

RAMBLING IN THE CÉVENNES

# A journey in the heart of the Cévennes Valleys

THE CAMISARD TRAIL

Cultural Route of the Council of Europe  
" Huguenot and Waldensian Trail "

On the Causses and the Cévennes  
UNESCO World Heritage site



# « (There is) ... Nothing like the Cévennes affair in World History» (Jules Michelet)

**The Drailles et Chemins Camisards en Cévennes Association** is the promoter of the Camisard and Huguenot routes in the Cévennes.

It also aims to raise awareness of the Camisard Uprising and the flight of the Huguenots to the countries of Refuge, by organising activities, conferences, exhibitions and shows, some of which in partnership with the association *Les Amis de La Nuit des Camisards / Compagnie Lionnel Astier*.

It calls on tourism stakeholders and representatives of the relevant areas to have these routes experienced locally by encouraging the organisation of services (accommodation, transport, catering, etc.).

The information provided in this brochure is for guidance only, and is intended to make it easier for hikers to find their way and logistical information. The Tourist Office shall therefore not be held liable.

## So practical !

### RECOMMENDATIONS AND BEST PRACTICES :

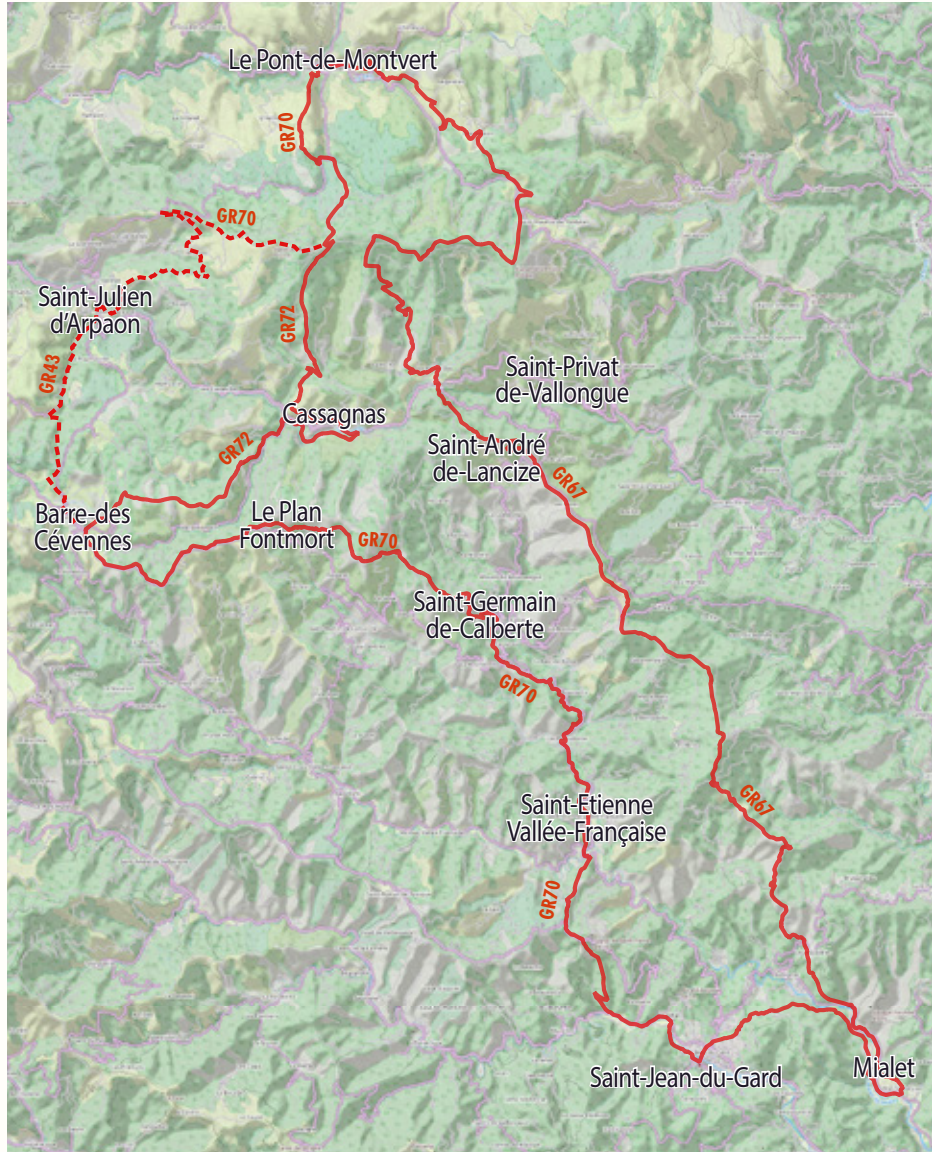
We indicate the available resources at every stage (provisions, accommodation, transport...)

The route takes the GR® 61, 67, 68, 7, 70, 72 ; the distances between the stages are indicated, the average speed of a walker is 4 km/h.

It is strongly advised to bring the IGN maps 1 : 25000 2739 OT « Mont Lozère » and 2740 ET « Corniche des Cévennes ».

Close the fences behind you and always keep your dog on leash so as not to disturb livestock and wildlife.

Special regulations apply in the heart of the Parc national des Cévennes (marked by specific signage). You will find more details at : [www.cevennes-parcnational.fr](http://www.cevennes-parcnational.fr)



### IN THIS BROCHURE YOU WILL FIND :

Information about the Camisard Trail and some historical background, must-see places, a general map and the accommodations and services along the way.

