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## Did you know ?

### → THE CANNON OF PESLIÈRES

The cannon of Peslières is a Minenwerfer. It is a war prize offered by the State to the municipality in recognition of the high number of inhabitants who died during the First World War. 19 of the 249 inhabitants disappeared during it. Municipalities that have paid a heavy human toll receive war prizes. For Peslières is a German howitzer weighing nearly a ton. Two pairs of oxen were needed to bring it from the Brassac train station to its pedestal, near the war memorial. It is said that at that time it still had two carved wheels, which have now disappeared. At the beginning of the 1940 war, the fearful inhabitants would have dismantled the wheels, without doubt to make sure this cannon would not be used again.

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## Hiking guide

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### Les trois vallées

Starting point : Champagnat-le-Jeune

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



Distance : 17 km



Hiking Time : 4 h 45



Difficulty : Difficult



Marking Out : Green



Height Difference : 625 m







- D** Starting point - From the starting sign go down a small street below and to the right of the D24. Turn right immediately on a grassy path between 2 low walls. Continue the descent and at the 1st T-junction, turn right and at the 2nd left. At the place called «Le Cerf» cross a stone bridge. Go up in the undergrowth, leaving the path on the right. Continue the ascent to the D24.
- 1** Go up for 20 m and take the track on the left. Continue by ignoring two paths on the left until you reach the hamlet «Le Ceilloux». At the exit join the D33, take it to the left until Pesières (near the church, a German cannon from the First World War). At the end of the village, go up the asphalt road on the right until Lospeux. Pass in front of the cross on the right, continue to climb on the path. Cross several hamlets to the D702.
- 2** Cross it, go on the asphalt road to the left of the sawmill. Then at the granite cross, take the middle path and walk through the woods. At the T-junction, turn left into the forest alley. Leave 2 paths on the right. Drive up to the D33 (leaving the woods, view of the Cézallier mountains, the Monts Dore and the Chaîne des Puys; orientation table on the D33 on the left at 200 m).
- 3** Go down a wide path opposite. At the D132E turn left. 400 m after leaving Edmesse's hamlet, turn right onto a dirt road. At the crossing, continue straight ahead until you reach the D266E.
- 4** Take the asphalt road opposite. Continue straight ahead. At the first house on the right of the hamlet of La Voissière, go down to the right on a road. Cross a first stream on a granite slab, turn left, enter a bridge that crosses the stream of Chateauneuf. After the bridge, turn left and go straight up, ignoring the right path. At an intersection, continue to the right until the crossroads after the hamlet of Rodel.
- 5** Turn left. At the fork stay on the left. 500 m after the place called Charbonne go up to the right in the forest. At a crossroads, continue in front. At the next crossroads of 5 paths (storage area), go down a wide path to the left. Continue straight ahead. At the cross turn left on the road to reach the starting point.

