



Did you know ?

→ SAINT-YVOINE

Perched atop a rocky spur, the village overlooks the Allier river that meanders at its feet. The first name of the place, «Pierre Encize», alluded to the notch carved by the river in the granitic elevation called «horst». This name would later evolve into Saint-Yvoine, a little-known saint of Languedoc origin. A castle is mentioned for the first time in 783, on the occasion of its donation to the abbey of Charroux (Vienne). In the 9th century, monks fleeing the Norman invaders, would have found refuge here. They are owed the reconstruction of the monastery at Issoire, consecrated in 927 to St. Austremoine. Perhaps we also owe them the dedication of the church to Saint Radegonde, very popular in Poitou. An enclosure was erected in the late Middle Ages below the sanctuary and the castle, of which some ruins remain. Since the end of the Middle Ages the inhabitants freed themselves from defensive constraints and several neighbourhoods developed along the two axes linking the district of medieval origin and this main road. Until the mid- 19th century, the road from Clermont to Issoire cautiously avoided the gorges and ran along the west side of the village, on the plateau side.

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Hiking guide

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L'Éperon de Pierre-Ancize Starting point : Saint-Yvoine

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



Distance : 10 km



Hiking Time : 3 h



Difficulty : Medium

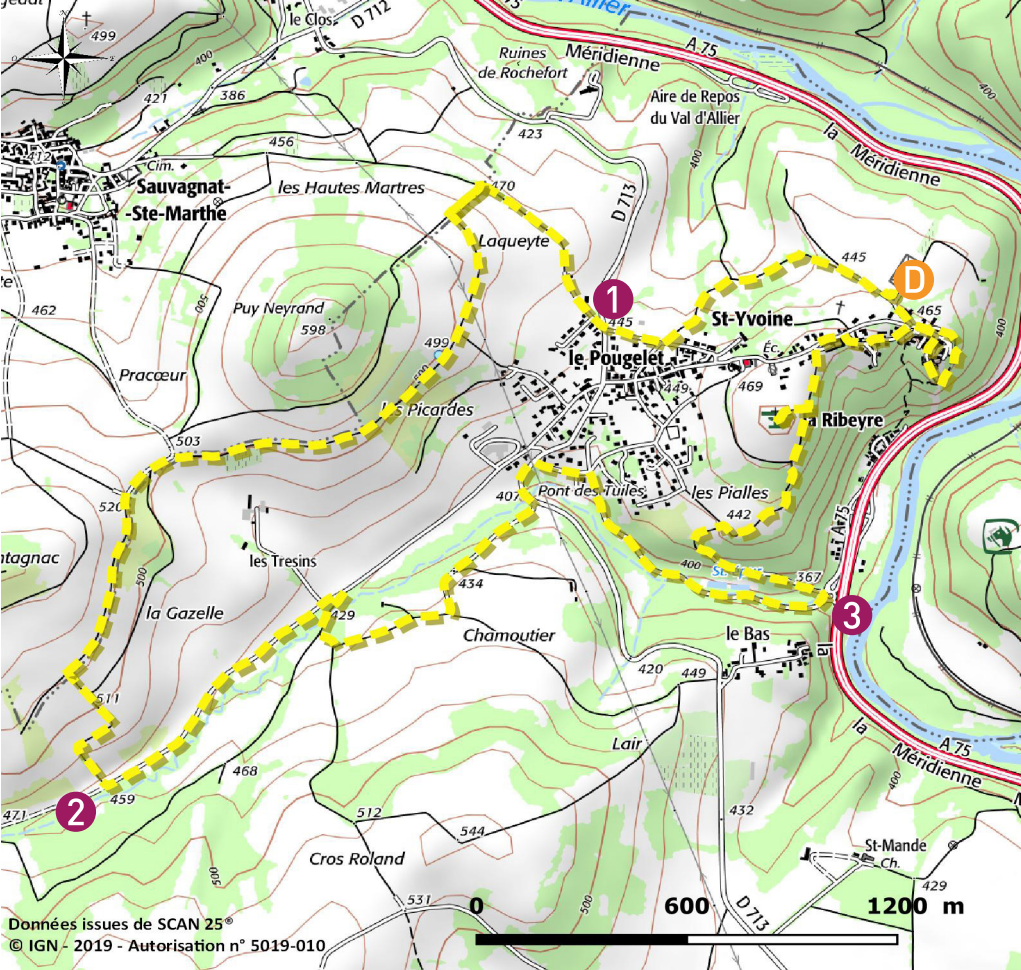


Marking Out : Yellow



Height Difference : 340 m





- D** Departure: Saint-Yvoine Cemetery. Opposite the start sign, leave to the left and go down. Stay on the left. At the first houses, take a right and go to the road.
- 1** Cross it and climb up opposite. At the first crossroads, go left and left again at 200 m. Walk on the balcony path (view of the Puys mountain range, Montpeyroux, Yronde-et-Buron) and pass in front of the water tower. At the stone cross, continue opposite on the wide road for 1 km and then leave to go down in the middle of slope to a small road.
- 2** Go left and then, 50 m after the route des Trezins, turn right, cross the creek. On the way, go left four times. Go down to the road, over the bridge, continue and turn right into the rue de la Trohée. Head towards La Ribeyre. In the descent, pass in front of the picnic area and the Roman bridge. Go to the crossroads close to the motorway.
- 3** Go up to the left in the undergrowth. At the T-junction, turn right, go up a wide path and turn to the right. Round trip to the orientation table (200 m) (360° panorama). Continue to the road, turn right and then take the Cros-Roland climb. Head towards the church, take the impasse Saint Roch, then right at the impasse Roche-sur-Allier and go around the rock spur called Pierre Ancize (view on the rocky area known as the Allier valley). Back to the point of departure.

