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Did you know ?

→ COAL-FIRED FURNACES

Just after point 4 are some old coal furnaces. These enormous cauldrons of cast iron, crowned by a lid pierced by a chimney, are the witnesses of an intense activity that developed due to the lack of fuel during the Second World War. From the 1940s onwards, men spent many days cutting regular logs. These were placed in a circle in the first circle of the ovens, with a hole in the middle, as a fireplace. Other, smaller logs were arranged in the same way in the second circle. Embers thrown down the chimney set the whole thing ablaze. The lid came to close the oven. It took 24 hours to obtain the precious fuel. The charcoal then produced was bagged and then taken down to Courgoul where it was crushed and then sold.

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Hiking guide

Le tour du pic de Cluzel
Starting point : Courgoul

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



Distance : 9 km



Hiking Time : 2 h 45



Difficulty : Medium

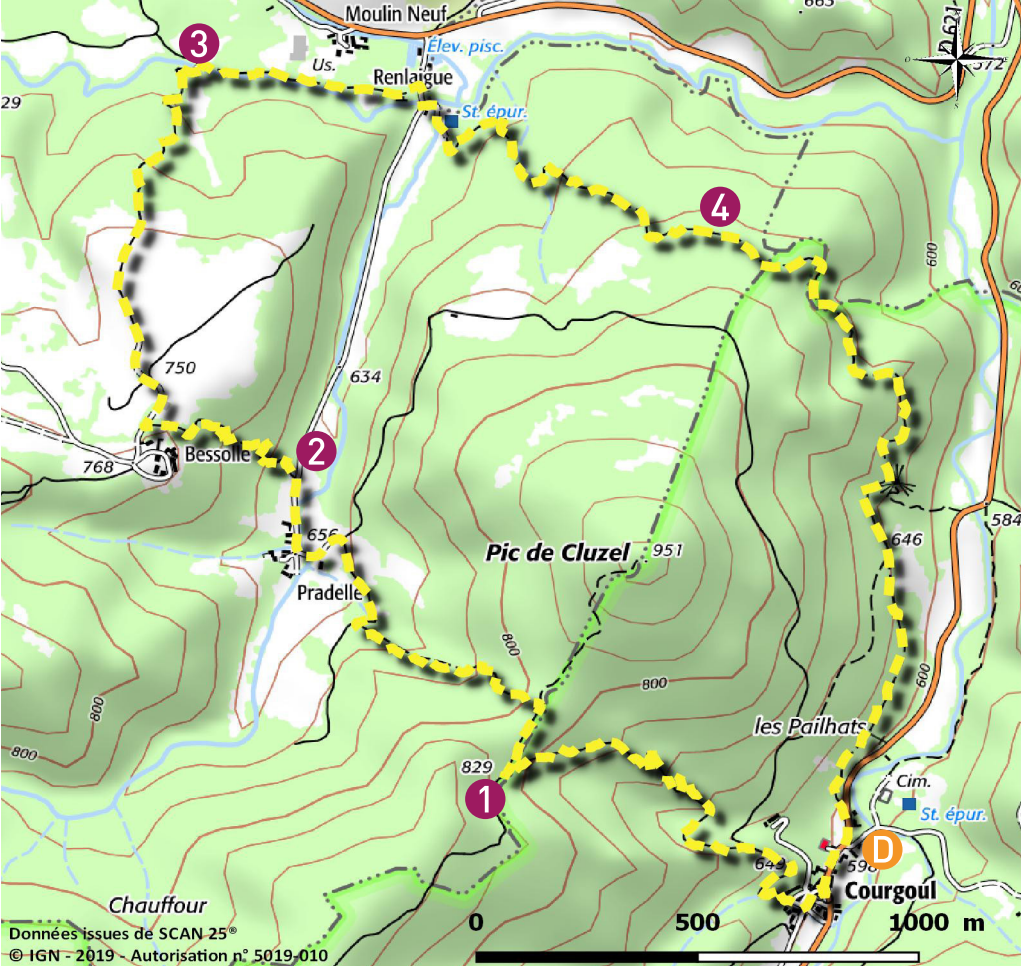


Marking Out : Yellow



Height Difference : 571 m





- D** Starting point - Go up the alley on the right of the church. At the first crossing, turn left and then immediately right. At the water trough, turn right and go up the path opposite. Continue the ascent on the main road to an intersection.
- 3** Cross it and go down to the right. Go along the stream (ferruginous water source). At the road, turn right, cross the bridge over the Couze Pavin and immediately turn left. Go up into the woods and stay on the main path until you reach a fork.
- 1** Go down the path on the right. At the T-junction, continue the descent on the right until you reach the village of Pradelle. On the road, turn right until you reach a junction of a road on the left at the exit of the village (transformer post).
- 4** Go down to the left (old coal ovens and at the headland overlooking the peak of Brionnet, the Notre-Dame du Mont-Carmel chapel and the Gourgoul gorges). Continue on the path (pailhats). At the road, turn right to reach the starting point.
- 2** Go up this path and continue until you reach a T-junction. Go down to the right (other PR on the left). At the fork, stay on the left. Continue (in the S-curve overlooking the Jonas caves and the Massif du Sancy) until you reach a stone bridge.

