Boucle de la Ricaudié

Medium | 4 h | 14.8km | 346m | -347m | Loop

Departure : Route de Vielmur, Puylaurens
Arrival : Same place as the starting point
Markings : PR
Cities : 1. Puylaurens

Over hill and dale in the Puylaurentais in the land of plenty

The rich agricultural lands offer us colorful landscapes in spring and summer. In the fall the earth shines after plowing and reveals the boulbènes, the terreforts and the limestone lenses.

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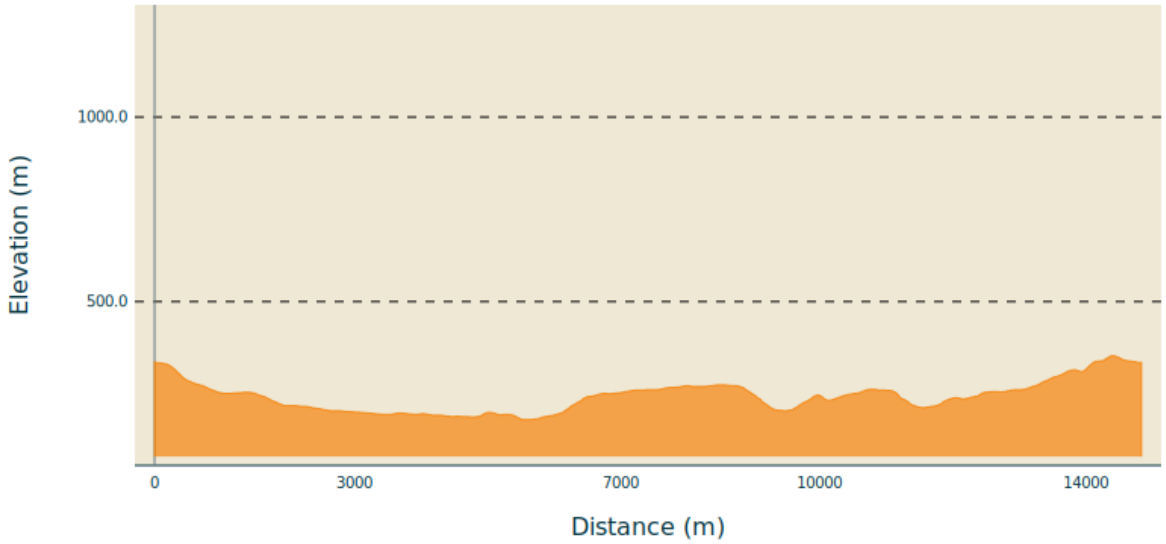

