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Did you know ?

→ THE DAUZAT PROMONTORY

Overlooking the valley of the Couty, the church of Dauzat occupies an exceptional position at the end of a basalt spur with its cemetery and the remains of a fortified priory of the Abbey Saint-Géraud in Aurillac. In 1217, the abbot authorised the Count Dauphin to build a castle and to found a new town, now disappeared. The church of the late 12th or early 13th century is listed in the inventory of historical monuments. It retains a splendid portal whose arches (curves) rest on capitals with hooks. The portal has preserved its medieval hinges (nailed iron strips).

→ TERNANT-LES-EAUX

Located on the banks of the Couty stream, known and appreciated for a long time, the tangy waters of the Salut and Vieux Moine springs were exploited in the late 19th and early 20th century. The water is sparkling, ferruginous, calcareous and salty. The development of thermalism was then accompanied by a craze for mineral waters, with their miraculous virtues celebrated by upcoming advertising. Although it did not meet the prestigious fate of some of its Auvergne sisters, the water was still bottled, transported by mules and carts to the railway to be sold in Parisian pharmacies.

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Hiking guide

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Dauzat-sur-Vodable

Starting point : Ternant-les-Eaux



Distance : 11,5 km

Hiking Time : 3 h 15

Difficulty : Easy

Marking Out : Blue

Height Difference : 398 m





- D** Starting point - From the starting sign (Romanesque church, bread oven, old well, old washhouse, water trough) go up the steep street behind the church chevet. At the last house turn right on the asphalt road until you reach a first road on the left. Take it to the road.
- 1** Go up the road for 10 m, turn right and climb a stony path. At the top follow the asphalt road on the right and then the first asphalt road on the left until you reach the road. Take this one on the right then a wide track on the left up to a crossroads. Turn right to reach a crossroads (view of the hillock of Uodable and the Puy d'Ysson).
- 2** Go down to the right, ignoring the right and left paths to the bottom of the valley. Continue straight ahead until you reach the crossing on the plateau (360° viewpoint: view of the Sancy massif, the Puys chain, the Allier plain, the Livradois-Forez mountains).
- 3** Turn left. Continue until you reach the T-junction in front of a dry-stone hut. Turn right and then left 150 m further on. At the crossing, continue straight ahead towards Dauzat-sur-Vodable (view of the priory and the site of the old castle) until you reach the war memorial.
- 4** Cross the road, go down to the left on the asphalt road then grassy. Continue in the undergrowth. Leave a path on the left. At the next crossroads, continue straight on the main road on the ridge until you reach a footbridge crossing Rivaux Creek.
- 5** Take it, then cross a step ladder. Cross the meadow and take the path in the valley along the stream (ferruginous source). In a curve, leave a path to the right. Join the D148 which brings you back to the starting point.

