



## Did you know ?

### → APCHAT : THE CHURCH, THE CASTLE, THE MEMORIAL

The church of Saint-Médard d'Apchat was once the centre of a small priory dependent on that of La Voûte in Haute-Loire. It is a Gothic construction with a polygonal chevet, listed in the Historical Monuments for its mural paintings (Baptism of Christ, Virgin of pity, possible Trinitarian Saint Anne). The manor house overlooking the village, also listed as a historical monument (private residence), consists of a former square 15th century keep with stair turret and later buildings organised around a courtyard served by a Genoan porch. In 1922, the construction of the 1914-1918 war memorial gave rise to a new layout at the main entrance of the village and at the crossroads. The statue was ordered from foundries of the Val d'Osne and the theme was the «dying 'poilu' hugging the flag», full length, after a famous model by the sculptor Charles Breton.

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## Hiking guide

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### Apchat

Starting point : Ardes-sur-Couze

**Auvergne  
Pays  
d'Issoire**  
*Ressentez-Vibrez-Savourez*



Distance : 11 km



Hiking Time : 3 h 30



Difficulty : Medium

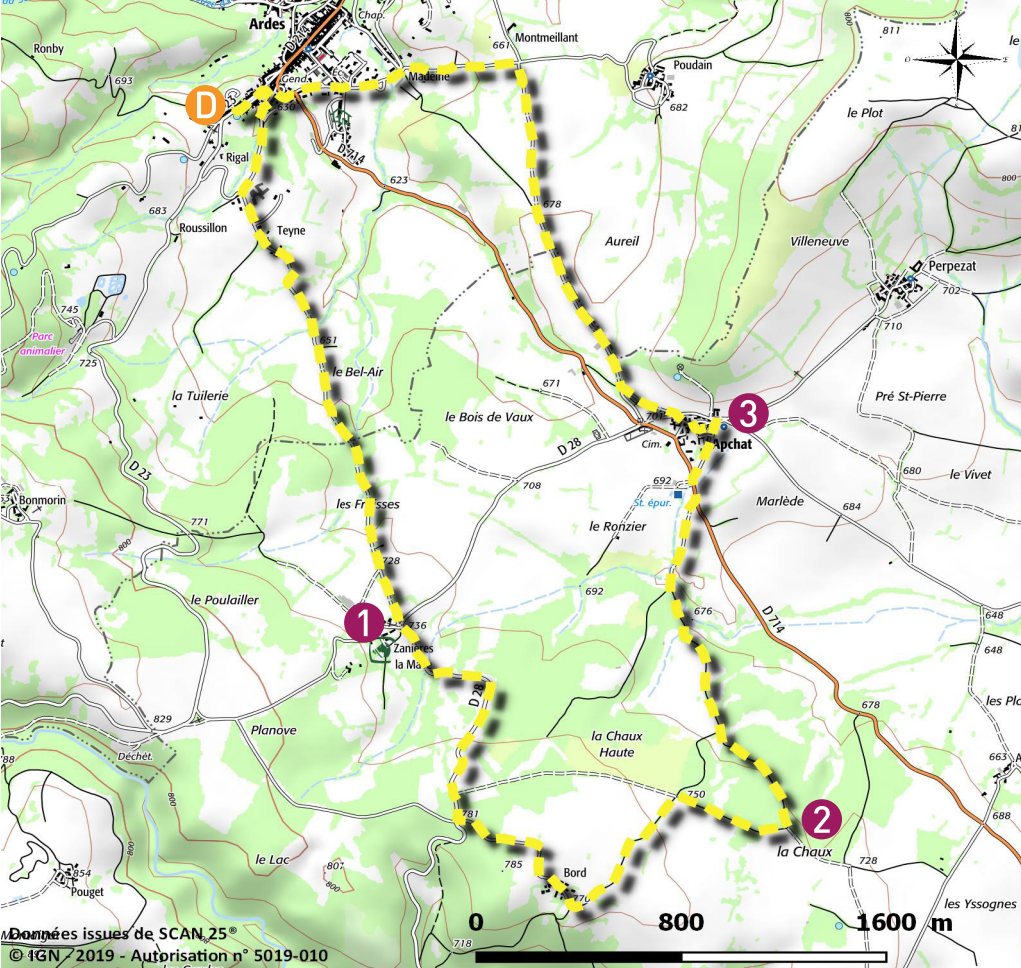


Marking Out : Yellow



Height Difference : 227 m





**D** Starting point - From the starting sign, go down towards the centre of the village, turn right into rue du Chapiot and then turn right into a street that leads to the retirement home. At this point, turn left onto a road that turns into a good path and goes down to the bottom of the valley. Go up (view on the Cézallier and the ruins of the castle of Mercoeur) to the crossroads (Croix) at the entrance of the village of Zanières.

**1** Take the small road opposite. At the top of the hill, at the crossroads, take the left road towards Bord (before the hamlet, overlooking the Margeride, the Allagnon valley, the Cézallier, the Château de Léotoing). At the exit of the hamlet, the road becomes a path; at the T-junction, turn right to another T-junction.

**2** Go left towards Apchat, ignoring the side roads (view of the village of Apchat). Join a road, take it on the left for 50 m and take the first street on the right to enter the village (direction town hall), until you reach the square (cross, fortified house, church).

**3** Turn left, go around the church by the apse, cross part of the village. At the well, in the middle of a crossroads, continue opposite by a wide path. At the crossing, go down to the right, ignore the right and left lanes (view of Ardes) and join a crossroads. Take the road on the left to reach Ardes by the avenue du Maréchal-Leclerc then the rue des Écoles; go past the Post Office, turn left then right in the rue du Chapiot to reach the starting point.

