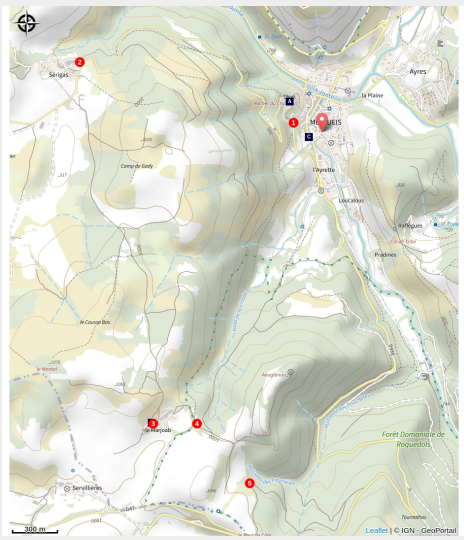
The two farms of the Causse Noir

Causses Gorges - Meyrueis

Bout de Côte, Aigoual (©Nathalie Thomas)



Explore the Causse Noir plateau between the Jonte valley and Mont Aigoual.

Useful information

Practice : Hiking on foot

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 10.4 km

Trek ascent : 409 m

Difficulty : Medium

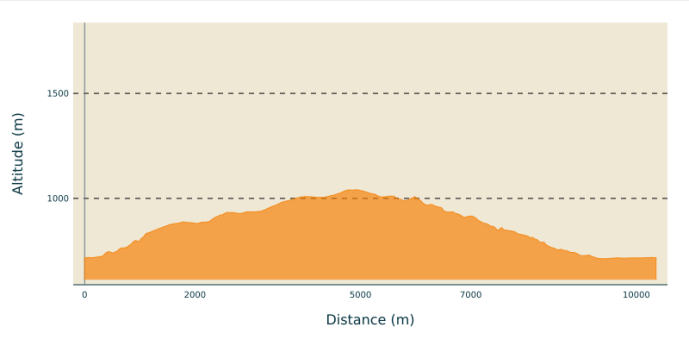
Type : Loop

Themes : Architecture and village, Fauna and flora, Transports en commun

Trek

Departure : Meyrueis: Place Jean-Séquier
Arrival : Meyrueis: Place Jean-Séquier
Markings : Yellow waymarks
Cities : 1. Meyrueis

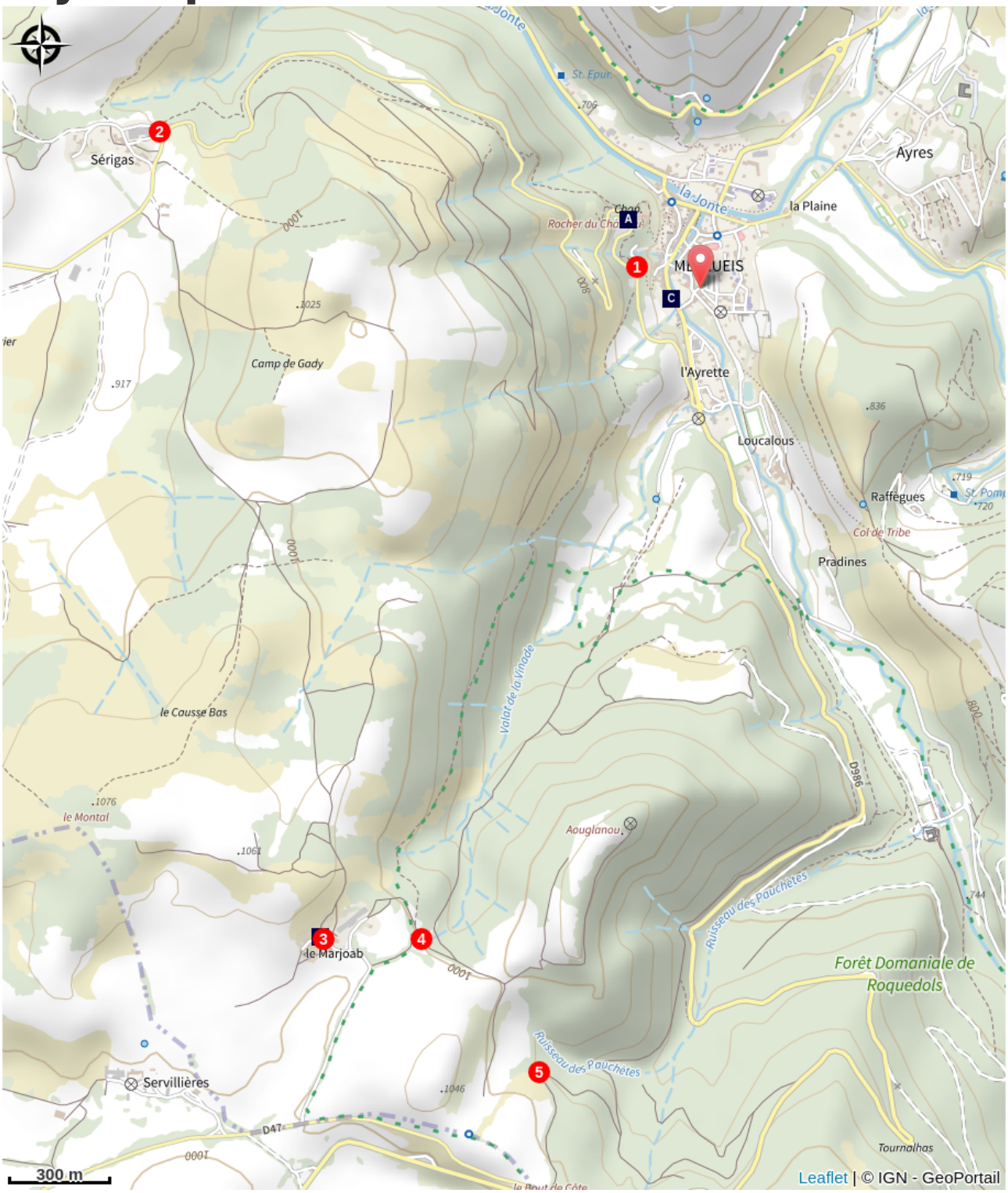
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 713 m Max elevation 1041 m

