujac

Arrival : Aujac

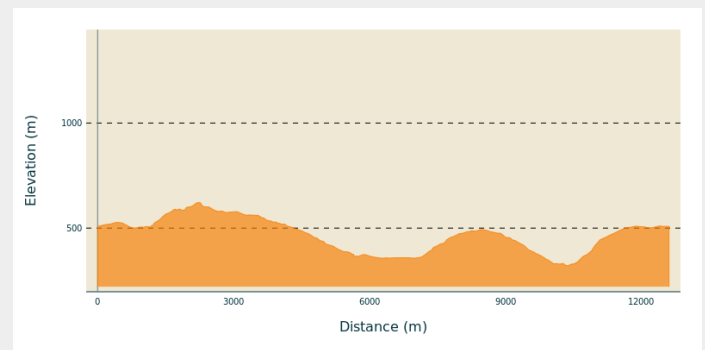
Markings :  Yellow waymarks

Cities : 1. Aujac

2. Sénéchas

3. Concoules

Altimetric profile

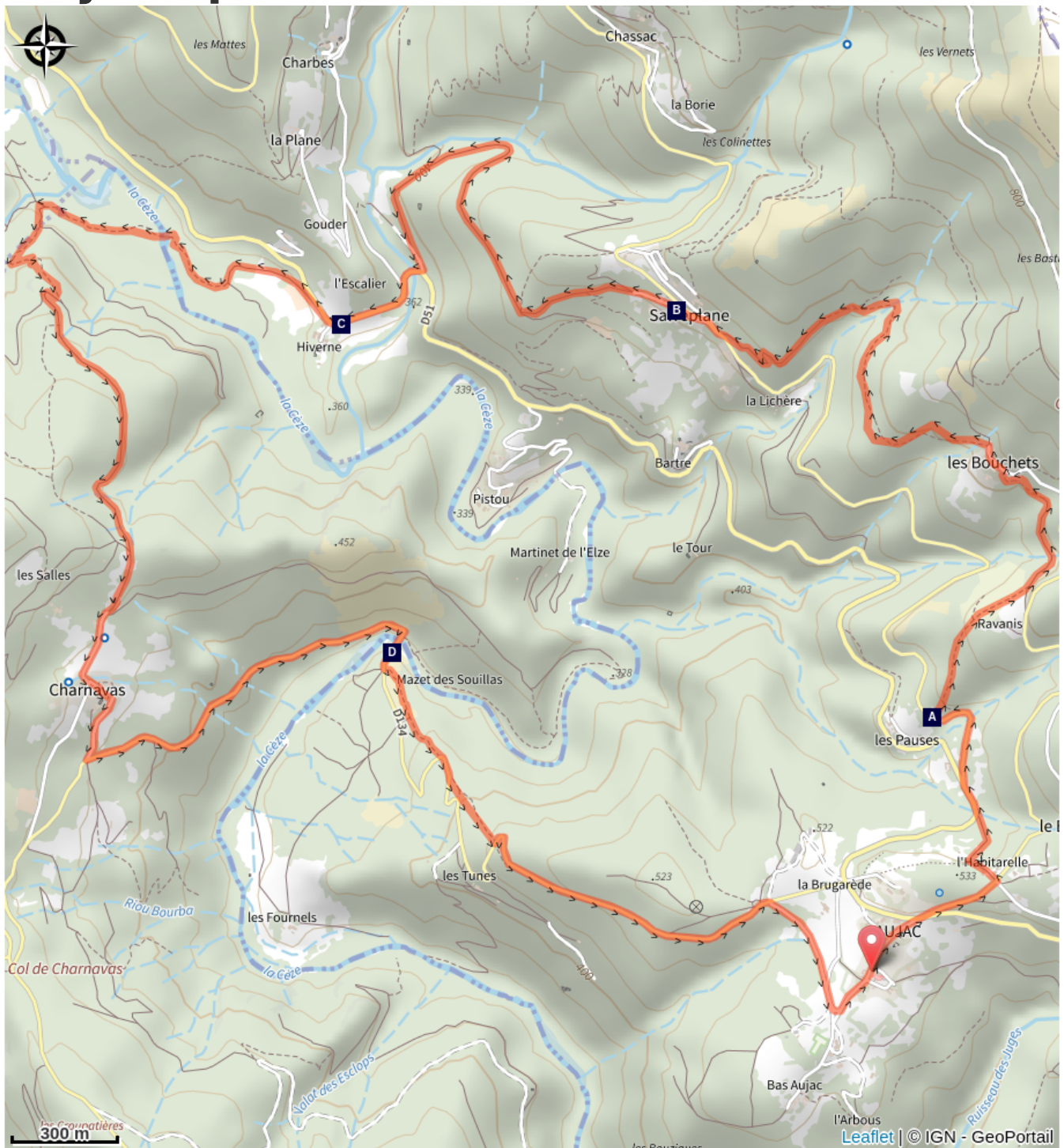


Min elevation 321 m Max elevation 622 m



Do not use this trail when the river waters are high. If in doubt, walk to the ford and then retrace your steps instead.

From the centre of the village, go uphill alongside the hamlet of Les Pauses to Les Bouschets hamlet. As you enter Les Bouschets, turn off in the direction of the ford (gué) at Hiverne. Head towards the houses below the road and take the little lane running alongside a long stone wall. This will gently lead you to Hiverne bridge. The path ends up at the D 51 road. Take it on the right to get to Hiverne. Just after Hiverne, take the path that goes downhill to the river. Cross the ford and, on the other side, go uphill on a forestry track to Charnavas. Fork left onto the mule track at mid-slope. Cross the bridge, then go uphill to Aujac (steep section).

On your path...



Les Paus hamlet (A)
The Céza (C)

 The walls (B)
 The white-throated dipper (*Cinclus cinclus*) (D)

All useful information

Advices

This trail cannot be used by mountain-bikes. In bad weather or after strong rain, be careful at the ford over the Cèze (strong current). Steep section at the end of the loop.

Make sure your equipment is appropriate for the day's weather conditions. Remember that the weather changes quickly in the mountains. Take enough water, wear solid shoes and put on a hat. Please close all gates and barriers after yourself.

How to come ?

Access

From Génolhac, take the D 906 towards Villefort, then the D 155 towards Le Martinet, D 318a towards the Col de Charnavas pass and D 134 to Aujac.

Advised parking

Aujac village centre

Information desks

Tourism'house and national parc, Génolhac

Place du Colombier, 30450 Génolhac

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Tel : 04 66 61 09 48

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On your path...

Les Pauses hamlet (A)

