

# Lachamp chapel

Piémont cévenol nord - Robiac-Rochessadoule



Panorama (© J.F. Raulet)



*An uphill section to Lachamp Chapel to admire the superb views is followed by a downhill section via the Champ Beau forest with its own beautiful views.*

## Useful information

Practice : Hiking on foot

Duration : 4 h 30

Length : 13.5 km

Trek ascent : 615 m

Difficulty : Difficult

Type : Loop

Themes : Fauna and flora, Forest, History and culture

# Trek

**Departure** : Robiac, Le Buis

**Arrival** : Robiac, Le Buis

**Markings** :  Yellow waymarks

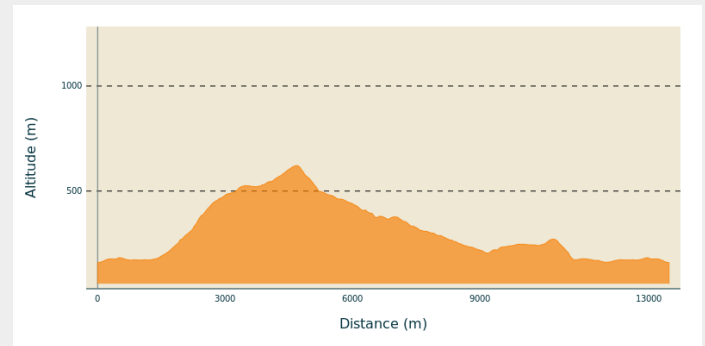
**Cities** : 1. Robiac-Rochessadoules

2. Le Martinet

3. Saint-Florent-sur-Auzonnet

4. Molières-sur-Cèze

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 159 m    Max elevation 621 m

Signposts will guide you all along this route. In the description below, the signposted place names and/or directions are given in ***bold italics*** between quotation marks:

Starting from "***ROBIAC***", head for "***LA CHAPELLE LACHAMP***" via "***Robiac - Route de Chanteperdrix***", "***L'Ancienne Voie Ferrée***", "***Robiac - La Montagnette***", "***Robiac - Le Poujol***" and "***Mas des Terres***". From "***LA CHAPELLE LACHAMP***" go back down towards "***La Palisse***" then "***COL DE LA PALISSE***" and continue to "***Les Bois Barbeau***", "***La Tourtoure***" and "***La Grotte des Crânes***" before returning to "***ROBIAC***" via "***Robiac - Le Poujol***", "***Robiac - La Montagnette***", "***L'Ancienne Voie Ferrée***" and "***Robiac - Route de Chanteperdrix***".

This hike is taken from the guidebook **Cévennes Haute Vallée de la Cèze**, published by the Communauté de communes Cèze Cévennes as part of the collection Espaces Naturels Gardois and the label Gard Pleine Nature.

# On your path...



Cicadas (A)



Le Fal (B)



View onto the Mas Blanc (C)

# All useful information

## **Advices**

Make sure your equipment is appropriate for the day's weather conditions. Take enough water, wear sturdy shoes and put on a hat. Please close all gates and barriers behind you.

## **How to come ?**

### Transports

liO is the regional public transport service of the Occitanie/ Pyrénées – Méditerranée region. It facilitates everyone's movements by prioritising public transport. For more information, call 08 10 33 42 73 or go to [www.laregion.fr](http://www.laregion.fr)

### Access

From Bessèges, take the D 162 then the D 756 to Robiac.

### Advised parking

Car park by the pharmacy

## **Information desks**

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### Cicadas (A)

The path meanders across hot dry soil between juniper bushes and scorpion broom. In many places, the shade of the holm or downy oak reduces the intense heat. In summer, male cicadas will accompany you with their song. Of the 16 cicada species living in France, the three most commonly found here are: *Lyristes plebejus*, on pines (over 3 cm long); *Cicada orni* (2.5 cm); and the little *Tettigettula pygmea*, which lives in grassy areas and rarely reaches 2 cm in length! They all have an underground larval stage that lasts several years.

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### Le Fal (B)

These uplands caused a lot of ink to be scratched into parchment. In 1428, the Lord of Portes bought them from the Lord of Montalet. Over a century later, the new Lord of Montalet nevertheless claimed them as his own and wrote a letter to the Lord of Portes accusing him of wrongly profiting from the use and proceeds of them! The dispute was solved on 12 November 1551, when Le Fal, a site much coveted for its cultivatable plateau, was finally passed down to Portes.

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## 🏠 View onto the Mas Blanc (C)

This country house has a long history. Built by Benedictine monks in 1145, it served as a refuge and stopover for crusaders from the Second Crusade onwards. When those wars were over, the monks supposedly had the mission of growing the boxwood (buis) that is indispensable for Catholicism. This gave the monastery its name: Les Buissières. Closed after the French Revolution, it was abandoned. Bought in 1930 and rendered white it became known locally as the Mas Blanc (the White Farmhouse).

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