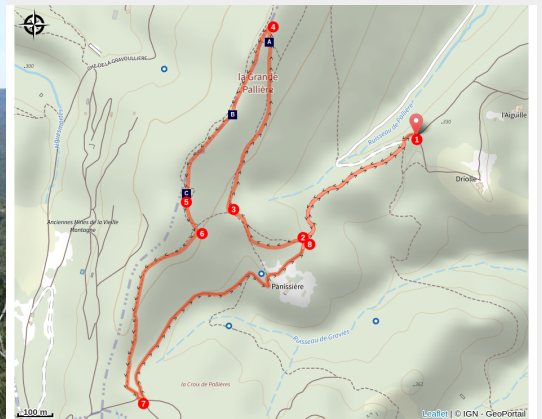


The dolmens of La Grande Pallières

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Vue sur l'Aigoual (N Thomas)



An easy walk exploring the traces of the past and of prehistoric human presence.

The site of La Grande Pallière is considered the largest prehistoric necropolis in acidic soil. This path is enlivened by panels made in collaboration with Florian Secondary School. Happy exploring !

Useful information

Practice : Hiking on foot

Duration : 1 h 30

Length : 4.1 km

Trek ascent : 140 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : History and culture

Trek

Departure : L'Aiguille (Anduze)

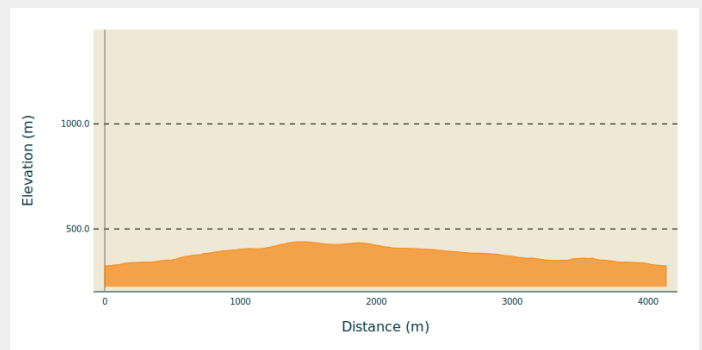
Arrival : L'Aiguille (Anduze)

