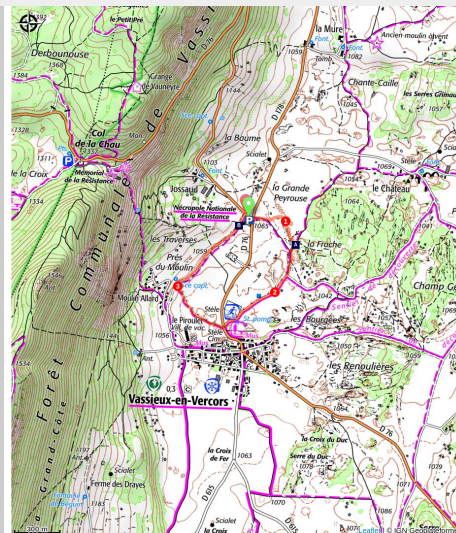


Chemins de la Liberté - The Path to Freedom: Vassieux Necropolis

Vercors-Drôme - Vassieux-en-Vercors



Nécropole de Vassieux-en-Vercors (Stephane Prodent / Mémorial de la Résistance en Vercors)

The open visit to the Necropolis of Vassieux-en-Vercors serves as an introduction to this easy loop. Here you are invited to remember the battles that took place in July 1944 and the journey taken by members of the Resistance. You now cross the broad plain of Vassieux, where enemy gliders used to land.

A commemorative route on the wide karst plateau of Vassieux punctuated by limestone pavements and sinkholes.

Useful information

Practice : By walk

Duration : 1 h

Length : 2.4 km

Trek ascent : 33 m

Difficulty : Facile

Type : Boucle

Themes : Géologie, Histoire et patrimoine, Résistance

Trek

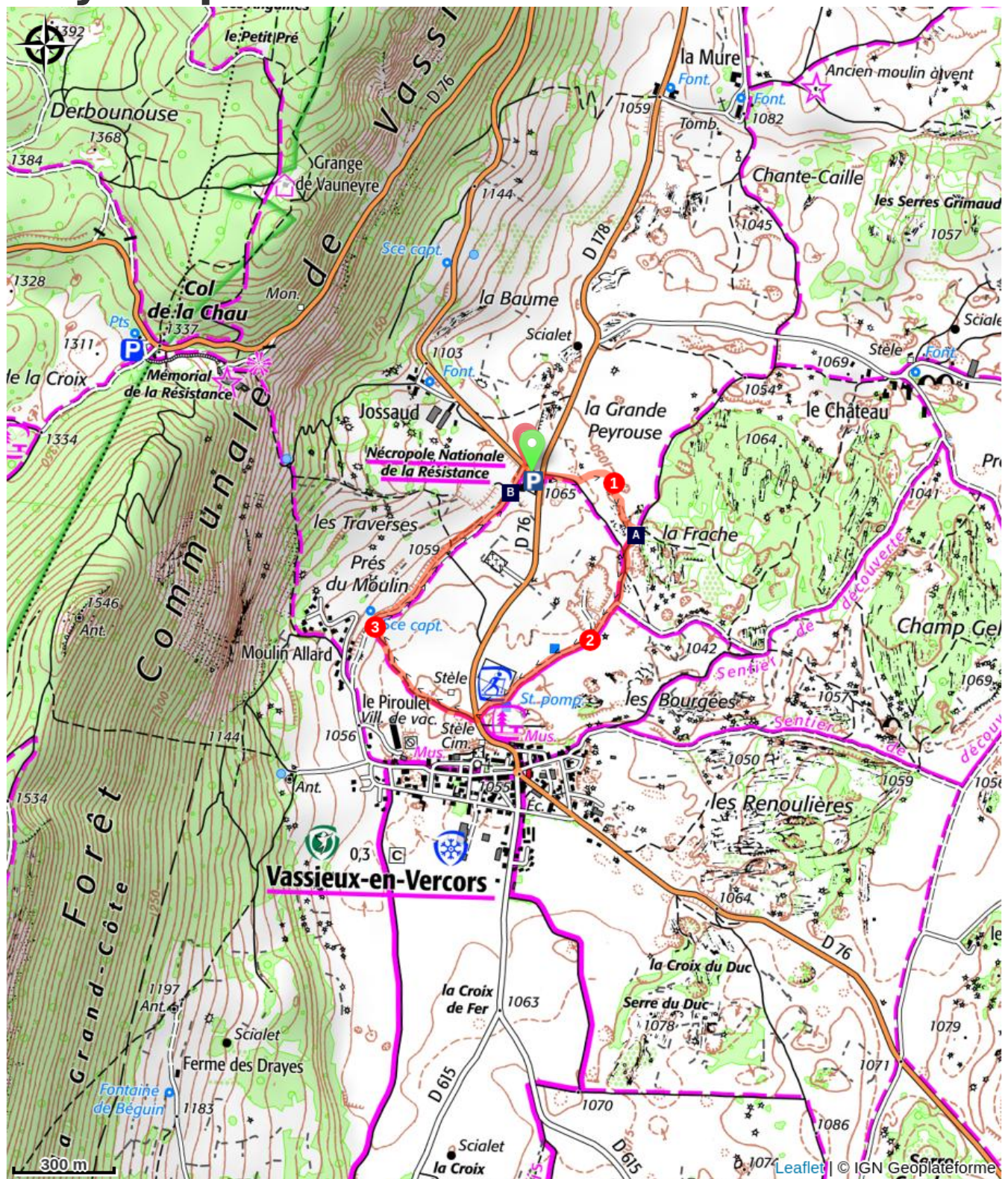
Departure : the Necropolis of Vassieux-en-Vercors

