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Did you know ?

→ THE CÉZALLIER VOLCANO

The Cézallier has not always been this green massif dotted with gentle relief, villages, lakes, burons and herds. Its formation began several million years ago with the multiple eruptions of a gigantic volcano, on an even older granite base. Erosion, accentuated by the formation, advance and then disappearance of glaciers has sculpted the landscapes that we know today. The emblematic sites crossed by this the slow but spectacular evolution of the Cézallier : the Cirque d'Artout was a glacier valley, whose moraines (piles of rocky debris, eroded and transported by the glacier) are still visible; and the Signal du Luguët is an ancient lava lake, which is still found by the action of erosion at the highest point of the massif.

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Hiking guide


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Le Signal du Luguët


Starting point : Anzat-le-Luguët



 Distance : 14 km

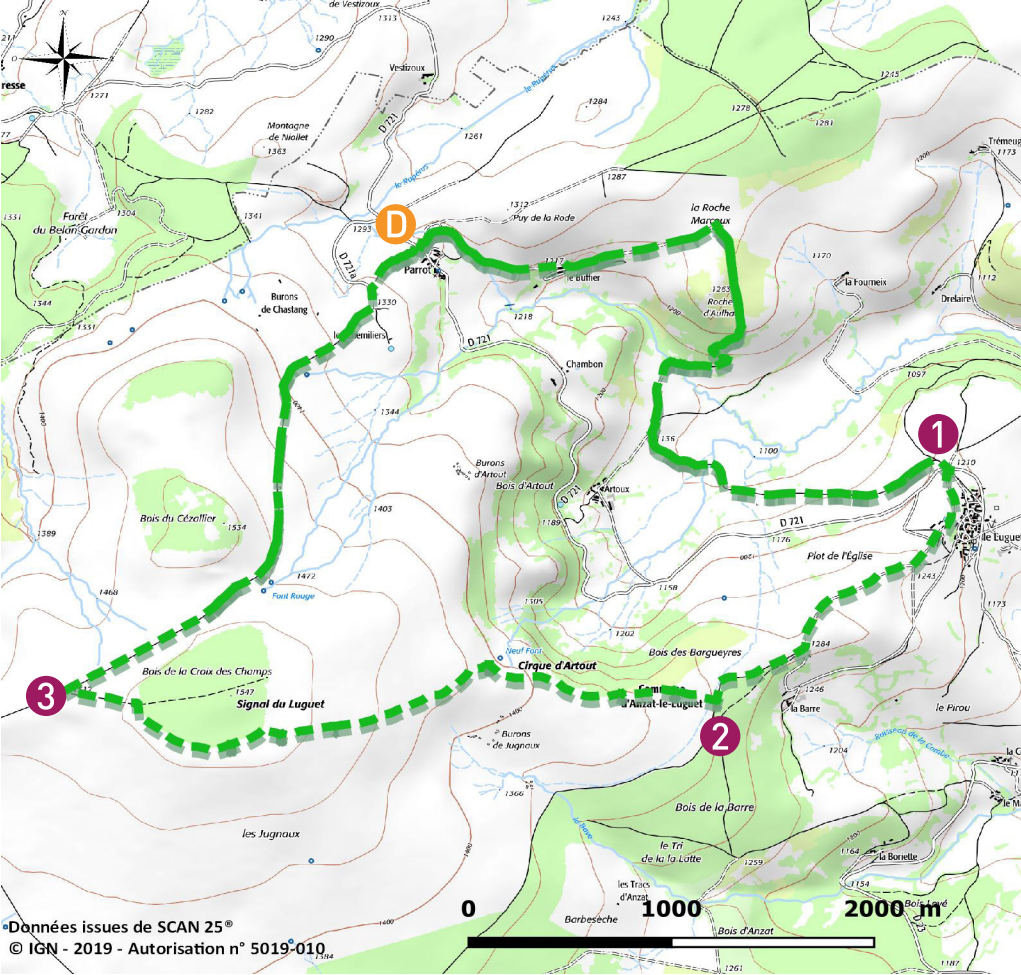
 Hiking Time : 4 h 30

 Difficulty : Difficult

 Marking Out : Green

 Height Difference : 470 m





D Starting point - Below the starting sign, take the road to Le Buffier. At the farm, go down and follow the path on the left. At the crow's feet, stay on the left until you reach an intersection. Turn right (PU1- view of the Forez, Devès and Margeride mountains). The path goes around the Rocher d'Aulhat, then down to the Artoux glacial cirque (PU2). After crossing a stream, the trail reaches the bottom of the cirque. At the intersection, turn right and, 30 m later, go down on the left. After the stream, go up to the road (off course, right on the road, AR 200 m, information sign).

1 Cross it and go up on the right leaving the GR and the direction of Luguet. At the first constructions encountered, turn right into a path. Go past all the houses, go straight up. At a fork, turn right. Before a small solid shelter near the woods, turn right for about 500 metres.

2 Leave the path to climb a step ladder on the right. Through the pastures, follow on your right the fence overlooking the circus (PU3). Cross a new step ladder and immediately turn left following the fence. After a third step ladder, go straight ahead until you reach the edge of the woods. Follow it on the left, for about 750 m (PU4: panoramà on the Cantal mountains, Sancy and the Dome range). At an intersection, turn left following a fence to reach a wide road.

3 Take it to the right, pass between the woods of Cézalier and the Croix des Champs and the Signal du Luguet. Go down and take the road on the left for 100 m. Turn right into a summer trail, follow the fence until you reach the finish line.

