

# Baousse del Biel

Causses Gorges - Masegros Causses Gorges



Les gorges du Tarn (nathalie.thomas)



*This path between two cliffs has beautiful views onto the Tarn gorge and its troglodytic villages! NB: You are being watched by vultures. Remember your binoculars!*

## Useful information

Practice : Hiking on foot

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 7.6 km

Trek ascent : 268 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Fauna and flora, Water and geology

# Trek

**Departure** : La Bourgarie

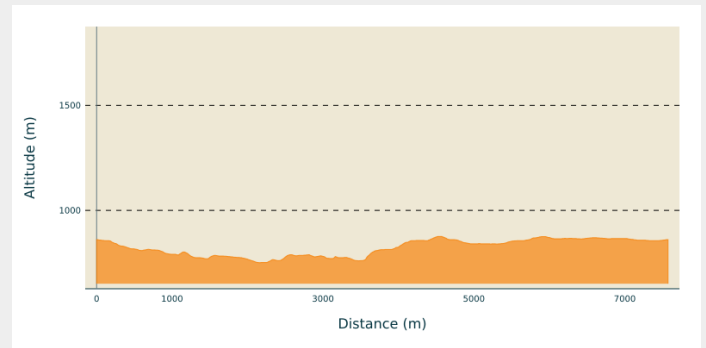
**Arrival** : La Bourgarie

**Markings** :  Yellow waymarks

**Cities** : 1. Masegros Causses Gorges

2. Saint-Pierre-des-Tripiers

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 751 m Max elevation 876 m

From the car park, go up to the village, which you cross on the left-hand side.



1) By the last houses, go down on the right towards the cliff edge. The path runs along the cliff and stays mostly at the same height until you reach the ladders of Singlegros. NB: Do not descend to the "Pas de l'Arc".

2) At the crossroads with the path down to the ladders of Singlegros, continue on the path veering to the left and, at the first fork, take the path on the left to return to the plateau.

3) Turn left onto the track (GR) to return to La Volcégure and then La Bourgarie.

# On your path...



-  La Bourgarie (A)
-  Birds of prey (C)

-  Baousse del Biel (B)

# All useful information



## Is in the midst of the park

The national park is an unrestricted natural area but subjected to regulations which must be known by all visitors.

## **Advices**

Not recommended for those who suffer from vertigo. Caution! The path is slippery when wet. 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 sturdy shoes and put on a hat.

## **How to come ?**

### Access

From Meyrueis, take the D 986, then turn left onto D 9 towards St-Pierre-des-Tripiers. As you exit St-Pierre-des-Tripiers, take the road on the right to La Bourgarie.

### Advised parking

Below the village La Bourgarie

## Information desks

### **Biosphera**

18, rue Vincent Faita, 30480 Cendras

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<http://www.biosphera-cevennes.fr>



### **Tourism'house and national Parc at Florac**

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<https://www.cevennes-gorges-du-tarn.com>



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Parc national des Cévennes

<http://www.cevennes-parcnational.fr/>

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## 📍 La Bourgarie (A)

Gabriel still remembers with emotion when running water arrived in La Bourgarie. Work on the water supply started in 1965 but was not finished until 1971. The water comes straight from Mont Aigoual. When the first, long-awaited pump finally worked, he abandoned the cistern and the spring at the ends of the earth (i.e., at the cliffs), where he had previously taken his cattle to drink.

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## 🌍 Baousse del Biel (B)

The formation of the gorge also created incredible monuments, such as this triumphal arch, the Baousse del Biel (Occitan for the Old Man's Hump or the Old Man's (toothless) Mouth). This natural bridge is 40 m high, of which 27 m are below the arch, and the opening is 25 m long. It is believed that when the erosion that eventually created the canyons started, this site was a cave carved out by underground water from the Causse, 150 m above. The floor then collapsed under the weight of the vault. (Les Causses Majeurs, E.A.Martel)

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## 🦅 Birds of prey (C)

The large bird of prey soaring above you is a griffon or cinereous vulture. These birds had completely disappeared due to hunting and poisoning. They were reintroduced from 1971 onwards by the Ligue pour la protection des oiseaux (Bird Protection League) and the Cévennes National Park. Today, their population is estimated at over 400 couples. A third species of vulture joined them in 2012: the bearded vulture. It is the subject of a reintroduction programme. For updates on this latest arrival, see <http://rapaces.lpo.fr/gypaete-grands-causses>.

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