



Ardeche, Land of the Dolmens Discovery Trails



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LISTEN, OBSERVE AND BREATHE!
Follow these history-laden paths and set out on a mysterious journey through time to explore this incredible architectural heritage!

Dolmens are fragile:

- Please do not climb on the dolmens.
- Please do not move stones near the monuments.
- Excavations are prohibited.

The archaeological material discovered is kept in the Cité de la Préhistoire at the Aven d'Ornac Grand Site de France.



N.B. At times, you will be in Sensitive Natural Areas
Please respect the rules to protect these areas:

- Do not pick flowers or plants.
- Respect private property.
- No fires.
- Keep to the marked paths.
- Wear walking boots, take water and a hat.
- Be careful during the hunting season (September to February).
- Livestock may graze here - please close any gates.

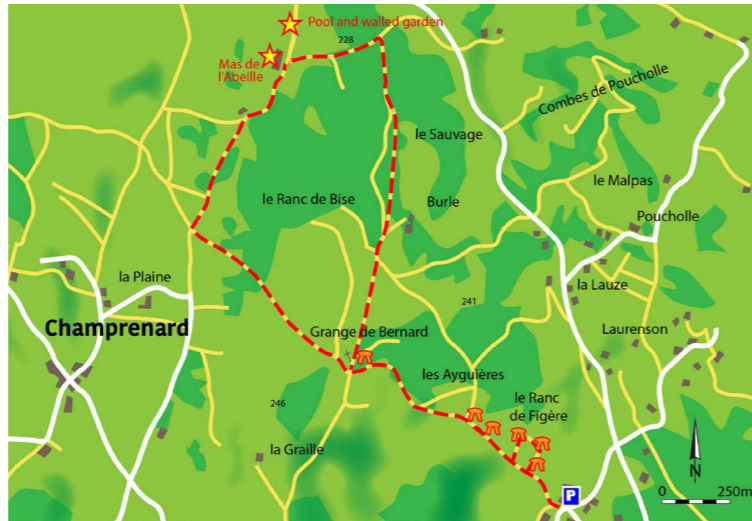
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Circuit 1 LABEAUME
Chemin du Ranc de Figère
"Dolmens that have been known to exist for 5000 years"
This is an easy trail to explore five dolmens that are among the most impressive in the whole of the Ardeche.



Distance: 4km
Time: approximately 2 hours
Difficulty: easy, from 4 years upwards
Ascent: 116m
Departure Point: from Ruoms, head towards Labeaume on the D245.
Continue for 2km then turn right towards Ranc de Figère.
GPS Coordinates (Lat/Long WGS 84):
Parking: N44°27'31.9»/ E4°19'24.2»

Circuit 4 GROSPIERRES
Chemin de la montagne de la Serre
"Dolmen Mountain"
This 6km-trail is for the physically fit to hike past two dolmens and an oppidum (fortified Iron Age settlement).



Distance: 6km
Time: 3 hours
Difficulty: experienced hikers, from 8 years upwards
Ascent: 375m
Departure Point: from Ruoms-Vallon via the D111, turn left as you leave Grospièrres Gare on the D311 towards Grospièrres, and park in the car park.
GPS Coordinates (Lat/Long WGS 84):
Parking: N44°24'04.8»/ E4°17'21.2»

Circuit 2 SAINT-ALBAN-AURIOLLES
Chemin des Combettes
"The Dry Stone Trail"
This is an easy trail past two dolmens, a "capitelle" (dry stone hut), extraordinary heritage and a spring in the middle of the village.



Distance: 6km
Time: approximately 2 hours
Difficulty: easy, from 4 years upwards
Ascent: 119m
Departure Point: from Ruoms, take the D208 to the village of Saint-Alban-Auriolles and park in the "Lièvre" car park, Rue Pierre Marius Perbost.
GPS Coordinates (Lat/Long WGS 84):
Parking: N44°25'39.5» / E4°17'50.3»
Drop-off Area: N44°25'48.9»/ E4°17'39.1»

Circuit 5 BEAULIEU
Chemin des Divols
"A Trail between the Plain and the Mountain"
Two circuits, one 5km and the other 9km, for experienced hikers to visit three dolmens, 360° panoramas and ruins from the Middle Ages.



Distance: 5km (Trail A) and 9km (Trails A & B)
Time: 15 hours (A) and 35 hours (B)
Difficulty: experienced hikers, from 8 years upwards
Ascent: 224m (A) and 481 m (A + B)
Departure Point: arriving via the D104 (road between Aubenas and Alès), turn left on the D225 to Beaulieu. Drive through Beaulieu and as you leave Pléoux, turn left towards Les Divols.
GPS Coordinates (Lat/Long WGS 84):
Les Divols car park: N44°20'35.8»/E4°14'34.8»
Les Mourgues car park: N44°21'17.5»/E4°14'50.8»

Circuit 3 CHANDOLAS - GROSPIERRES
Chemin du Ranc d'Avène
"Dolmens in Art and Nature"
Two easy trails, one 5km and the other 9km long, to visit four dolmens.
You can also visit the goat farm and taste the cheese, or visit the Jardin de Gürlhie or the Pépit'Art artists' studios.