At one time, this hamlet welcomed peddlers, shepherds and walkers in its handsome inn on the edge of the track. The inn was also where the prosecutors from Villefort held their public court sessions in the 18th century. One day, 30 inhabitants attending one of these sessions “asked” the prosecutors to “pack up and go and not seize any property”... “A great uproar followed”! (B.Mathieu)



The walls (B)

The wall of Salveplane merits a short series of naturalist observations. You might be tempted to believe that the lively wall lizard is the only inhabitant of these stone walls. But he has many housemates. First, there are his cousins, such as the western green lizard or ocellated lizard. Field mice and other rodents like to squat cavities, and stock their merchandise in this wall or give birth here so as to ensure their line does not die out despite being threatened by all the area's predators. In the winter, all these small creatures withdraw into the wall's holes... (B. Mathieu)

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The Cézarenque (C)

You are at the heart of the Cézarenque, a small and welcoming region bordered on three sides by mountain ranges. Three rivers (the Cèze, Luech and Homol) water the area, which is crossed by large tracks joining up with the Regordane Way to the north. The "val cezrencha" was given its name in 1270 and covers a steep-sided basin of about 80 sq km. It consists of three valleys closed off by secondary mountain ranges and is only open to the south-east, at Peyremale. Here, the Luech and Homol flow into the Cèze, which continues on to the Mediterranean. The varied bedrock makes for very different landscapes, offering you ever-changing panoramic views. (B. Mathieu)

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The white-throated dipper (*Cinclus cinclus*) (D)

Have a close look at the banks and the rocks that stick out of the current. You may see a white-throated dipper with its vanilla-coloured breast, brown head and plump body. It is also known as the European dipper. It finds its pittance by diving and then walking upstream on the riverbed, snacking on small larvae and tiny crustaceans. It is very sensitive to water quality. The dipper is the soul of any waterway.

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