From Jean-Séquier Square (in the village), take **"*chemin de la Vinade*"**, a lane going uphill to the right of the Hôtel de l'Europe.
1) Then follow **"*Sérigas*"** on the GR® 62a hiking trail. The trail crosses the D39 twice.
2) In Sérigas, walk past the farm building, then turn left to reach the D39 once again. Turn right onto the road, walk for 200m and, having ignored two paths on the left, leave the road for a wide track on the left beyond a group of houses, towards **"*Le Marjoab*"**.
3) Cross the hamlet of Le Marjoab and 150 m further on take the track on the left.
4) At the intersection of tracks, turn right towards **"*Meyrueis 4,6 km*"**.
NB! Take a path on the left that goes downhill and around a field to join up with the old Meyrueis-Le Vigan road in a bend.
5) Turn left onto it and walk downhill to Meyrueis. Cross the D 986 and enter the forest opposite. At the crossroads, turn left towards Meyrueis, join up with the road and turn left onto it. Then turn left onto Rue de l'Airette to return to Meyrueis.

On your path…



Castle rock (A)

Sérigas, Marjoab (B)

The village of Meyrueis (C)

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

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 ?

Transports

Bus stop: Office de tourisme, place Sully

- Bus line 259 Mende - Sainte Enimie - Meyrueis
- Bus line 215 « Millau – Peyreleau - Meyrueis »

https://lio.laregion.fr/

Access

From Florac or Le Rozier on the D 996.

Advised parking

Meyrueis

Information desks

Tourism'house and national Parc at Florac
Place de l'ancienne gare, N106, 48400 Florac-trois-rivières

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Source

Agence d'Attractivité Touristique Gorges Causses Cévennes

http://www.cevennes-gorges-du-tarn.com

Parc national des Cévennes

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

On your path...

Castle rock (A)

According to a non-verifiable claim from the 17th century, the Roman general Caius Marius had a castrum built on the rock overlooking the village, in 101 BC. However, the first written sources to mention the village date from the 11th c. and refer to the castle, home to the Bermont family. The castle then passed successively into the hands of the Anduze, Roquefeuil and Armagnac families, before falling to Jeanne d'Albret, Queen of Navarre.

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Sérigas, Marjoab (B)

Here, local farms breed goats to produce milk for making Roquefort cheese. In the 17th and 18th century, farmers used their milk to make cheese for themselves. In 1842, following the collapse of wool rates, the "Société des Caves et Producteurs Réunis" was formed to centralise cheese-ripening in Roquefort. A large number of dairies were opened in Causse hamlets. It was not until 1929 that the "Confédération des Eleveurs de Brebis et des Industriels de Roquefort" was created to once again jointly manage Roquefort production.

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The village of Meyrueis (C)

The geographical location of Meyrueis is remarkable, nestled between the Aigoual massif, the causse Noir and the causse Méjean. Here the Camin Ferrat crosses the Jonte river. Pilgrims and transhumant flocks of sheep stopped in the village before continuing their journey. Many merchants came to its large fairs. Stroll through the lanes and relive the flourishing past of the belle époque. From the prosperous bourgeois residences to the marketplaces, everything still speaks of the past! Sheep's wool from the plateaux was woven here, silk was spun. There was intense economic activity. In the 17th century, Meyrueis became a centre for hat-making. By 1860, 17 milliners were busy making hats for Languedoc and Provence, beautiful and exceptionally high-quality hats made from felted wool and silk bourette. Discontinued as of about 1920, this activity left room for tourism, which today animates the village.

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