Distance: 5km (Trail B) and 9km (Trails A & B)
Time: 2.5 hours (B) and 3.5 hours (A+B)
Difficulty: easy, from 4 years upwards
Ascent: 131m (B) and 194m (A+B)
Departure Point: from Saint-Alban-Auriolles via the D208, turn right when you get to the village of Chandolas and park in the car park in Rue de la Ferrage. For the longer trail, park in front of the Multi-purpose hall car park 2km outside the village towards Maisonneuve.
GPS Coordinates (Lat/Long WGS 84):
Village car park: N44°24'12.5»/ E4°15'11.9»
Multi-purpose hall car park: N44°23'38.1»/E4°14'13.3»

6 SAINT-ALBAN-AURIOLLES - CHANDOLAS
Belvédère de Bourbouillet
"The Fontgraze Panoramic Viewing Platform"
This viewing platform, accessible for people with reduced mobility, offers an extraordinary panoramic view of three dolmens.

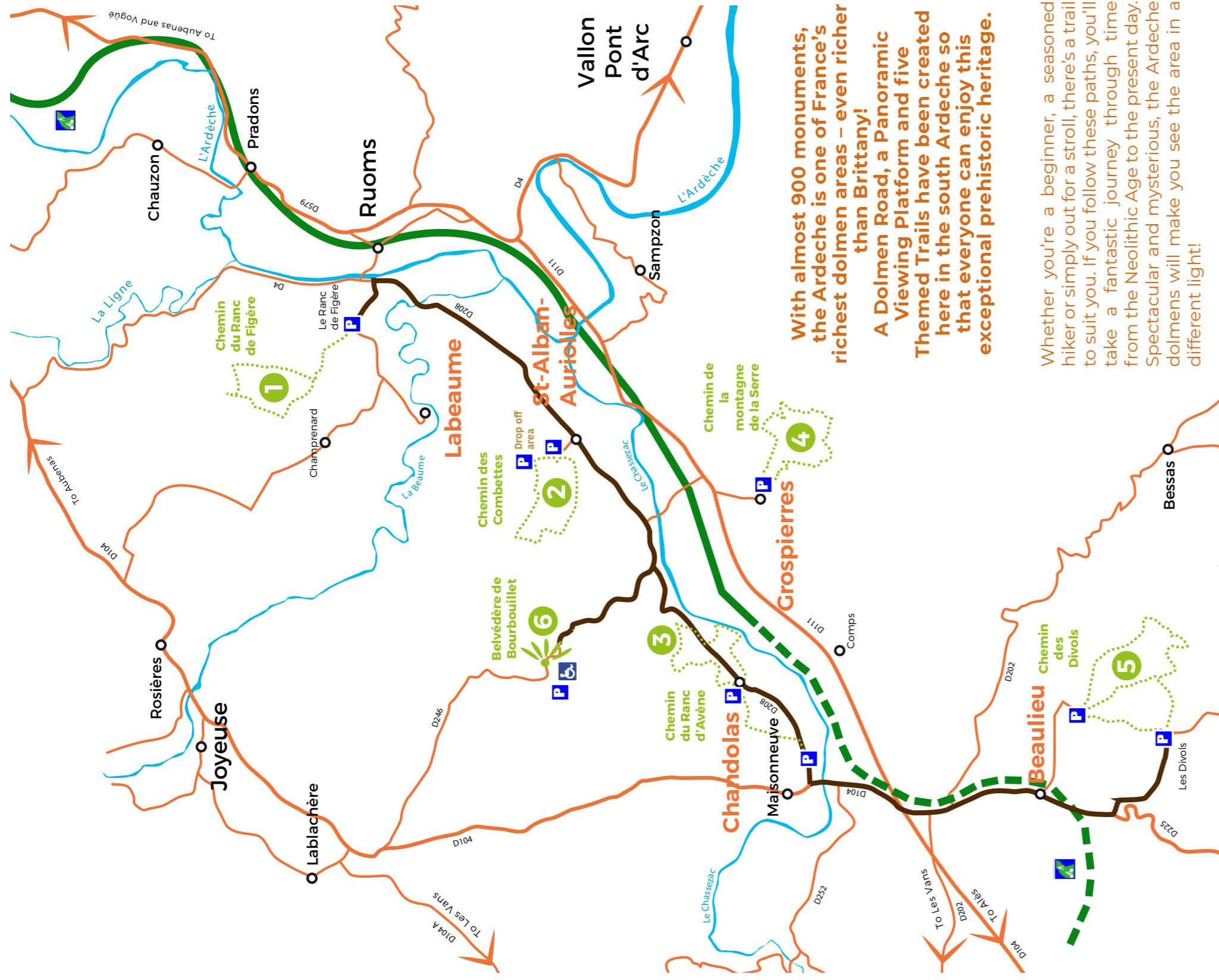
Located on the narrow road (D246) between Chandolas or St-Alban-Auriolles and Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours (parish of Lablachère), this panoramic viewing platform overlooks the Fontgraze creek. The platform and parking area have been specially designed for people with reduced mobility to provide a safe viewing area. Enjoy the wild and mineral landscape before you, where three dolmens were built on the edge of a ravine.
GPS Coordinates (Lat/Long WGS 84):
Parking: N44°25'42.0»/ E4°15'46.8»

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With almost 900 monuments, the Ardeche is one of France's richest dolmen areas – even richer than Brittany!

A Dolmen Road, a Panoramic Viewing Platform and five Themed Trails have been created here in the south Ardeche so that everyone can enjoy this exceptional prehistoric heritage.

Whether you're a beginner, a seasoned hiker or simply out for a stroll, there's a trail to suit you. If you follow these paths, you'll take a fantastic journey through time from the Neolithic Age to the present day. Spectacular and mysterious, the Ardeche dolmens will make you see the area in a different light!

Each of the five circuits can be explored at your leisure. You just need to reach the car park and departure point and you'll find information display boards and signposts to enjoy the trails without difficulty.



- Car Circuit
- Hiking Trails
- Green Trail Via Ardèche
- Extension in progress



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