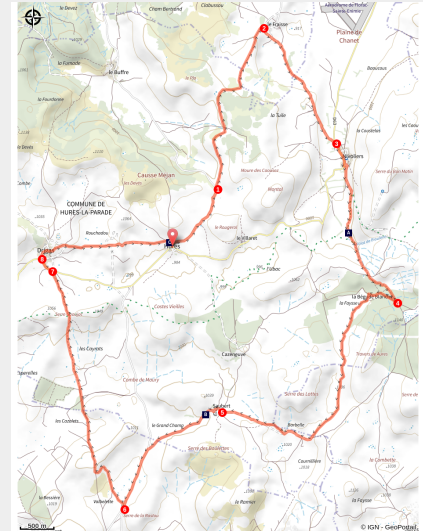


MTB 6 - Hures - graded red

Causses Gorges - Hures-la-Parade



Paysage du Causse (nathalie.thomas)



From bare (limestone) plateau to forested plateau, you crisscross the causse Méjean, an unusual territory and a beautiful place to discover!

Useful information

Practice : Bike

Duration : 3 h

Length : 23.2 km

Trek ascent : 491 m

Difficulty : Difficult

Type : Loop

Themes : Architecture and village,
Fauna and flora

Trek

Departure : Hures

Arrival : Hures

Markings : 🏠 mountain-bike

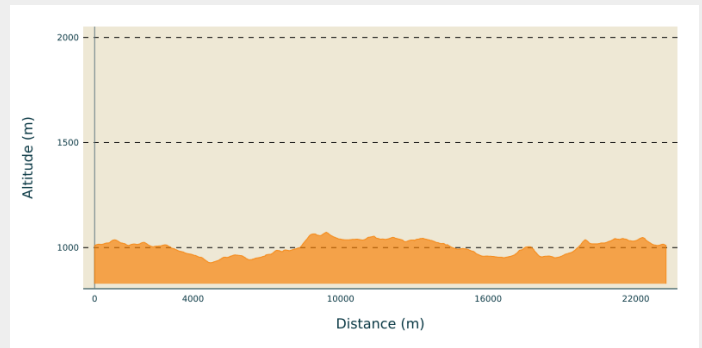
Cities : 1. Hures-la-Parade

2. Mas-Saint-Chély

3. Gatuzières

4. Meyrueis

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 928 m Max elevation 1073 m

From the car park, take the road to the left towards Le Buffre.

1) Leave the road and take the track on the right; go through several gates as you head towards Le Fraïsse.

2) Just before Le Fraïsse farm, turn right (GR®60) and continue straight ahead on the track till you reach the D63.

3) Turn right onto the road till you reach Niveliers. Go uphill into the village on the left, then turn right to cross it. As you leave the village, continue straight ahead on the uphill track. 200 m further on, turn right onto a path that runs alongside the Przewalski horse enclosure. Cross the two cattle grids and continue on the track.

4) NB: Before the climb, turn right towards La Bégude Blanche. At the last house, turn left and take the track, going through a gate and alongside fields, pass a lavogne (waterhole) and go through the hamlet of Saubert (Careful, slow down!).

