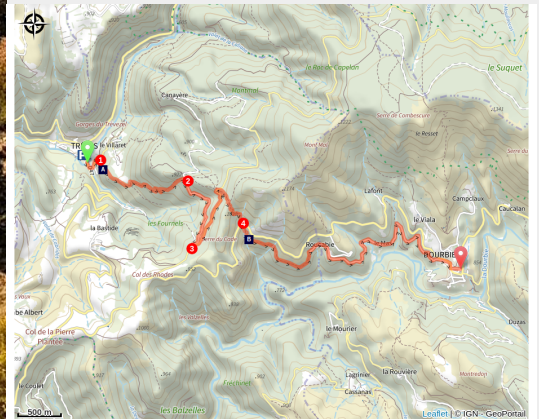


# One foot in the Dourbie valley, the other in the Trévezel (day 1)

Aigoual



Rocher au dessus de la Dourbie (Béatrice Galzin)



The path uses the former road to the village and overlooks the beautiful Dourbie river valley with the summit of St-Guiral opposite.

As you leave the peaceful village of Trèves, you start the steep climb to Le Pas du Coulet. Here, mines were dug all around you for minerals such as galena (silver-bearing lead). This industrial exploitation was ephemeral but it provided a living for foreign and local families for several years.

## Useful information

Practice : Hiking on foot

Duration : 4 h 30

Length : 8.8 km

Trek ascent : 613 m

Difficulty : Medium


Type : Step

Themes : Architecture and village, Fauna and flora, History and culture

# Trek

**Departure** : Trèves

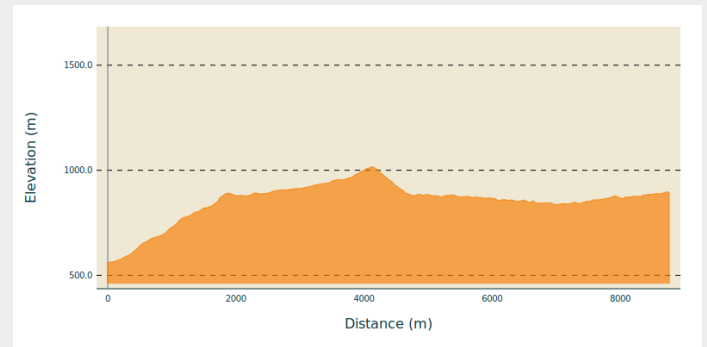
**Arrival** : Dourbies

**Markings** :  Yellow waymarks

**Cities** : 1. Trèves

2. Dourbies

## Altimetric profile



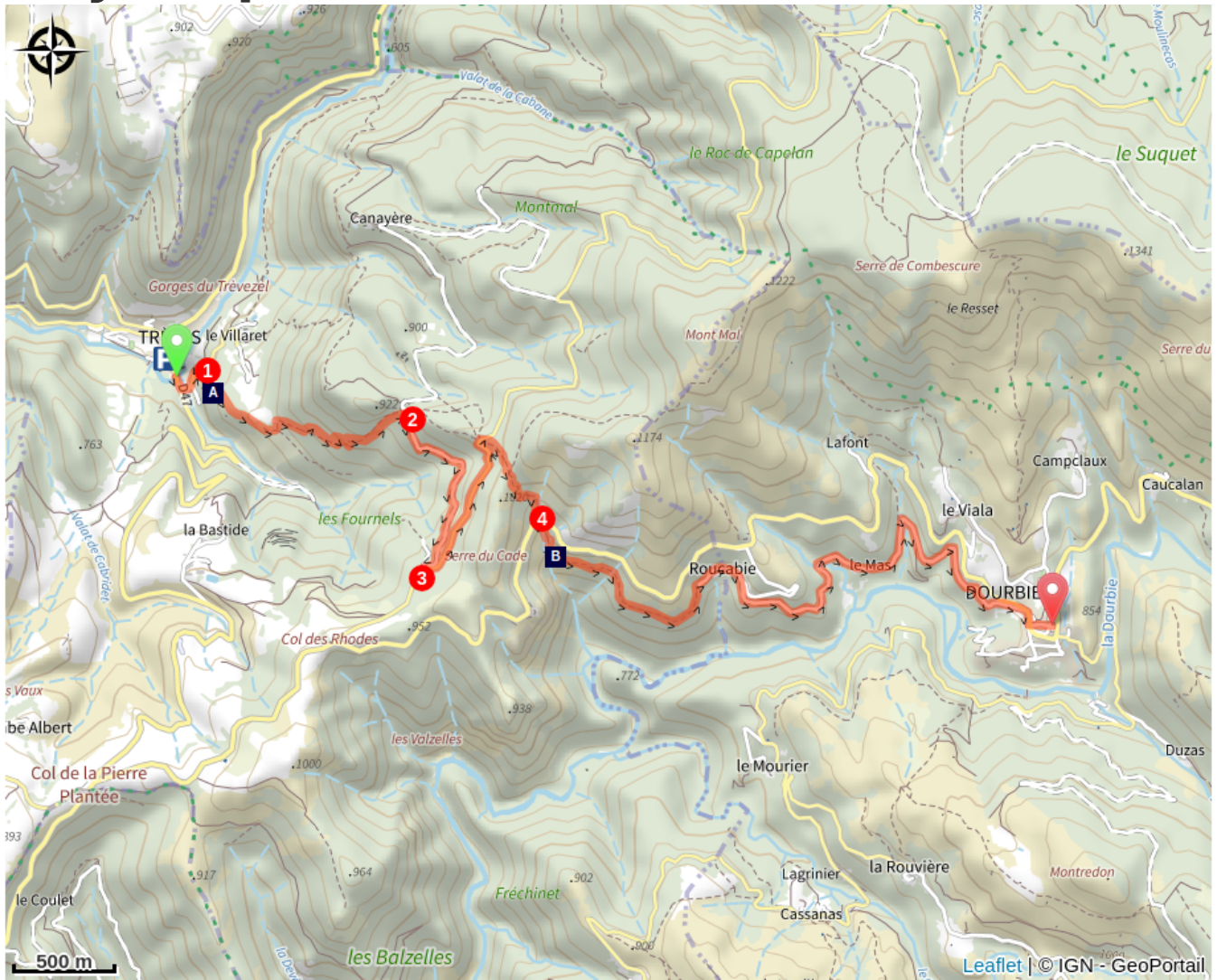
Min elevation 560 m Max elevation 1016 m