Arrival : the Necropolis of Vassieux-en-Vercors

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1. Set off from the **Necropolis car park**. Cross the D76 at the gate and follow the signposted path opposite towards **La Grande Peyrouse**.
2. At the **La Grande Peyrouse** intersection, continue on towards **Pourlette**.
3. In **Pourlette**, an interpretation panel explains the geological formation of the Vercors. Cross the D76 again and take the path opposite that goes across fields and leads to the site of an old water mill, which has been recently redeveloped. Once you are on the path, turn right towards **the Necropolis**. The trail will take you back to the starting point.

On your path...



Plateau of Vassieux-en-Vercors (A)

Vassieux-en-Vercors Necropolis (B)

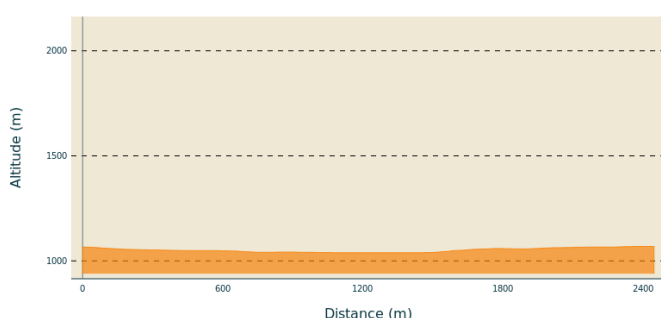
All useful information

AdVICES

Use the purpose-built throughways to cross fences; shut gates and barriers behind you.

Keeping to the signposted paths means you'll respect private property.

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1039 m

Max elevation 1069 m

Access

Depuis Villard-de-Lans ou Pont-en-Royans, prendre la direction de La Chapelle-en-Vercors, puis suivre Vassieux-en-Vercors sur la D178.

Depuis le Col de Rousset, suivre la D518 puis la D76 en direction de Vassieux-en-Vercors.

La Nécropole se situe à 2 minutes en voiture du centre du village.

Advised parking

Necropolis car park

Information desks

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On your path...



Plateau of Vassieux-en-Vercors (A)

The plateau of Vassieux-en-Vercors is an open landscape characteristic of the karstic plateaus, the surface water is almost non-existent and the soils are not thick. However, dolines, which are depressions where the clay accumulates, thus allowing the cultivation of cereals, alongside these dolines, the stones are heaped up. There used to be many windmills to grind grain.

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Vassieux-en-Vercors Necropolis (B)

After the village of Vassieux, you can discover the Necropolis, where all the civilian and military victims of the events in Vassieux lie buried. In addition to the people of the village, the graves show us that the Resistance in the Vercors was a huge civil and military movement that brought together men and women of many different nationalities. On the stone slabs can be read the names of Russian, Polish, Algerian, English and American soldiers and members of the Maquis. The shells of two of the gliders the German soldiers landed are on display beyond the graveyard. The Memorial to the Resistance, which is managed by the Vercors Park and the departmental Resistance Museum, help you learn more about the Vercors Maquis.

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