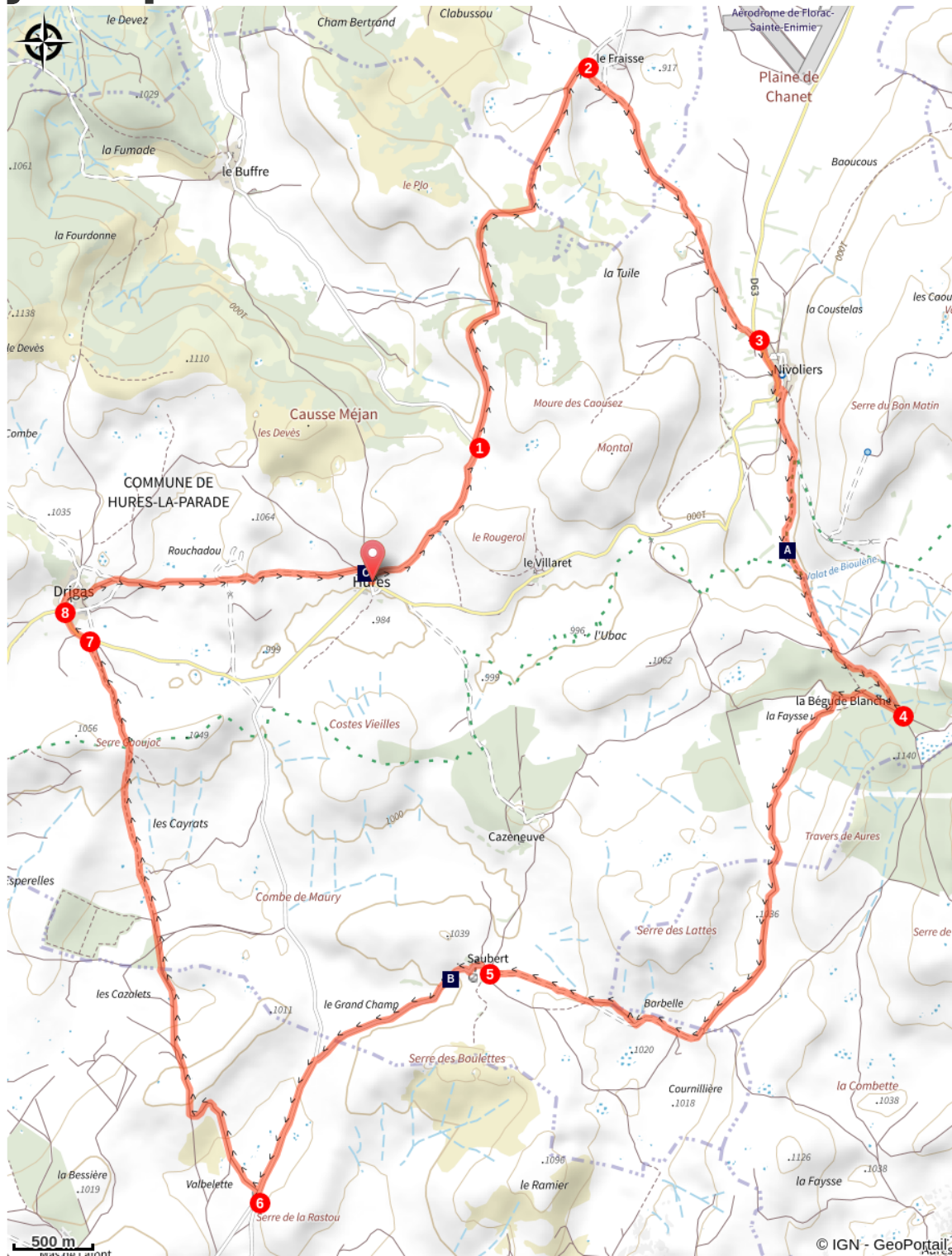
5) As you leave the hamlet, continue on the road. Join up with the lane and turn left onto it.

6) Just before the crossroads, take the track on the right. Go through a gate and several barriers (please remember to shut the gates to keep livestock safe). The track climbs to the Serre de Gaoujac and goes back down to the D 63.

7) Turn left onto it and continue till you reach Drigas.

8) Go up into the village and take the first right (GRP) towards the quarry. Cross it and continue straight ahead to Hures.

On your path...



-  Przewalski's horse (A)
-  The church of Hures (C)

Saubert mill (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

No off-roading. You are strongly advised to wear a helmet. Do not forget your repair and tool kits. Please close all gates and barrier behind you. **Slow down in farms and hamlets.** Carry sufficient water. Be careful around livestock and guard dogs: get off your bike if necessary; do not rush them!

How to come ?

Access

From Meyrueis or Sainte-Enimie, take the D 986. At the Aven Armand crossroads, take the D 63 towards Florac for 6.5 km. In Hures village, park at the car park near the church.

Advised parking

Car park in the village centre.

Information desks

Tourism'house and national Parc at Florac

Place de l'ancienne gare, N106, 48400 Florac-trois-rivières

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Tel : 04 66 45 01 14

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



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On your path...



Przewalski's horse (A)

Przewalski's horses, the last wild horses in the world, are originally from Central Asia. They had been extinct in the wild for 40 years when a conservation herd was bred at Le Villaret with a view to reintroducing the species to Mongolia. Two deliveries of four families and a group of studs to Khomiin Tal, Mongolia, were organised in 2004 and 2005. There, the animals were released onto a territory of 14,000 hectares.

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Saubert mill (B)

As you leave the hamlet of Saubert, you will see a ruined windmill. Several windmills were built on the Causse Méjean around the 18th century. They ground the grains grown on the plateau, making locals less dependent on mills in the valleys. The vestiges of four mills can still be seen, one of which was entirely restored in 2018: La Borie mill. A local flour industry has developed, with bakers using it to make the Méjeannette loaf. La Borie mill can be visited between Easter and Halloween.

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The church of Hures (C)

The church was founded in the 11th century by the Benedictine monks of Sainte-Enimie to expand their arable land. It was built in four stages:

- The choir in the early and the nave in the late 12th century,
- the right-hand chapel in the 14th century,
- the left-hand chapel in the 18th century.

Each enlargement of the building corresponded to an increase in the Causse population. The nave has a beautiful window. To the right of the entrance is a funereal recess, which probably belonged to a local dignitary and in which were deposited a number of bones removed from the buried body.

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