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## Did you know ?

### → THE CASTLE OF MONTFORT

Dominating the village of Uernet with its slender silhouette, the Château de Montfort is a fortified house whose construction dates back to the 15th century. The building was built on a fortified square platform guarded by turrets. Its somewhat atypical shape, three corner towers and a central stair tower, would result from later work. Several families have been owners until it was bought by the municipality in the mid-20th century. This building today houses the Maison de l'Amethyste, which offers young and old visitors alike a playful discovery, exhibitions and workshops, of this fascinating semi-precious stone, the most important of which the large deposit in Europe, located nearby, is still being exploited today.

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## Hiking guide

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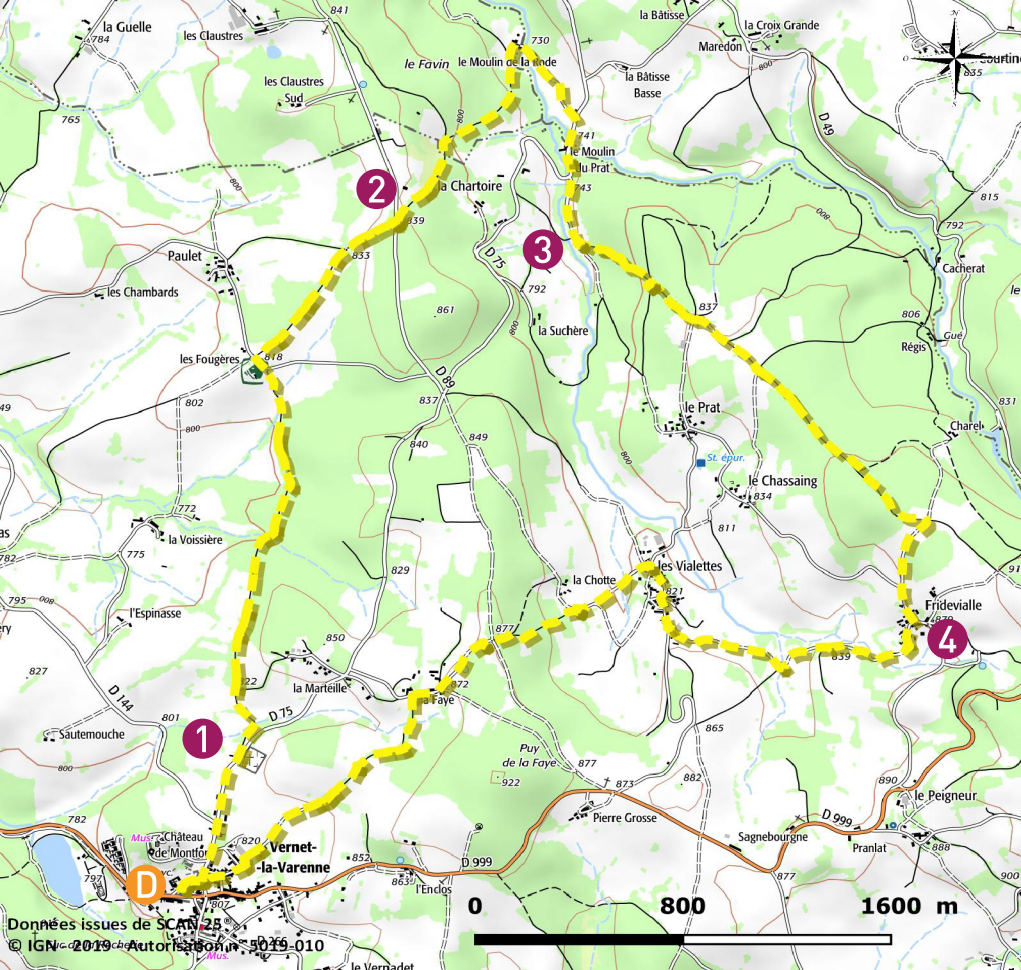
### Le moulin de la Rode

Starting point : Le Vernet-Chaméane



- Distance : 11,5 km
- Hiking Time : 3 h 30
- Difficulty : Medium
- Marking Out : Yellow
- Height Difference : 325 m





- D** Departure: Place Saint-Roch Uernet-Chameane. From the departure sign in the square, go up ruelle Saint-Roch to the church square. Take the street on the left and continue until the exit of the village. Continue on the D 75 up to the road that goes left at the cemetery. Take this path, and at the next crossing go opposite direction of the hamlet Les Fauçères (view of the Sancy). Continue to straight ahead on the main road. Pass to the right of the riding school to get back on the road. Follow it left and turn on the first path to the right and, ignoring the adjacent paths, go to the D 89. Cross it and take the path on the left side of the fence. At the next crossing, go straight ahead and 50 m further down right to the Moulin de la Rode (remains of the mill). Pass between the buildings, then over the creek to get to the road. Go to to the right. Go past the Moulin du Prat (old mill), then 50 m further, in the bend, take the path Opposite for 300 m to a path going up on the left. To take it, to ignore the path on the left and, at the crossroads of four paths, go up opposite. At the exit of the wood the farm, go straight ahead and 100 m up to a wood. At the corner of it, continue straight ahead on the path in the forest and go up to a crossing at the exit of the wood, go down to the right to get back on the road. Follow it left to a crossroads of streets in Frideviaille. Turn right on the road, and continue on a path ignoring a path to the left. At the road, turn right and, in the Vialettes, turn left towards La Chotte. Ignore the path on the left; in the curve before the houses, get on the climbing path on the left hand side, continue in the wood and, at the junction, go opposite to the crossroads. Go opposite (view of the Sancy massif, and the Chaîne des Puys). Cross the hamlet of La Faye. Before the last house, take the path on the left (view of the Château de Montfort, the Sancy and the Cézalier). Go down in the village of Le Uernet opposite the church on chemin des Nations, and join the departure point.