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Did you know ?

→ MONTAIGUT-LE-BLANC

Built on a rocky spur at the confluence of the Couze Chambon and the ruisseau de la Rodde, the castle was held by the lords of Montaigut from the 13th century, period of construction of the dungeon and a first enclosure. Classified as a historical monument in 1889, abandoned then restored, it is now a private property with bed and breakfast accommodation. The medieval village itself was protected by an enclosure (fortified gate to the church). The extension of the habitat at the bottom of the valley, previously limited to the activity of the flour mills, is linked at the opening of the road from Clermont to Besse in the 18th century.

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Hiking guide

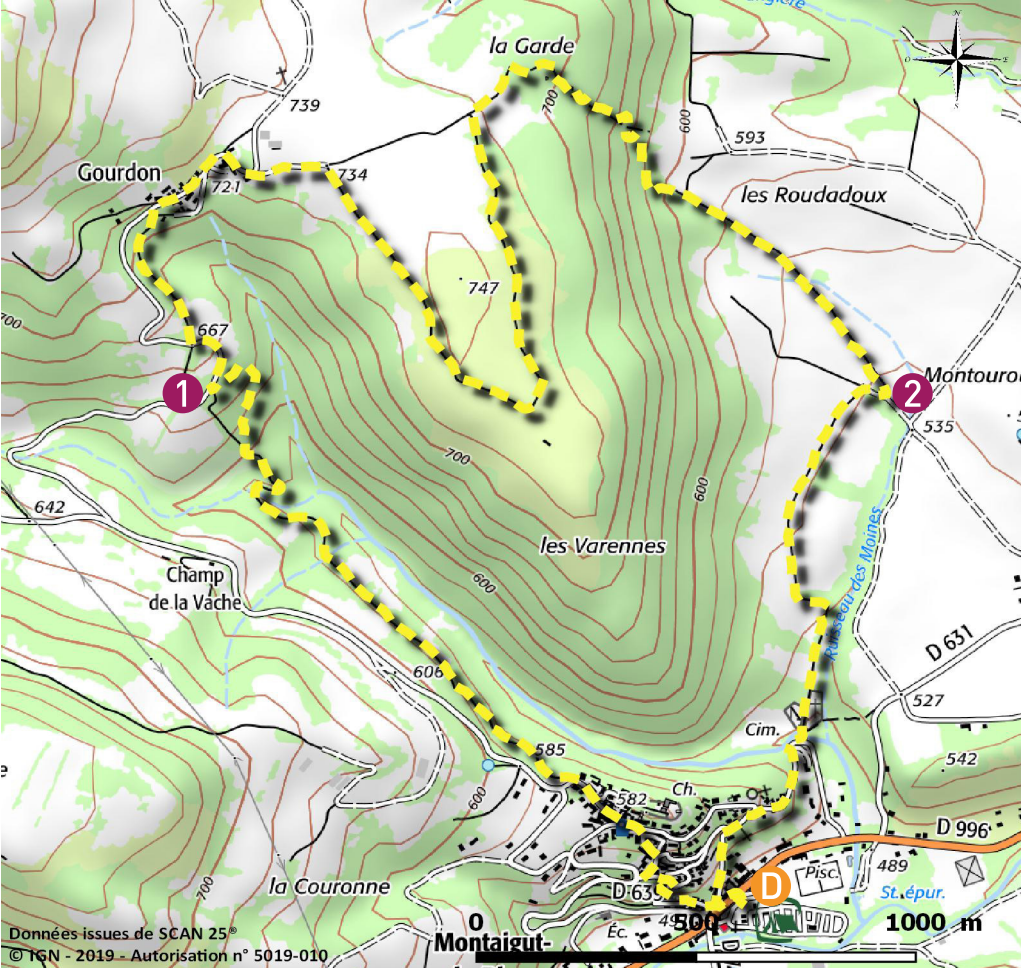
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Le puy de la Rodde
Starting point : Montaigut-le-Blanc



- Distance : 9 km
- Hiking Time : 3 h
- Difficulty : Medium
- Marking Out : Yellow
- Height Difference : 330 m





- D** Departure: Car park place du Riou, Montaignut-le-Blanc. Go down to the back of the car park, go right, skirt the stadium, the tennis court and continue opposite on the wooden grating. Take the small stairs and go up on the right. Take on the left, on Route des Moulins. Turn right on Rue du Grand Chemin. Climb up the stairs on the right until Rue des Templiers. Follow it on the left (be careful, there is another circuit marked out in yellow). Turn right on Rue du Couvanier. Leave apart streets on the right. Come out on Place du Taillet (cross, fountain, wash house, and trough). Take the road of Olloix (on the right, access to the feudal castle). At the end of the village, go down the path to the right. Cross the bridge above the Fasteyroux stream and go straight until the road of Gourdon.
- 1** Follow it to the right for 100 m. After the bend, take the road to the right (several cellars and a well) until you reach the entrance of Gourdon (washhouse below). Go through the village, go up on the right until you reach the farm, keep going on the right. On the plateau, at the sign «Puy de la Rodde 747

m)), take the right track (view on the Cézallier and the Sancy massif). Continue on the plateau, (view of the Forez and the Limagne plain). At the T-junction, turn right. At the next fork, take the right track (long and delicate descent). Follow a path on the right until the T-junction (opposite Saint Julien).

- 2** Turn right then left (view on the castle, the church and the village of Montaignut). Pass in front of the «white monks» (light rocks that evoke monks on the left). At the bridge, go up to the right rue de l'Eglise. Before the gate of the castle enclosure, take the track to the left. Go down to the D996 road. Follow it to the left until you reach the car park. Cross it on the right and take the grating on the left to return to the starting point.

