



Did you know ?

→ THE CHURCH OF COLAMINE

Solitary amidst the fields, on the edge of a combe overlooking the Lembron plain, the church of Saint-Mary Colamine is a fine example of Auvergne Romanesque art. The monks of the Cluniac priory of Sauhillanges, at the end of the 10th century cleared the site and founded a priory and a church. The building dates from the 11th to the 13th centuries, with some later additions, but the building is fortunate to have preserved its Romanesque twin-bayed bell tower. Parish seat until the Revolution, it was then abandoned. Restoration begins with the listing as a historical monument in 1956. In 1979 a fortunate discovery was made: seven statues, hidden in a masonry niche, including one polychrome wooden statue of the Virgin in Majesty from the 12th century. Inside (summer opening), you will discover a simple architecture and careful decoration (arcatures, columns, capitals). The old cemetery is protected by a 16th century cross. It represents an imperfectly pruned branch, symbol of the tree of life. It's also called the plague cross, as the base of the cut branches reminds of the shape of the fistula. The cross was probably erected in memory of an epidemic.

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Hiking guide

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Vodable et Colamine

Starting point : Mareugheol

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



Distance : 11 km



Hiking Time : 3 h 15



Difficulty : Medium

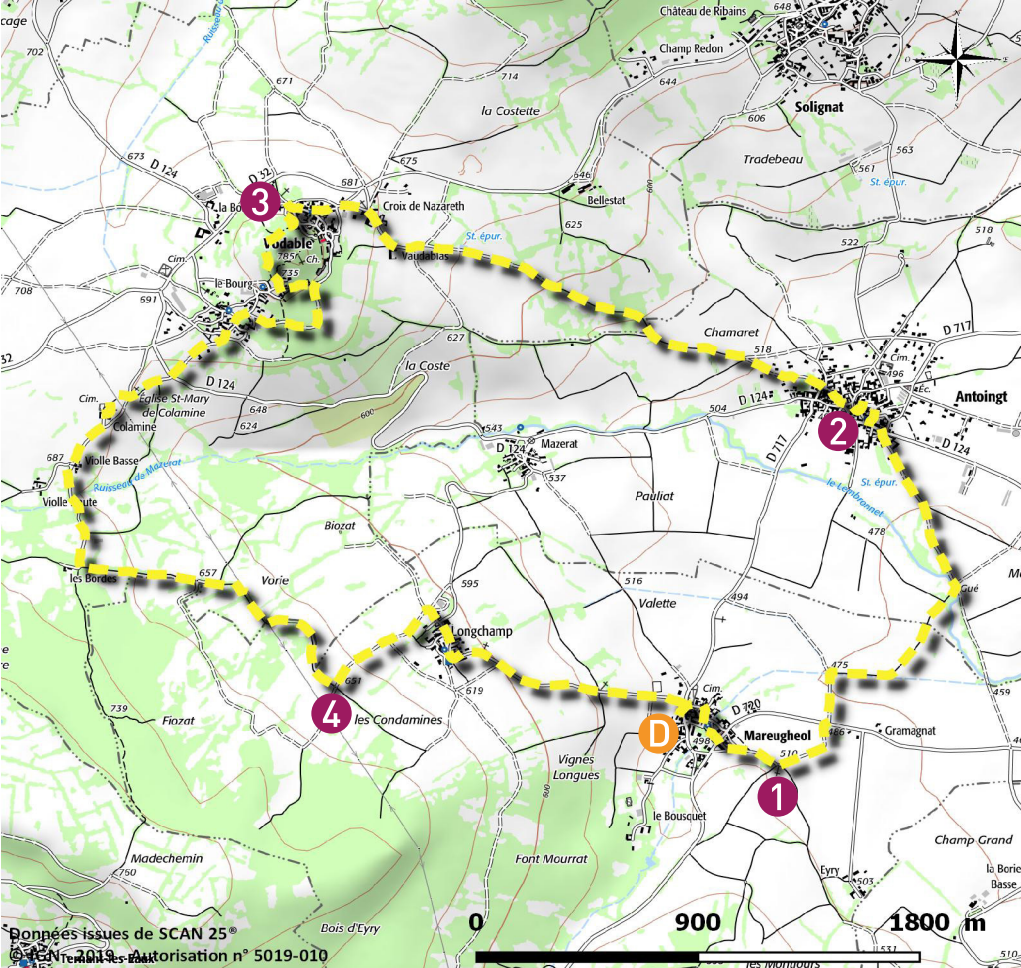


Marking Out : Yellow



Height Difference : 310 m





- D** Starting point - From the starting sign located on a bus shelter, go down rue du Fort. Turn right, go between the fountain and the washhouse (Fort Villageois, church). At the end of the square, go up on the left the rue des Jardins then the rue du Teurail. At the T-junction, turn left and continue straight ahead until the first junction after leaving the village (stone cross, view of the plain and the villages of Le Lembron).

1 Go down to the left. Cross the road and continue opposite for 150 m. Turn right along a wet ditch and continue to a footbridge crossing the Lembronnet. Immediately turn left onto the path along the stream. In Antoingt, turn left until you reach the place de la Fontaine.

2 Turn right and go around the church by the Place du Foussat (octagonal bell tower, information panels, work to be done). At Place de l'Église, go down to the right. At the end of the Place du Square, go up Rue de la Pougère. At the crow's feet, continue straight ahead along the Chemin du Chamaret. At the first crossroads (iron cross), continue in front. At the fork, go up the path to the right, until you reach Uodable. At the Cross of Nazareth (cross, washhouse, fountain), turn left. At 150 m, cross the Chemin des Remparts and climb the narrow rue de l'Église (Christ of the 15th century). Cross the Place du Marchial (fountain). Cross the door (Porte Neuve) and go up rue du Rocher to the left until you reach a flat spot.

3 Go up to the right by the path of Panassat (view on the chain of Puys, the church of Ronzières, the plateaus of Gergovie, Corent, Pierre-sur-Haute). Ignore the paths on the right to an old oven. Go down to the right and then immediately to the left on a grassy path, for 30 m. Turn left again. In front of the entrance of the castle, turn right into the rue des Dauphins d'Auvergne and then go down the rue de la Liberté. In the bread oven, continue the descent via rue Gaultier de Biauzat. Cross the D124 to reach the church directly (Romanesque church of Colamine 11th century). Cross the cemetery and join a small road. Take it to the right. At a crossroads (iron cross), continue on the road to the left. Turn left after an agricultural shed to go down a wide path to a crossroads (view of Uodable, Solignat, Livradois, Forez).

4 Go down to the left until you reach a washing-drinking trough. Turn right to cross Longchamp until you reach Place du Coudart (fountain and washhouse). Turn left on Chemin du Bourly. Reach Mareugheol directly by road (view of the plain and the villages of Le Lembron, Le Forez, Le Livradois).

