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Did you know ?

→ SAUVAGNAT-SAINTE-MARTHE

Between two volcanic reliefs, hides a village with a southern appearance enveloping a fortified neighbourhood, classified since 1947. Here the colour sets the tone around the use of the pink sandstone extracted from the underground. In the 8th century, Salueniac belonged to the neighbouring castle of Saint-Yvoine itself under the authority of the abbey of Charroux en Poitou and then of the abbey of Saint-Austremoine d'Issoire. In the Middle Ages, Sauvagnat was interspersed between two variants of the «French Way», that busy road leading from the north to the south of the kingdom. Past the fortified gate dating from the 14th-15th centuries, the remains of the spiral staircase and the monumental fireplaces can be guessed. The narrow streets lead to narrow, multi-storey and adjoining houses with carved lintel doors with an accolade and 15th-16th century windows. Elsewhere in the village, opulent residences with broken roofs and orderly facades bear witness to the wine-growing boom of the 19th century.

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Hiking guide

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Le puy Neyrand

Starting point : Sauvagnat-Ste-Marthe

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



Distance 6,5 km



Hiking Time : 2 h



Difficulty : Easy

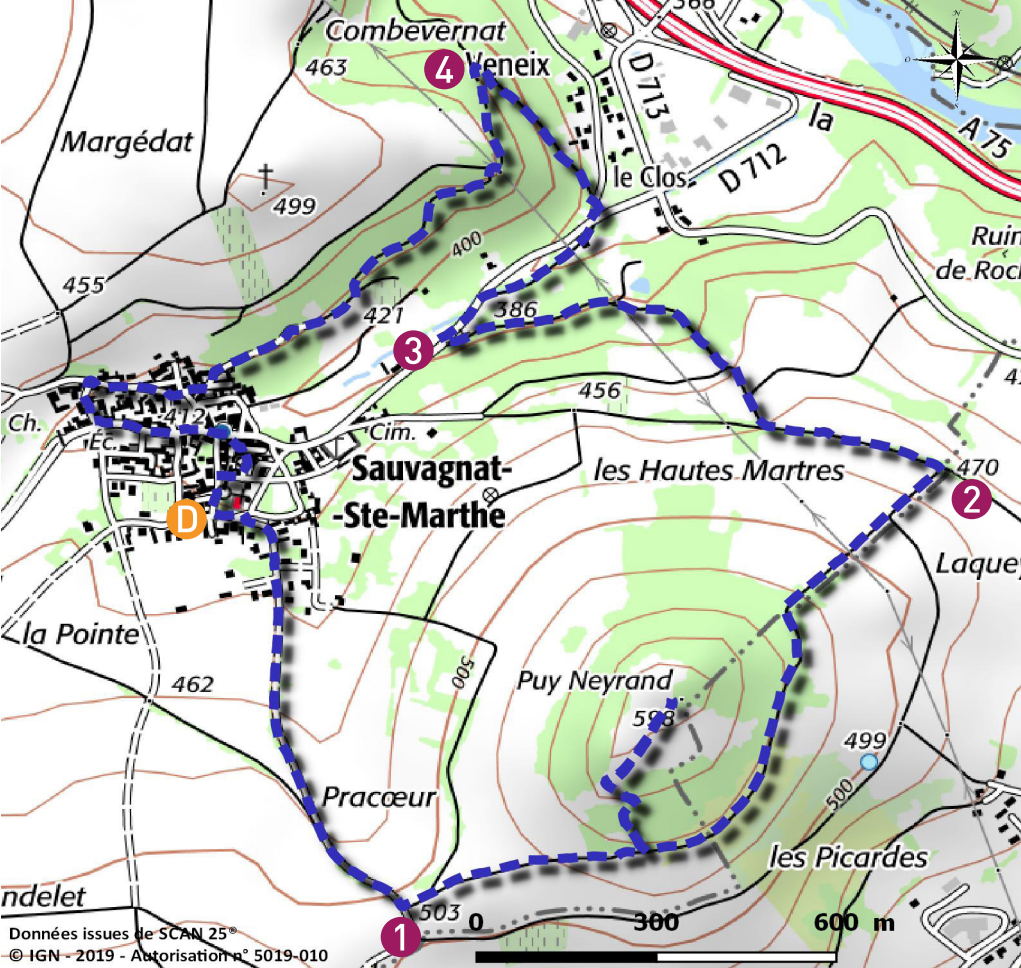


Marking Out : Blue



Height Difference : 214 m





- D** Starting point - At the top of the square, take the Trézins path. Go up to the first track on the left.
- 1** Follow it towards the grove. At the top of the hill take the small path on the left, access to «Puy Neyrand» : AR 20 minutes (view on Chaîne des Puys, Sancy and Cézallier). On the way back, continue the balcony trail (view of St Yvoine, Issoire, Le Livradois), and go down to a T-intersection.
- 2** Go to the left. Before the power line, go down the path on the right. At the crow's feet, follow the grassy path down towards the valley until you reach the D712.
- 3** Go down this road for 100 m. Turn right before the bridge. Cross a garden area. When you arrive at rue J. Aujame, immediately turn left onto chemin de la Tarraie until you reach the first path on the left.
- 4** Follow it to the top (Racoulat rock), turn off towards the two pylons and turn immediately to the left to go down towards Sauvagnat. Go up rue de la Dray then rue de la Conche. At the fountain, go down rue du Bac. Turn left into the main street. Place de la Fontaine, enter the Fort district. Turn left into a dead end and then turn right. Go up the stairs, take the rue de l'Eglise on the right and then on the left and then turn left again to return to the starting car park.

