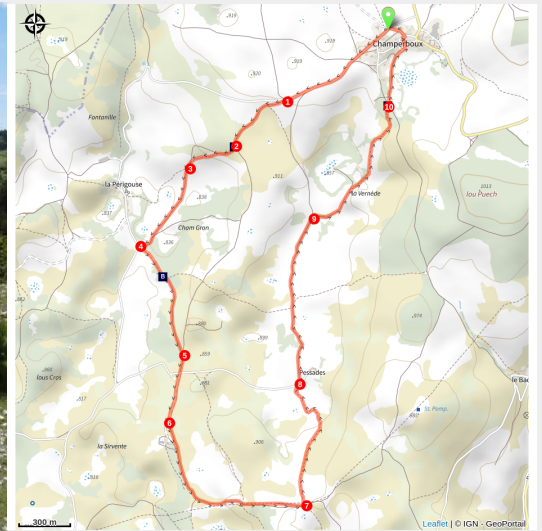


# Pessades farm

Causses Gorges - Gorges du Tarn Causses



Paysage sous Champerboux (nathalie.thomas)



*An outdoor exploration of traditional architecture and panoramic views over the Causse de Sauveterre and the mountains of the Aubrac.*

Sheltered from the predominant winds, you walk on a draille (drovers' road) through the very heart of the UNESCO World Heritage site. Limestone crosses adorned with the benefactor's name dot the route like votive offerings.

## Useful information

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Practice : Hiking on foot

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Duration : 2 h 30

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Length : 8.0 km

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Trek ascent : 206 m

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Difficulty : Easy

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Type : Loop

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Themes : Agriculture and livestock farming, History and culture

# Trek

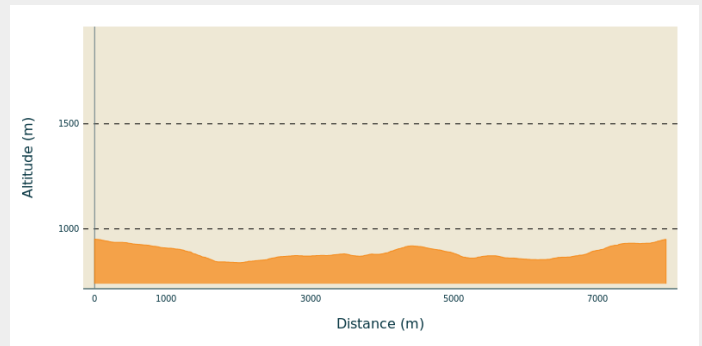
**Departure** : Champerboux: on the road to La Périgouse

