

# The Bramont gorge

Causses Gorges



Paysage du mont Lozère (Nathalie Thomas)



Discover the Bramont gorge with its partly subterranean river and its mill. The return leg is on the heights, through hamlets with a wealth of handsome architecture and exceptional rural heritage elements.

## Useful information

Practice : Hiking on foot

Duration : 3 h

Length : 9.2 km

Trek ascent : 381 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Architecture and village,  
Water and geology

# Trek

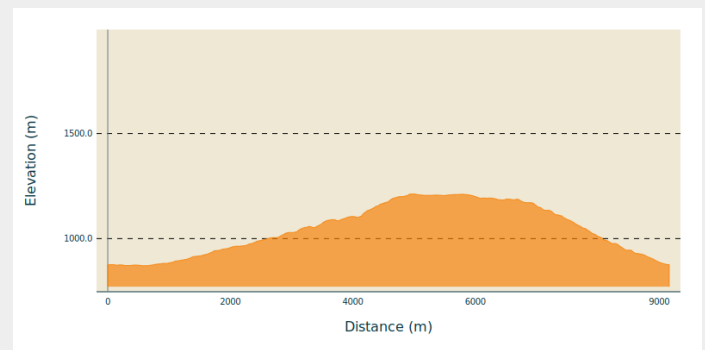
**Departure** : Saint-Étienne du Valdonnez

**Arrival** : Saint-Étienne du Valdonnez

**Markings** :  Yellow waymarks

**Cities** : 1. Saint-Étienne-du-Valdonnez

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 871 m    Max elevation 1212 m

Signposts will guide you all along this route. In the description below, the signposted place names and/or directions are given in **bold italics** between quotation marks:

Starting from "**Saint-Etienne du Valdonnez**", walk towards "**La Fage**" via "**Mairie**" :

1. "**Passerelle du Bramont**",
2. "**La Borie**".
3. At "**La Fage**" return to "**Saint-Etienne du Valdonnez**" via :
4. "**Bassy**",
5. "**Chemin de Bassy**".

This hike is taken from the guidebook **Mont Lozère - Pays des sources, de la montagne du Goulet aux gorges du Bramont**, published by the Pôle de pleine nature du Mont Lozère.

# On your path...



The Bramont river (A)

La Fage (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 ?**

### Transports

#### **Bus stop:** Arrêt bus centre

- Bus line 251 "Florac – Mende". Year-round daily service Monday to Saturday, Attention, bicycles are not allowed

<https://lio.laregion.fr/>

### Access

From Mende, towards Balsièges on the N88, then the N 106 towards St-Bauzile, then St-Etienne du Valdonnez (D 125).

From Florac, to the Col de Montmirat on the N 106, then St-Etienne du Valdonnez.

### Advised parking

At the Poste (post office)

## **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 office Coeur de Lozère, Mende**

BP 83, place du Foirail, 48000 Mende

[mendetourisme@ot-mende.com](mailto:mendetourisme@ot-mende.com)

Tel : 04 66 94 00 23

<https://www.mende-coeur-lozere.fr>



### **Tourism office Mont-Lozère, Bagnols-les-Bains**

avenue de la gare, 48190 Bagnols-les-Bains Mont-Lozère et Goulet

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## **Source**



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



Pôle pleine nature Mont Lozère

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## The Bramont river (A)

The Bramont has its spring at Roc des Laubies on Mont Lozère. It runs downhill from there through the gorge which bears its name, crosses the Valdonnez valley and flows into the Lot a few kilometres further on, at Balsièges.

The Bramont is a peculiar river, which is both a major tributary of the Lot and, through underground stream captures, a hidden tributary of the Tarn.

From its spring onwards, the river flows over granite bedrock. But near Les Bondons, on the limestone formation of the Cham (small plateau) of the same name, its water partly disappears in three zones linked to a cave that was explored in about 1987: the Bramont ponor cave. The water re-emerges in Les Combes valley where it creates a waterway also known as the "Bramont", which becomes a Tarn tributary at Le Cantonnet.

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## La Fage (B)

The hamlet of La Fage has a wealth of ancient architecture and exceptional rural heritage. You can admire:

- its former mill, below the road just before you enter the hamlet;
- the bread oven, with its work room;
- the stall for shoeing cattle;
- the wash house;
- its cross with stoup and granite slab, on which the coffin was placed during funerals;
- the blizzard bell tower, built while waiting for a church that never materialised. The bell formed the pattern of daily life, and on days of powder-snow blizzards, the villagers ran it to help travellers find their way safely to the village.

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