Min elevation 180 m Max elevation 353 m

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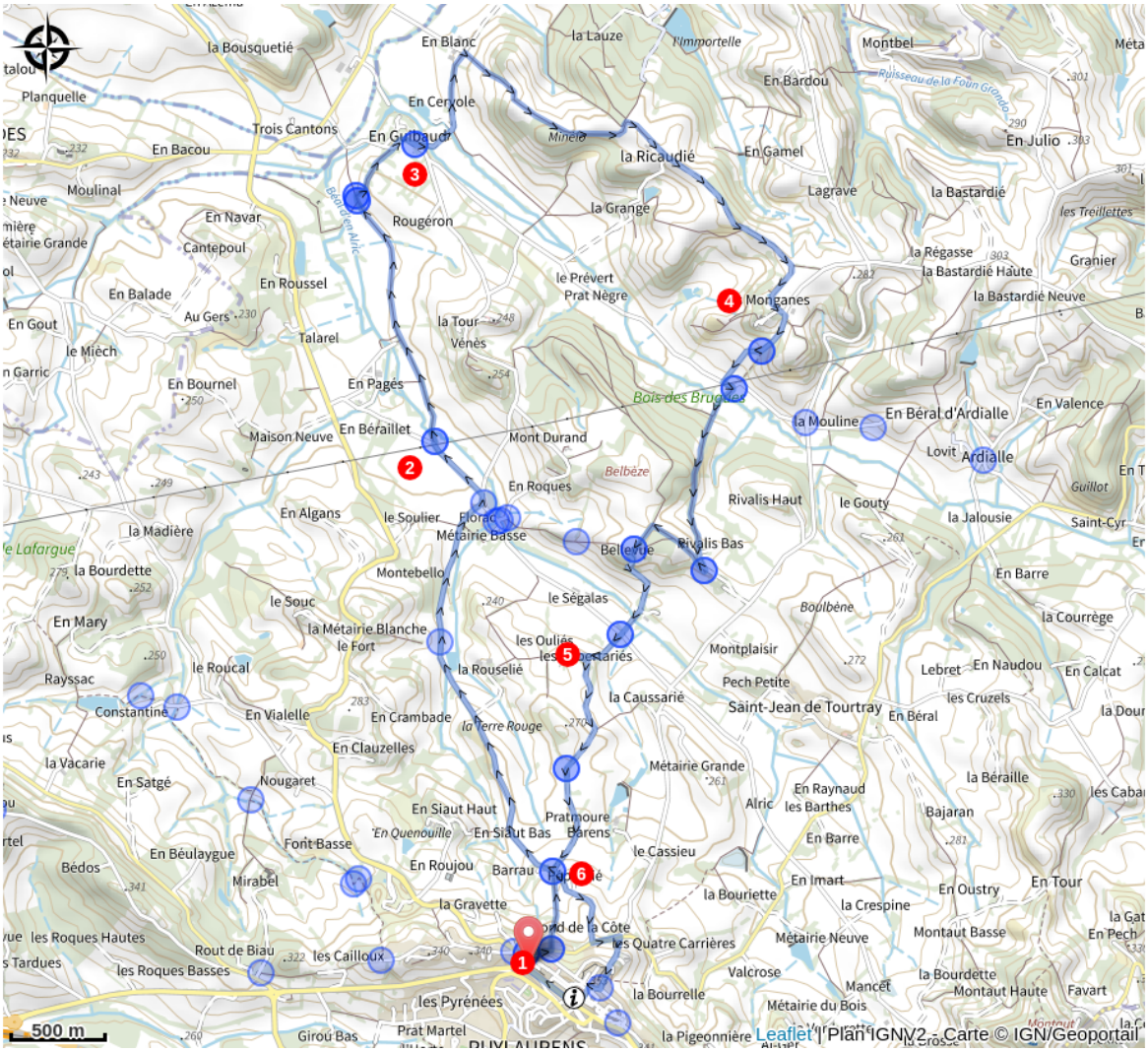

Description

1. Before the bottom of the Foulimou bridge, turn right to head towards Vielmur. 50 m further on, at the corner of a shop window, go down the path which becomes grassy. At the tarmac road, turn left and continue on this path which will become a stone path, until the church of St Etienne.

2. After the cemetery, take the tarmac road on the left, passing a large cross on the right. After about 400 m, leave the tarmac road and take the path on the right which crosses the stream. After about 1.5 km, near a power line, the path turns right to arrive at the entrance to the hamlet of en Guibaud.

3. In the hamlet, take the path of en Cervole on the left. Pass to the right of the buildings and continue to the farm of en Blanc. At the hangar, turn right across the fields, along the woods. At the top of the hill, walk along the plateau to find the Ricaudié farm on the right. Continue along the path that becomes tarmac before the hamlet of Montgagnes.

4. Cross the hamlet and at the exit, turn right, go down for about 500 m (don't forget to notice a motte and bailey on the right). Turn left, then shortly after, right to take the dirt road that crosses a wood. Leave the Rivalis Bas house on the left, pass to the right of the electricity pole, turn right, follow the wood for about 200 m; then turn left to cross it. At the exit, you can see on the left the Castres-style dovecote with a skylight of the Métairie Haute then the Bellevue house.

5. Go down on the tarmac road, cross the CV5 and take the Chemin des Imbertariés opposite which, after a left turn, becomes grassy. Continue for about 1 km.

6. At the crossroads at Barreau, turn left and follow the tarmac road to the D92: Puylaurens-Vielmur. Turn left; after about 20 m, turn right and take the grassy path to go back up to the village of Puylaurens along the Protestant cemetery and then the restored ramparts.

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