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Did you know ?

→ LA GODIVELLE AND ITS LAKES

La Godivelle is the highest municipality in the Puy-de-Dôme department (1200 m altitude) and a typical Cézallier village with its solid granite houses, long stables and barns. La Godivelle holds other records: it is the least populated municipality of the Puy de Dôme (fewer than 20 permanent inhabitants) and the village fountain on the church square, is the largest in the department. Located between two lakes, in a beautiful natural environment, La Godivelle can also pride itself of being one of the most beautiful municipalities. The Lac d'En Haut is a crater lake, perfectly circular, born 110,000 years ago. Formed after a volcanic explosion, this maar is 44 m deep. It is one of the most oligotrophic (nutrient-poor) in Europe. The Lac d'En Bas, on the other hand, is shallower and was formed from an ancient glacier. Its peat bogs are a very rich natural environment, classified as a National Nature Reserve.

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Hiking guide

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Jassy

Starting point : La Godivelle

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



Distance : 15 km



Hiking Time : 4 h 30



Difficulty : Difficult

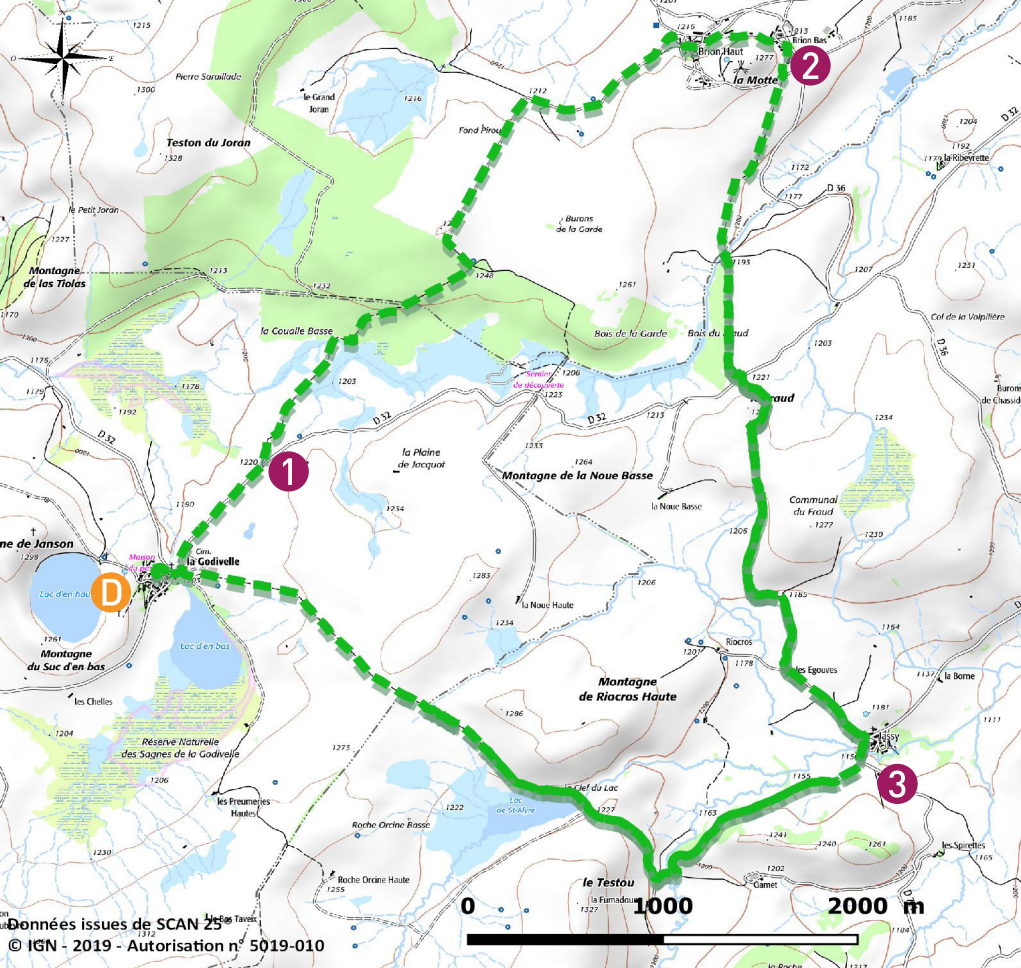


Marking Out : Green



Height Difference : 350 m





D Departure: Fountain - Drinking trough of La Godivelle.

From the sign by the big circular fountain, go down in front of the gite to the bridge. Stay on the main road, go past the cemetery (view of the massif du Sancy) for 500m on the road to a crossroads with a path on the left.

1 Go down, cross a walkway and enter the woods on the right. At the exit of the wood, continue opposite. At the crossroads, go up to the left. At the next crossroads, turn right on a path running along a wide gravel path. At the T-junction, go right. In Brion, just before the road, go up the path right. Cross the road, go straight ahead opposite. At the Patte d'Oie (gite d'étape), go up to Right. At the main road, go right between the houses to a T-junction.

2 Cross the road and continue opposite on a path between 2 fences (off road 20 mn round trip - go up the road on the right to reach the foirail then to the top of the feudal clod of Brion, panoramic view). At the T-junction, turn right and then immediately to the left. At a road, go up a wide path in front of it. At the T-junction, go right. At the road, go down to the left. At Jassy, turn right, cross the bridge and go to the next crossroads.

3 Take the small road on the right leading to lac de St. Algre. Cross the dike. Go along the lake, then climb up to a fence on the right hand. Cross it on a stepladder and walk along it on the left (after the 3rd stepladder, view of the the Godivelle and the Lac d'en Bas). Go down to the farm, join the road and go up on the left to go back to the departure point.

