



Did you know ?

→ THE CISTERCIAN ABBEY OF MEGEMONT

In 1206, Count Dauphin d'Auvergne founded a women's abbey in Mègemont. On the margins of the Cézallier, the site is characteristic of the foundations of the Cistercian order: an irrigated valley by a watercourse, withdrawn at an altitude of 850 metres without being too isolated, served by a path linking the upper and lower land, facilitating the relations between the abbey and its outbuildings, the «barns.» The plan of the former abbey is in accordance with the Benedictine rule: a church with flat chevet and transept, of which the nave only remains as archaeological remains. The square perimeter delimited by the farm buildings corresponds to the former monastic enclosure. In the northern extension of the transept is a former abbey house from the 18th century. The sobriety of the 13th century construction is inseparable from Cistercian spirituality. In the dark volcanic stone elevations are framed by a series of bay windows carved, with a non-figurative decoration, discreet and neat. The flat chevet was illuminated by two tri-lobed bays topped by a rose. In 1791, the abbey was converted into an agricultural dependency, until it was bought by the municipality. Under the impulse of an associative framework, the preservation of the building started in 1995 by being classified as a historical monument.

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Hiking guide

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Le plateau d'Ussel

Starting point : Chassagne

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



Distance : 6,5 km



Hiking Time : 2 h



Difficulty : Facile

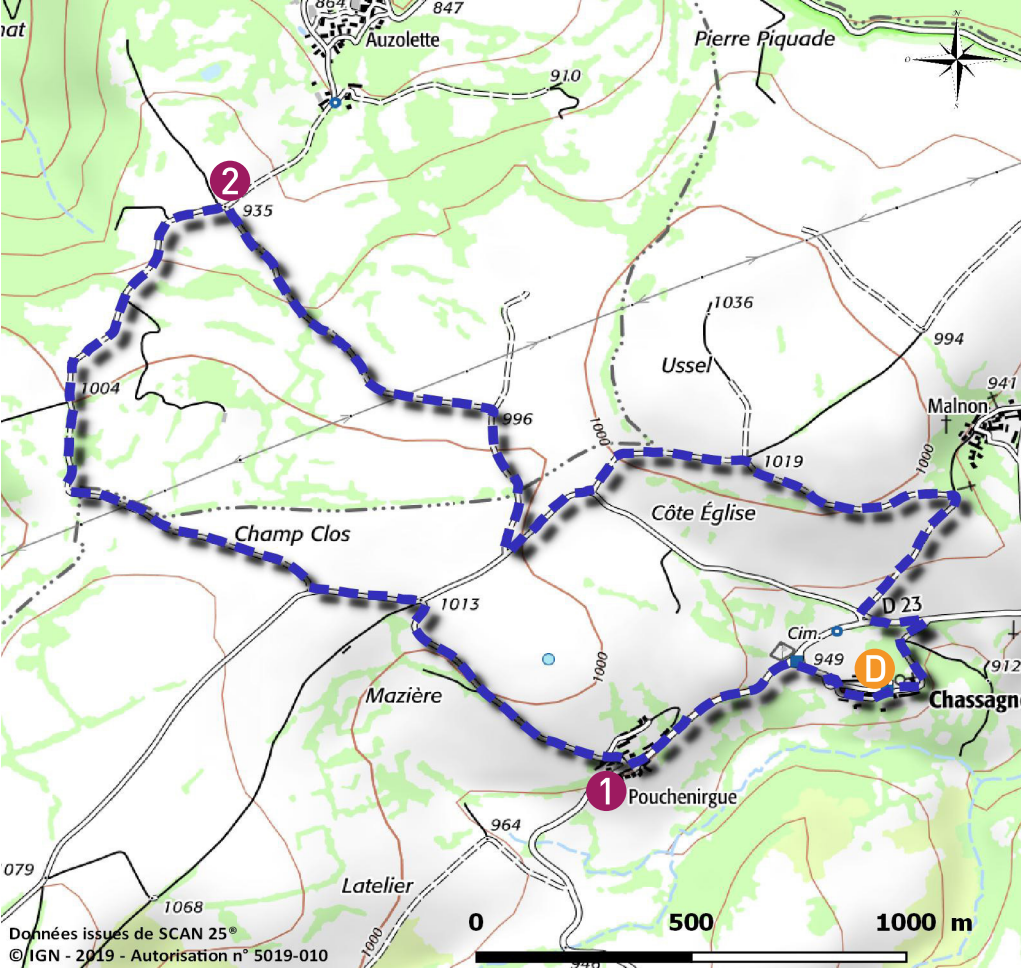


Marking Out : Blue



Height Difference : 200 m





- D** Starting point - From the starting sign, reach the cemetery, turn left on the D23 until you reach the village of Pouchenirgue.
- 1** After the washhouse, turn right and continue straight ahead on this asphalt road until you reach the road. Go left, then leave it by the first path on the right. After the big bend to the right, go down ignoring the two paths to the left, (view on the Sancy massif, the peak of Brionnet with the Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel chapel and the puy de Dôme) until the crossing.
- 2** Take the wide track on the right to go up on the Ussel plateau. At the T-junction, turn right, go to the road and turn left. Leave it for the first road on the left and go up to the crossing. Turn right and go down (view of the Monts du Livradois and Forez) until you reach a T-junction. Turn right to go down to the D23. Follow it on the left, then take the small road to Chassagne on the right. Go through the village (church and house with side gables and redents) to reach the starting point.

