

# Le Chastelas

Mont Lozère



Vue sur le Chastelas (N Thomas)



A beautiful hike on the hills above Nojaret, giving access to Le Chastelas, the site of the former fortress of Montclar.

Enjoy panoramic views onto this historic site! You walk under sweet chestnut trees on paths that were once much frequented to reach the strategic Col de Montclar pass. All the land was cultivated, and there was much trade.

## Useful information

Practice : Hiking on foot

Duration : 3 h

Length : 9.0 km

Trek ascent : 449 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Architecture and village

# Trek

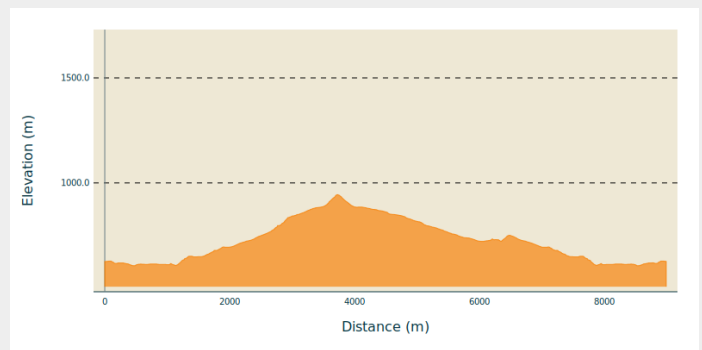
**Departure** : Vialas, Tourism office

**Arrival** : Vialas, Tourism office

**Markings** :  Yellow waymarks

**Cities** : 1. Vialas

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 606 m    Max elevation 945 m

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

From "**Vialas**", walk to :

1. "**Nojaret Haut**", then to "**Sous le col de Montclar**" via :
2. "**Lou Garadou**",
3. "**Lou Pradous**",
4. "**Les Sources**".
5. From "**Sous le col de Montclar**", go to :
6. "**Puecharus**" via "**Le Chastelas**". Return to "**Vialas**" via :
7. "**Réservoir**",
8. "**Nojaret Haut**".

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Chastelas de Montclar (A)

# All useful information

## **Advices**

You have to cross a scree zone to reach Le Chastelas. Alternatively, take the forest track that skirts Le Chastelas.

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.

## **How to come ?**

### Access

From Le Pont de Montvert on the D998 to Vialas.  
From Génolhac, on the D17 then D998 to Vialas.

### Advised parking

Parking on the right as you enter the village

## **Information desks**

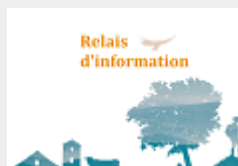
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### Chastelas de Montclar (A)

Atop this fortified rocky promontory was a fortress that was badly damaged as early as 1238, like its close neighbour, the Château de Verfeuil...

This was in the Cathar period. Records from the early 17th century say it is "in ruins". The cistern located at the foot of the tower as well as several sections of wall are still visible. (text : Francis Tillault, from the collection of walks Autour du Parc 10)

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