



## Did you know ?

### → A LAND OF RESISTANCE

At the end of the Second World War, the local Resistance reorganised after the failure of the battles at Mont Mouchet (June 1944). Small groups of maquisards settle during the summer on the foothills of the Livradois and Sancy rivers to carry out the guerrilla warfare against the German occupiers. On 30 July 1944, they faced the German army warned of their presence in Saint-Etienne-sur-Usson and the village of Chaméane. Fifteen resistance fighters lost their lives in a battle that is still remembered in the regional resistance myth. The castle of Chaméane, where the headquarters of the FFI was installed, is dynamited. The survivors will take part in the Liberation of Issoire on 26 August 1944. The backdrop to the death of two young Resistance fighters, the cemetery of Saint-Etienne-sur-Usson has a military square. The furniture of the «Chemins de la Résistance» is also implanted there. This route, designed as an outdoor museum, is intended to tell the story of the days of 27 December 1943 and 30 July 1944, which saw the Resistance confront the German occupiers in the municipalities of Vernet-Chaméane, Saint-Jean-en-Vallée and Saint-Etienne-sur-Usson.

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## Hiking guide

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### La ronde des suquets

Starting point : St-Étienne-sur-Usson

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



Distance : 12 km



Hiking Time : 3 h 45



Difficulty : Medium

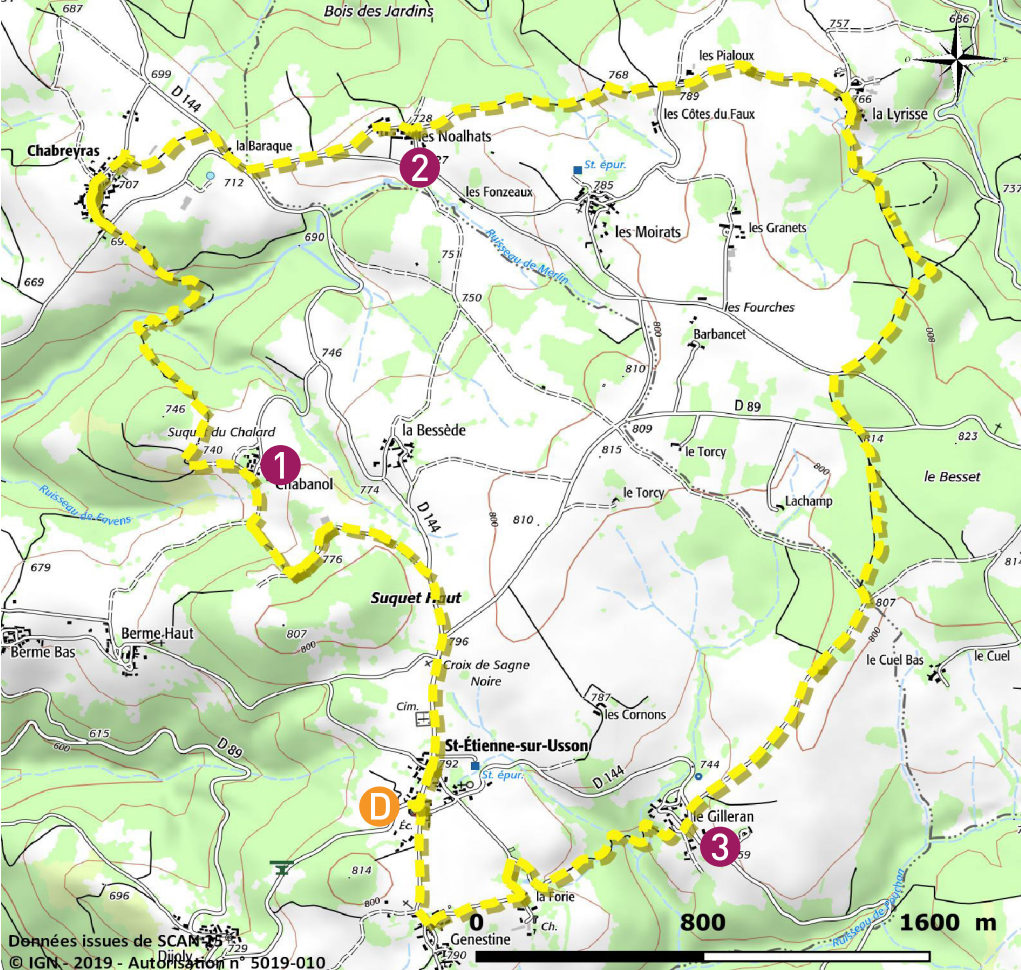


Marking Out : Yellow



Height Difference : 360 m





**D** Departure: Place de la mairie Saint-Etienne-sur-Usson.

Go down on the road (D89) for 600 m direction Sauxillanges. At the fork, continue left (D144) for 200 m. At the transformer, turn left and go past the farm (panorama from Sancy to the Puys range). At the entrance of the quarry, go down the path and then back up to right to the hamlet of Chabanol.

**1** Turn left and go up opposite, continue with a difficult descent in the forest. Cross two creeks, go up towards the houses and pass through the village of Chabreyras on the main street. At the exit, turn right to join the road (D144). Take it on the right then turn left direction the Noalhats. Go through the hamlet to a farm shed.

**2** Take the dirt road left. At the exit of the woods, head to the right and then, at the road, go straight ahead (small villages and hills of the

Livradois). At La Lyrisse, take a right, down the road and up the first path to the right. At the crossroads, turn right again, cross the wood on the way up to a road, cut through to walk across the street to another road (D89). Cross, go opposite and enter the woods. At the end of the grassy path, turn left and then immediately to the right. At the exit of the wood (view of Saint-Etienne-sur-Usson and the massif du Sancy) continue to a road; follow it left then right to the centenary linden tree of Gilleran.

**3** Go around the lime tree on the left and, at 30 m, go down by on the grassy path, cross the creek and go up. Take the road on the left and, 100 m before La Forie castle, turn right on a small asphalted road. At the next houses of Genestine, turn right, stay right again to go back to the departure point.