**Arrival** : Champerboux: on the road to La Périgouse

**Markings** :  Yellow waymarks

**Cities** : 1. Gorges du Tarn Causses

## Altimetric profile

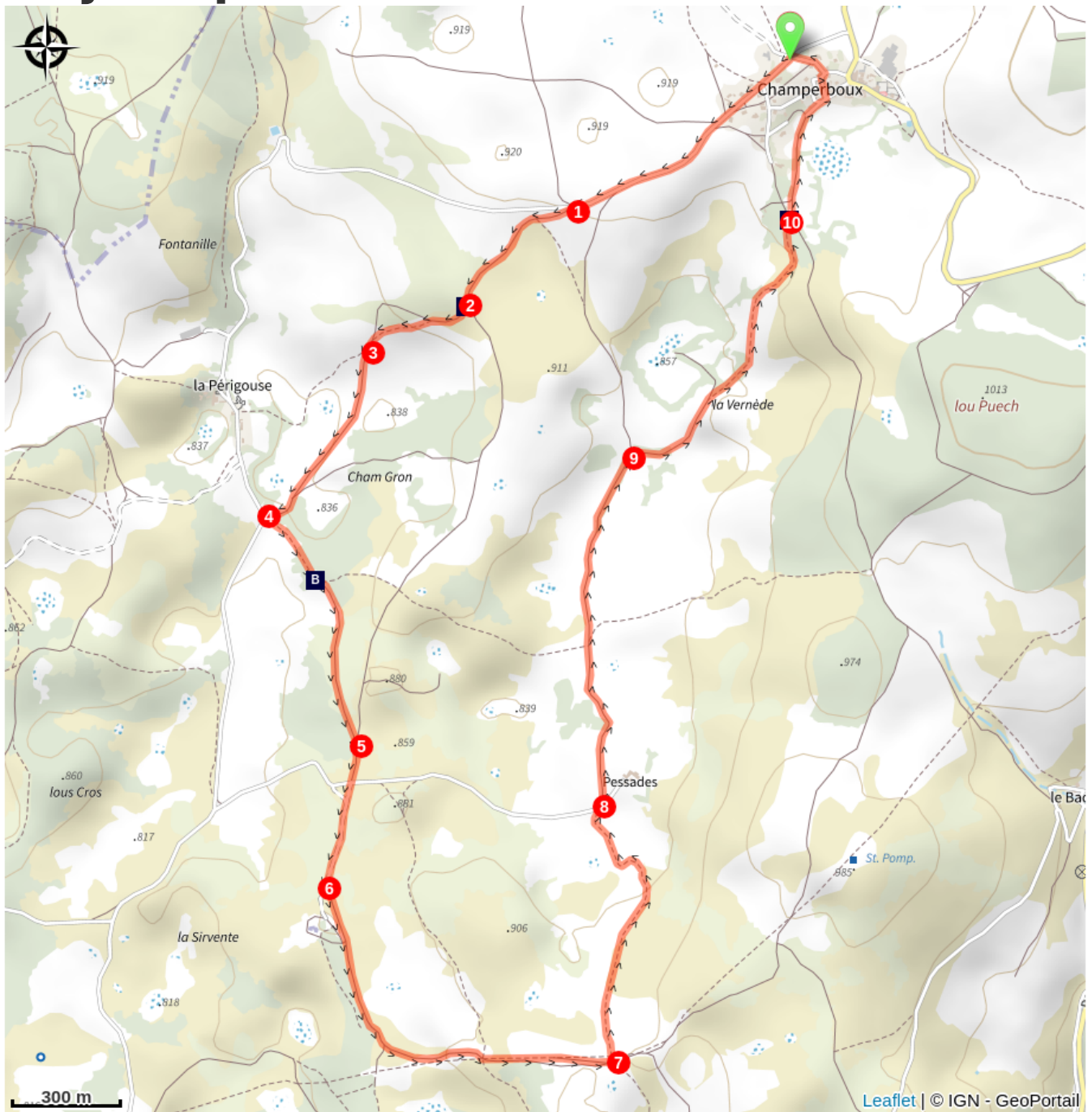


Min elevation 839 m Max elevation 951 m

Take the tarred road for 800 m towards La Périgouse.

- 1) Leave the road by turning left onto the second track by the cross of Rocoplan.
- 2) Go round a bend and continue straight ahead on the path that descends alongside the fence.
- 3) At the bottom of the downhill slope, leave the track on the left.
- 4) By a fork near the road, turn left on the path that goes up on the ridge.
- 5) By the barrier, leave the path to take the track on the right. Cross the road and continue straight ahead.
- 6) At the crossroads, continue on the left, following the track uphill (former draille or drovers' road).
- 7) Before you arrive at the top of the ridge, turn left onto a small path towards Pessades (waymarked yellow and red).
- 8) Cross the road and follow the path that runs alongside Pessades farm on the left.
- 9) 1 km after Pessades farm, turn right.
- 10) At the cross, go uphill to Champerboux, and, in the village, take the second road on the left to return to the car park.

# On your path...



▲ Crosses (A)

▲ The grande draille d'Aubrac (main Aubrac drovers' road) (B)

▲ Saint-Guilhem (C)

# All useful information

## **Advices**

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. Please close all gates and barriers behind you.

## **How to come ?**

### Access

From Sainte-Enimie, take the D986 towards Mende and, before the hamlet of Sauveterre, take the D44 towards Champerboux. As you leave the village, take the road on the left towards La Périgouse; the car park is 800 m further ahead.

### Advised parking

800 m towards La Périgouse

## **Information desks**

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

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## On your path...

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### 🚩 Crosses (A)

On this walk, you will see many ancient crosses. Each is unique and exists for different reasons. The iron cross with the sculpted pedestal in Champerboux is the oldest. It seems to have been linked to pilgrimages and more precisely to the network of routes leading to Santiago di Compostella.

In most cases, the presence of a cross is a reminder by the Church of Catholicism. Very often erected at crossroads, the crosses served as waymarks, showed the parish borders and signposted memorial sites or sites for contemplation.

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### 🚩 The grande draille d'Aubrac (main Aubrac drovers' road) (B)

Since they always took the same routes, the many herbivores that instinctively moved from the south to pasture land further north created a network of paths called drailles, which were subsequently used for transhumance (seasonal herded migrations).

A part of your route is on a very old drovers' road known as the grande draille d'Aubrac, which linked the hinterland of Montpellier with the Aubrac plateau. It was also used as a trade route between plains and mountains, giving access to the region's fairs.

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## 🚶 Saint-Guilhem (C)

In the Middle Ages, the spread of Christianity encouraged an enthusiasm for religion. This route was used by crowds of pilgrims heading for the Abbey of Gellone, via Sainte-Enimie to see the saint's relics. The route is currently a long-distance hiking trail linking Aumont-Aubrac and Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert in the Hérault. It is 240 km long, crosses 4 departments and offers exceptionally diverse scenery.

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