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Did you know ?

→ THE FORTIFIED VILLAGE OF CHADELEUF

Chadeleuf was first mentioned in 783 when it was donated to the Abbey of Charroux in Poitou with Sauvagnat and Saint-Yvoine. The lordship will then depend on the Abbey of Issoire until the end of the 17th century. Like Sauvagnat and Neschers, the village was fortified around the 15th century as protection against the insecurity of the War of Hundred Years. The Danger was all the more pressing as a great road leading from the north to the south of the kingdom then bordered the lands of Chadeleuf and justified the protection of crops and people. You will see many dovecotes, as pigeons were raised in the past for their fertiliser, colombina, and for meat. You will also appreciate the site of the Rif wash-house and its gardens, as well as the beautiful manor houses, witnesses of the wine-growing prosperity in the 19th century.






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Hiking guide

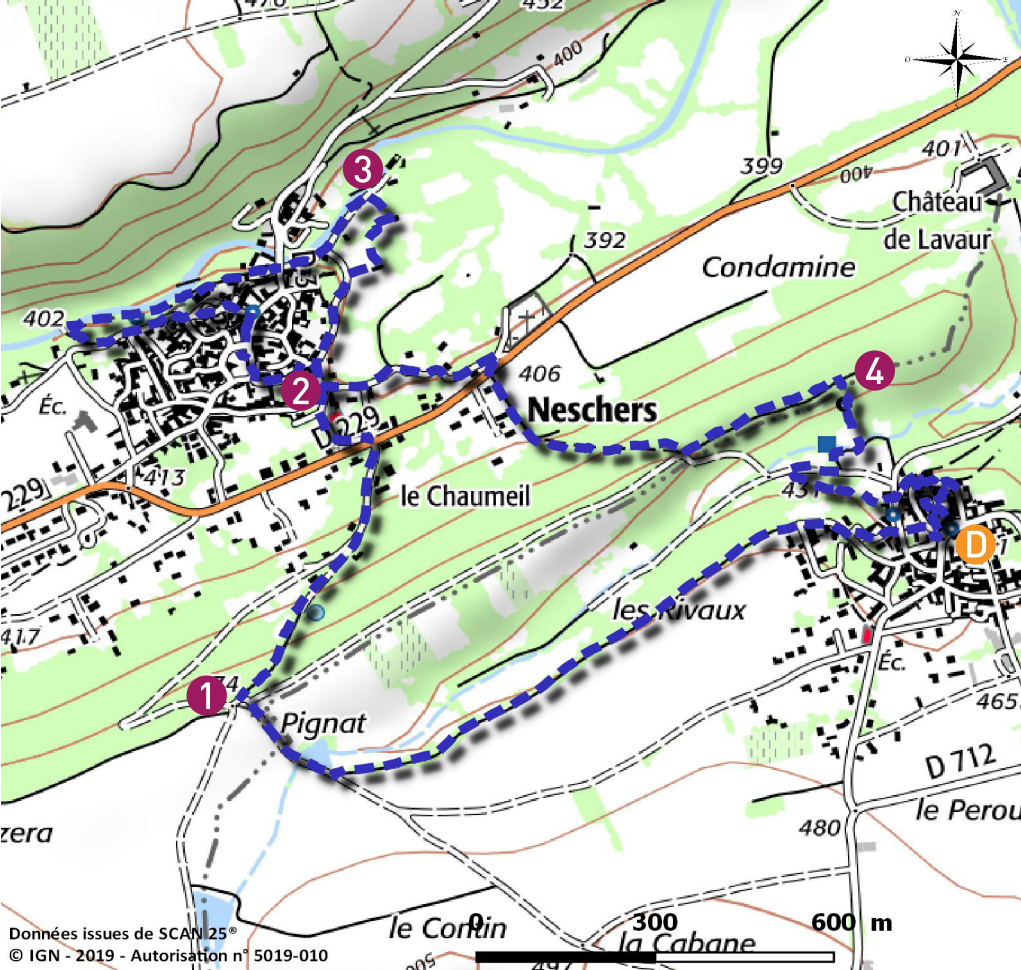
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Les croix basses
Starting point : Chadeleuf



-  Distance : 6 km
-  Hiking Time : 2 h
-  Difficulty : Easy
-  Marking Out : Blue
-  Height Difference : 160 m





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- D** Starting point - From the starting sign, located on Place de la Résistance, opposite the iron cross and between 2 conifers, go down through the passage of the Canche. Beautiful habitat heritage. Continue opposite by going up rue Borie. At the T-junction, turn right and continue along the grassy path. At the next crossing, turn right into a wide dirt road (viewpoint) to an electric pole facing a calvary.
- 1** Go down to the right on the grassy path (old Roman road). View on Neschers. At the road, continue the descent to the right towards Neschers. Cross the road of Coudes and go down on the left the street Robert Oléon. Walk past the town hall. Ignore the Chemin des Uergers on the right and the rue des Licettes on the left. Continue until you reach the tower of the Chemin des Meuniers.
- 2** Turn left on rue Pierre Fourvel, until you reach the lava fountain (1859). Turn left into rue des Uignerons. Go around the church. After the calvary, take to the right the rue des Murettes extended by the rue des Croix Basses. Facing the n°11, go down to the right to reach the banks of the Couze Chambon. Do not take the Pont des Croix Basses but follow the Couze to the right (picnic area). At the rue du Theil, turn left. Go under the bridge. Continue along the Couze Chambon by Chemin des Meuniers on the left, until you reach a dam on the watercourse.
- 3** Take the 2nd narrow path on the right between high walls. At the first crossing of 4 lanes, turn right, then, 50 m further on, turn left. At the next T-junction, turn right to join an asphalt street. Turn left until you reach characteristic point 2. Turn left then, 50 m further on, turn left again into Chemin des Uergers, until you reach the cemetery. Turn right, cross the road of Coudes to go up by the track opposite. At the top of the hill (crossing), turn left (view of Chadeleuf) until you see a steep drainage channel in the coppices on the right.
- 4** Go down to the right, in the drainage channel, by a path with laces. Walk past a dovecote. At the bottom of the slope, turn right. Walk past a washhouse, then turn right for 80 m. Then go up on the left by a path. In the village, take the Champ Serre trail. At the foot of the tower, turn left and then right. Reach the starting point after going around the church and passing under a fortified gate.