Markings :  Yellow waymarks

Cities : 1. Anduze

2. Thoiras

Altimetric profile

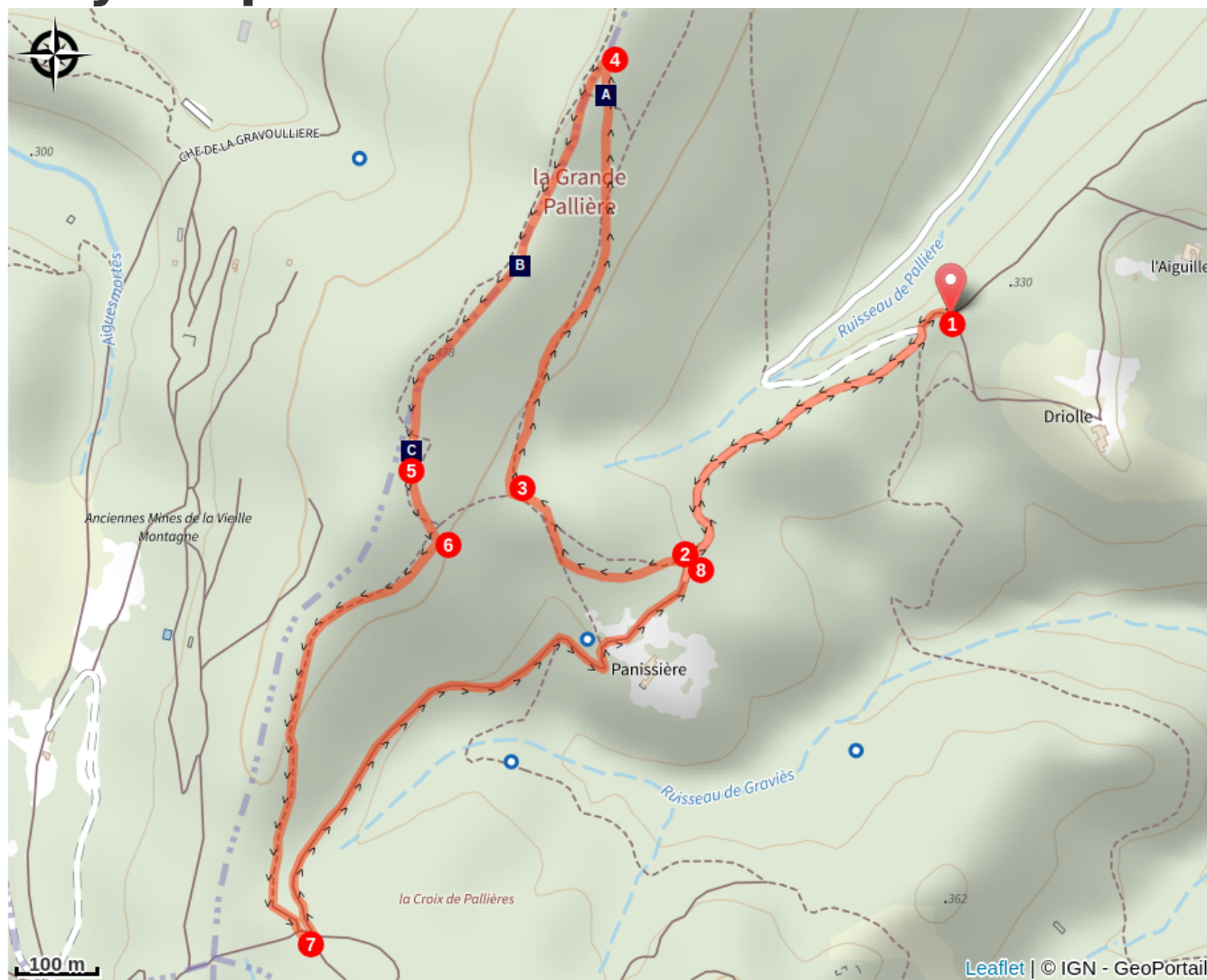


Min elevation 325 m Max elevation 439 m

Start at “L'Aiguille” car park, above Driolle.

1. Walk to “Panissière”.
2. Take the path uphill to “Col de Panissières”.
3. Continue to “Dolmens de la grande Pallières”.
4. Take the ridge path and go downhill to “Dolmen de Panissière”.
5. Continue downhill to “Sous le Dolmen”.
6. Walk to “Les croix de Pallières” x2.
7. Go downhill to “Panissière”.
8. Return to “L'Aiguille”.

On your path...



Dolmens at La Grande Pallières (A)
Dolmen de Panissière (C)



The strawberry tree (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.

How to come ?

Access

From the centre of Anduze, take the D907 towards St-Jean du Gard for 2 km, to the roundabout. At the roundabout, turn left to Driolle, via the light industrial area, then on Voie de l'Olivier. Continue on Chemin de l'Olivier, then Chemin de la Grande Pallière, and Panissière.

NB : Do not go downhill to Driolle but stop by the departure sign for the Sentier du Dolmen trail.

Advised parking

L'Aiguille, above Driolle

Information desks

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Source

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Dolmens at La Grande Pallières (A)

This site is considered the largest prehistoric necropolis in acidic soil.

All the dolmens are different and have been dated to the late Neolithic (3,500 years BCE). They were reused as collective burial sites until the late Bronze Age (800 years BCE). More information can be found on the small panels conceived with Florian Secondary School.

Attribution : N Thomas



The strawberry tree (B)

This was a sacred plant for the Romans: the goddess Cardea is said to have used it to keep away witches.

This bush flowers in winter and bears fruit the following year. In autumn, you can therefore see both flowers and fruit on the same tree.

Its trunk has fine cracks, and its foliage is evergreen.

Its branches become crooked with age, and the trunk can be spiral-shaped.

During your walk, you will see some very handsome specimens !

Attribution : N Thomas



Dolmen de Panissière (C)

"Located at an altitude of 420m not far from a former sheepfold, this dolmen was constructed out of coarse sandstone. It was searched and restored in the late 1980s by the Groupe Alésien de Recherche Archéologique. It has a corridor, is 7m in diameter and is enclosed in a tumulus delimited by 17 monoliths 80cm to 130cm in length. These are single large stones, either natural or carved" (text extract from panel on site).

To read more, go to the dolmen !

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