

# Sentier urbain des patrimoines



Easy 2 h 3.7km 51m -51m Loop

**Departure** : House of Leather Crafts and Tourist Office, Graulhet

**Arrival** : Same place as the start

**Markings** : PR

**Cities** : 1. Graulhet

A city walk to appreciate the heritage of this ancient town, where leatherworking once brought great wealth. On your route, you can see medieval houses and tanneries overlooking the Dadou River, all amidst the tranquility of the riverbanks and narrow streets.

## 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.



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## Advices

Work between points 4 and 5 will close the road in 2024 and it will be diverted via Place du Jourdain. Turn right and climb the stairs to the old town, go around and back down to continue the path.

## Information Desks

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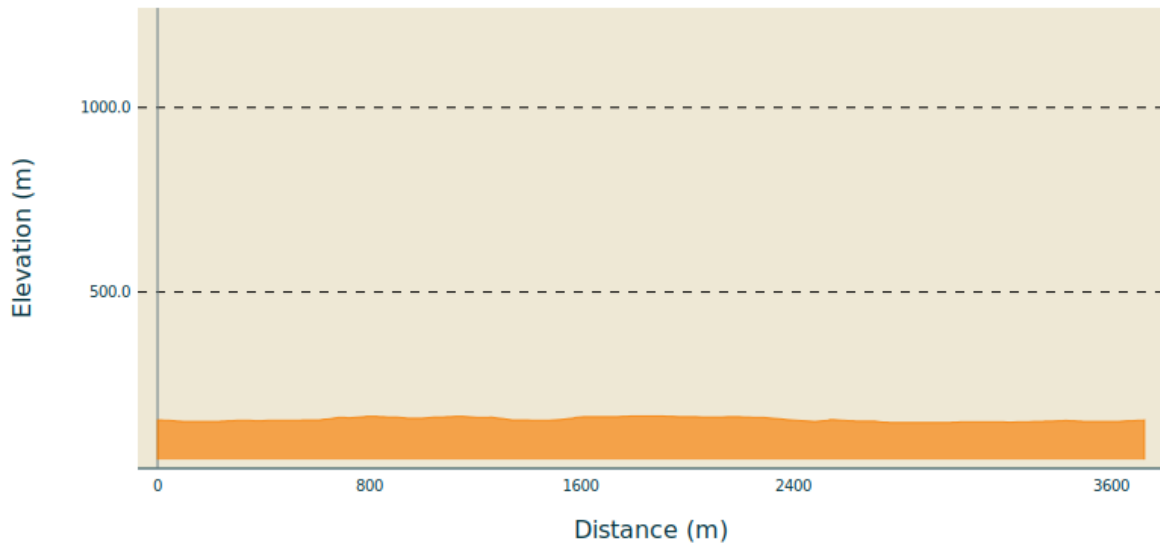
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## Altimetric Profile



Min elevation 146 m Max elevation 164 m



## Description

- 1 Maison des Métiers du Cuir (House of Leather Crafts) and Tourist Office: Since the Middle Ages, the people of Graulhet have known how to tan hides. Leatherworking has been a local tradition for centuries, making Graulhet the capital of basane, a type of leather primarily used for shoe linings.
- 2 Jardin St Jean: Only the foundations of the former Seigneur's Mill remain. A specialist in successive transformations, it was integral to the town's life for a long time: a grain mill (16th century), then a fulling mill (18th century), it became a spinning mill at the end of the 19th century and later a tannery (1956-1988). A fire in July 2010 ended its long career.
- 3 Medieval Tannery House - As you climb the narrow alley towards Rue St-Jean, the atmosphere of leatherworking opens up to you. The tanneries, with their stone arches for river work and their frames for airing the hides, still tell their story, while a magnificent 16th-century medieval house with timber framing reveals its drying lofts.
- 4 Pont Vieux - Classified as a Historical Monument. Built in 1244 to allow the fortified town to expand across the Dadou River, it enabled the establishment of early medieval tanneries along the river in the St-Jean district. For hygiene reasons, tanneries were constructed outside the city walls during the Middle Ages.
- 5 Rue Médiévale de Panessac - Here we are in the heart of the Middle Ages. This street, one of the most typical in the department, features narrow timber-framed facades. Formerly, "pountets" connected some of the houses.
- 6 Hostellerie du Lyon d'Or - Listed as a Historical Monument. It is one of the oldest oak timber-framed buildings in the South of France. Its facade, with its two levels of timber framing and distinctive St-Andrew's crosses typical of the 15th century, and its projecting upper story over a ground floor made of well-dressed sandstone, stand out.

- 7 A Beautiful Shop - A testament to the commercial life of the town. Spinning mills, drapery, hat-making, shoemaking, leatherworking, and furriery have enlivened the town since the medieval period, complementing the trades of the time. In this very narrow alley connecting the Place du Château, where poultry markets were held, and Place Mercadial, the site of the weekly market, one can admire a rare beautiful drapery shop. The term "trié sur le volet" (handpicked) comes from the practice of displaying goods on slightly raised shutters.
- 8 Pastel and "Soleilhous": Since the mid-15th century, the Pays de Cocagne (named after the "coque" in Occitan, referring to the hand-worked and molded pastel leaves) in the golden triangle of Albi-Toulouse-Carcassonne has experienced significant economic expansion linked to its cultivation and trade. Graulhet was a pastel center and had a small pastel port for transit on the Dadou River, via the Tarn and Garonne to supply England and Spain. The pastel plant produced a pigment known as "blue gold" that provided seven primary shades of blue sought for dyeing fabrics and painting. While strolling through the town, you can see some picturesque open drying sheds, the "soleilhous," where pastel was dried.
- 9 Pigeonnier du Pré de Millet - A beautiful "foot of mule" type dovecote, where bird droppings were once used as fertilizer for vineyards and pastel cultivation.
- 10 Mediatheque M. YOURCENAR - A fine example of a mix of traditional materials and innovative contemporary elements.
- 11 Château de Crins - Residence of the Counts of Aubijoux, built by Louis d'Amboise starting in 1585. It features the characteristics of Renaissance residential castles, with a recessed facade flanked by two towers and two wings. In the 1970s, part of it was demolished to accommodate the Crins school.