Starting from “**Trèves**”, take the path on the left after the bridge to “**La Vierge**”.

1. Take the path on the right to “**Pas du Coulet**”.
2. At “**Pas du Coulet**”, follow the track on your right to “**Sous le Col des Rhodes**”.
3. Then take on your left the D710 road for 900 m, then the path on the right to “**Serre de Cade**”, then to “**Combe étroite**”.
4. Go downhill to “**Dourbies**” via “**Roucable**”, “**La Bourelle**”, “**Las Costes**”, “**La Combe**”.

Explore the village, which is part of the “characterful village” network.

# On your path...



Box (Buxus) (A)

The Dourbies gorge (B)

# 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 any gates and barriers behind you.

## **How to come ?**

### Access

From Nant take the D341, then the D151 to the village of Dourbies.

From Meyrueis take the D986, then the D157 through the Trévezel gorge and Trèves, then the D151 to the village of Dourbies.

### Advised parking

Car park in the village

## **Information desks**

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

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

[info@cevennes-parcnational.fr](mailto:info@cevennes-parcnational.fr)

Tel : 04 66 45 01 14

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



### **Tourism & national parc'house**

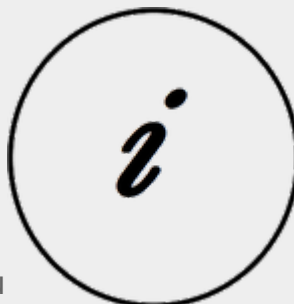
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## **Source**

## On your path...

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### Box (Buxus) (A)

Boxwood and humans: a long relationship! When livestock farming increased, the primeval oak forest opened up and box – which is too hard for sheep's teeth – took hold everywhere. Humans discovered one of its major qualities: broken up and scattered over the ground as a litter, it protects vegetable seedlings from drought and frost. Its leaves can make up for a lack of straw for fertilising arable land. In 1818, a decree issued by the prefect of the Gard department worried about the excessive clearing of box groves and the messy manner in which they were being uprooted, without adequate tools. Until about 1910, you might see mules laden with enormous bundles of box; then chemistry took over. (B. Mathieu)

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### The Dourbie gorge (B)

The path comes out on the Dourbie gorge. Opposite you, the western part of the high granite plateau of the Lingas joins up on its right with the limestone plateau called Causse de Larzac. On your right, you can see the granite dome of Saint-Guiral. Closer to you, in the vales that converge on the Dourbie, are the former crop terraces, pastureland, the village built on the riverbank at the valley's widest point and finally the chestnut orchard. You are seeing the upper limit of its range, which corresponds to its maximum altitude in this zone (800 m).

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