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Did you know ?

→ THE PERTHUS AND WATERWAY TRANSPORT ON THE ALLIER

In spite of a difficult riverbed, the Allier River was a natural axis of circulation and exchanges. Navigation on the Allier River took off at the end of the 17th century with the opening of the Briare canal that joins the Loire to the Seine. Its golden age lasts until the mid-19th century, when it was challenged by the arrival of the railway. In the 15th century, the lord of Perthus owned the ships, ferries and ports of Perthus, des Pradeaux and Parentignat, thus exercising a monopoly on the Allier passage. History tells us that in 1586, Queen Margot, fleeing from the court, arrived at the ferryboat to cross the Allier river and take refuge in the neighbouring castle of Ybois, owned by her mother, Catherine de Medici. The absence of the boatman forced her to ford across the river. The ferry was replaced by a suspended footbridge around 1880, which has now disappeared. In the 19th century, Perthus played the role of port of the city of Issoire, where boats were loaded, flat-bottomed vessels called 'sépinières'; in 1840, the navigation office recorded the departure of 56 ships and 853 tonnes of goods, wine, fruit, grains and flour, wood, stored before loading in the vaulted cellars below the Perthus.

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Hiking guide

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Le domaine de Vort
Starting point : Orbeil



- Distance : 8 km
- Hiking Time : 2 h 30
- Difficulty : Medium
- Marking Out : Yellow
- Height Difference : 240 m





- D** Starting point - From the starting sign, turn right onto the road until you reach the railway. Go down the road on the right, go under the bridge and continue on the left between Allier and the railway. At the road, go under a bridge and go to a crossroads.
- 1** Go up the road on the left, cross Perthus Haut and continue until you reach the first house in La Ribeyre.
- 2** Go up on the left, always straight ahead, a wide path leading to a road. Follow it up for 100 m, then leave it to continue the ascent on a small asphalt road in the village of Naves, until you reach a crossroads.
- 3** Go up on the left and always ignore the paths on the right. Reach a flat area (view of the Livradois, the small Limagne and Issoire, the Cézallier and the Sancy massif) and continue on a balcony path ignoring the paths on the right until you reach a crossroads of four paths.
- 4** Go down to the left by a wide path (view on the Sancy massif and the Puy chain) and join the Domäne de Vort.

