



Did you know ?

→ THE CASTLE OF THE GRANGEFORT

At the origin of the castle, barns, perhaps fortified, sheltered the income of the tithes from the Nonette's castellany. Around the 15th century, the land became a fiefdom held by the lords of the Grange d'Ambillon then Pons de la Grange. The original castle was damaged in the 16th century then during the Revolution. Around 1850, the Viscount of Matharel, the new owner of the place, entrusted the architect Honoré-Auguste Vianne with an extensive restoration of the castle, in an exuberant neo-gothic style: keep with machicolations and crenellations, drawbridge, etc.

→ ROLAND DE LA POYPE

Roland de la Poype, born on 28 July 1920 in the castle of La Grangefort, distinguished himself as a heroic pilot in World War II. A visionary and inventor, he built his first factory in 1947 and created the DOP shampoo berlingot for the l'Oréal group in 1952. He is also the inventor of the bodywork of the Citroën Mehari. He founded the Marineland of Antibes in 1970, a famous water park which he owned until 2006, six years before his death.

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Hiking guide

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La Vallée de Parcelles

Starting point : St-Martin-des-Plains

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



Distance : 11 km



Hiking Time : 3 h 15



Difficulty : Medium

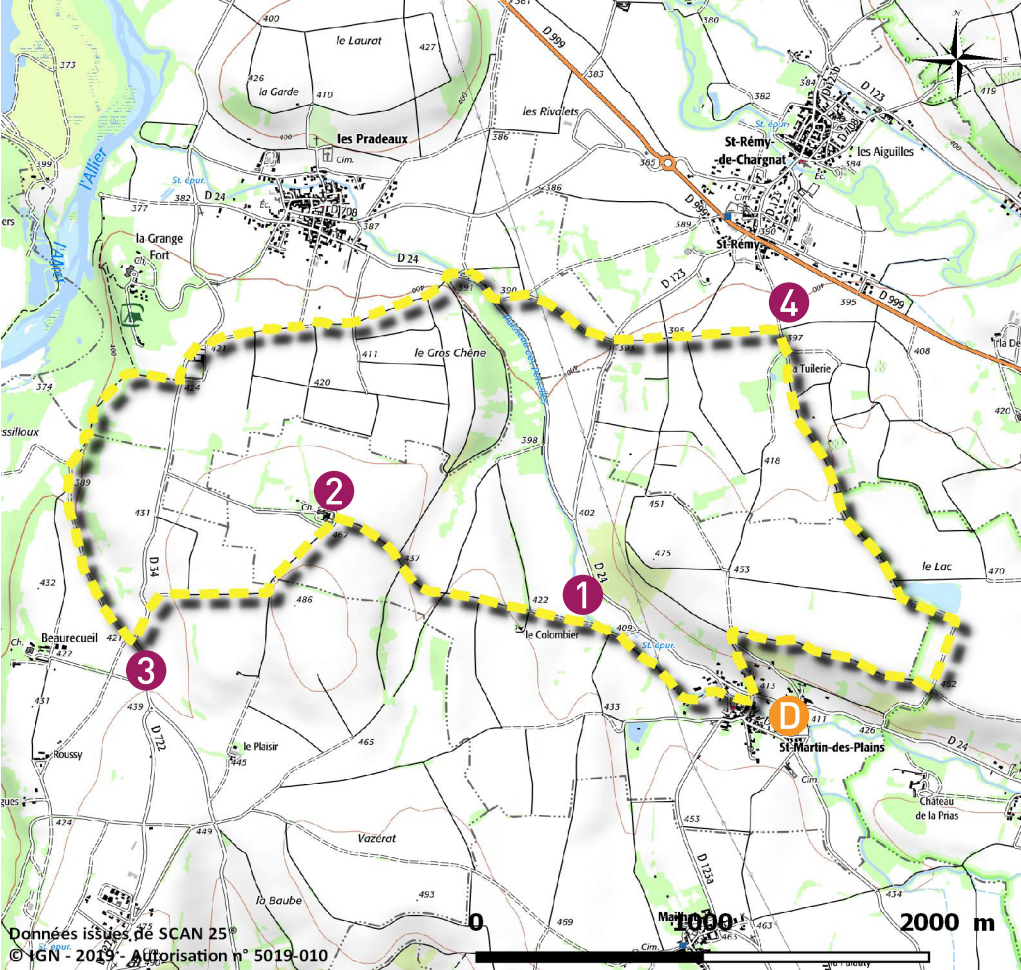


Marking Out : Yellow



Height Difference : 190 m





- D** Starting point - In front of the starting sign, turn left following the brook of Les Parcelles. At the road bridge continue opposite until you reach a crow's feet.
- 1** Continue on the upward path (old building with dovecote), stay on this wide path (view on the Livradois) until you reach Bethel castle.
- 2** In front of the Castle, turn left, follow a power line. On the ridge (panorama on the Cézallier, the Sancy massif and the puy de Dôme) at the first road turn right and go down. At the road, turn left for 150 m until you reach the entrance of a road.
- 3** Take it and at the stop sign, continue on the right by a long descent. At the entrance of a bend, leave the road for the right path, climb to reach a road, follow it from the left on a grassy shoulder (220 m). After the property of Grange-Fort cut the road, turn right, continue straight ahead forgetting the paths on either side. Pass near a village (Les Pradeaux). Cut a tarred path, continue until you reach a road. Cross it, take the first bridge on the left, walk along the picnic area and take the first road on the left. At the power line, turn right, cut the road and continue straight ahead until you reach (the old tile factory).
- 4** Go up to the right on the plateau (360° panoramic view). At a T-intersection, turn left (reedbeds). At the next crossroads, go to the right, progress on the balcony path, cut a small asphalt road, turn left and go down to the right on the wide path that leads to the village. Back to the starting point.