## Must-sees !

### « The Camisard Trail »

The Camisard Trail is a cultural hiking route, consisting of a 151 km loop between the Musée du Désert in Mialet (Gard) and Le Pont-de-Montvert (Lozère). It represents the link between the departure into exile and the Camisard uprising based on historical events.

The trail traces the history of the arrest of young men who were going into exile at the very beginning of the 18th century, their eventful liberation, and the events that followed with the resistance that the Camisards opposed to the royal troops, mainly between July 1702 and December 1704, and its scattered continuation until 1710.

The Camisard Trail follows existing GRs (long-distance footpaths) from which variants and discovery loops established on PRs and other country paths are proposed, including the path called « *Au pays des premiers camisards* » (In the land of the first Camisards).

As established, this route allows ramblers to discover the background, places, stories and people emblematic of the Camisards' struggle for freedom of worship and conscience.

Beyond that, this trail takes you through the schistose valleys of the Cévennes and the granite areas of Mont-Lozère, the chestnut groves and pastures of this still inhabited region, in a nature that is still preserved in the heart of the Parc national des Cévennes and of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

The Camisard Trail is both the starting point and an area for discovering the Cévennes branch of the Cultural Route of the Council of Europe « Huguenot and Waldensian Trail » which links Mialet to Die and then continues through the Col de Menée, Isère and the Savoies, then Switzerland and Germany, and goes as far as the Museum of the Huguenot Refuge in Bad-Karlsbad, in Northern Hesse (2,300 km).

*Mialet* Musée du Désert Mas Soubeyran / birth house of the Camisard leader Rolland. Marshall Montrevel considered Mialet as the centre of the insurrection. The population of Mialet was displaced in 1703.

*Saint-Jean-du-Gard* Musée de Maison Rouge et des vallées cévenoles. In the hamlet of Falguières, the birth house of Abraham Mazel who is said to be both the first and the last Camisard.

*Saint-Germain-de-Calberte* Church, tomb of Abbot Du Chaila who had established a seminary, open from 1687 to 1698. The Gibertin and Mazel castles were burnt down by the Camisards.

*Plan de Fontmort, Saint-Martin-de-Lansuscle* A memorial stone dedicated to the Edict of Toleration ; 3 battles took place there, on 28 July 1702, with the arrest of the Camisard Esprit Séguier, then on 2 August 1703, and finally the last great victory of the Camisards on 13 May 1704. Permanent exhibition in Le Cauvel.

*Barre-des-Cévennes* One-street village, a fair takes place there 13 times every year. It was at the Madeleine Fair on 22 July 1702, that the decision was made to liberate the young fugitives arrested. Birthplace of the prophet Elie Marion. Barre-des-Cévennes was the headquarters of a large garrison between 1684 and 1761.

*Cassagnas* Birth house of the Camisard Esprit Séguier in the hamlet of Magistavols.

*Les Trois Fayards* Gathering place for the first Camisards before the attack on Le Pont-de-Montvert.

*Le Pont-de-Montvert* Liberation of the prisoners (24 July 1702), death of Abbot Du Chaila – birthplace of the Camisards Jean and Antoine Rampon.

*Hameau de Frutgères* First church devastated by the Camisards.

*Saint-André-de-Lancize* Abraham Mazel's vision (23 July 1702), at the hamlet of Vieljouvès, the birth house of the Camisards David and Salomon Couderc ; second church devastated by the Camisards on 27 July 1702. Permanent exhibition at the temple at Le Rouve.

*Draille du Languedoc* The Camisards used the transhumance routes between the lowlands and the highlands.



**BARRE-DES-CÉVENNES, 48400****Camping and gîte La Croisette**

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PPPN : €53 HB : €123 / 2pers Packed lunch : €10

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**Musée du Désert**

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In the heart of the Camisard valley in the Cévennes, the largest museum of Protestant history in France lets you discover the Huguenots' resistance and the Camisard revolt during the "Desert" period (1685-1789).

Opening hours: MS : 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. HS : 9:30 a.m. – 6.30 p.m. (7 days a week)

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PPPN : €22 HB : €45

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PPPN : €19 HB : €44/54 Packed lunch : €9

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PPPN : €20/60 HB : €45/81 Meal : €21 Bkf : €6 Packed lunch : €9

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HB : €116 / 2pers

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PPPN : €20

## Gîte Le Mas Stevenson



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HB : €45

## SAINT-GERMAIN-DE-CALBERTE, 48370



## Gîte Au Figuier des Cévennes



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PPPN : €55

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www.lalunerosse-cevennes.fr

HB : €45/55

## Inn in the Cévennes Le Petit Calbertois



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Serre de la Can, 48370 St-Germain de Calberte

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PPPN : €23.50/50 HB : €43.50/49 Meal : €9.50/20 Bkf : €8.50 Packed lunch : €8

## SAINT-HILAIRE-DE-LAVIT, 48160



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PPPN : €60 / 2pers

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PPPN : €15 HB : €36/48 Meal : €14,50 Packed lunch : €10,50

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PPPN : €48 HB : €47 Meal : €14/32 Packed lunch : €7/9

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PPPN : €30

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HB : €45 Bkf : €6 Packed lunch : €8

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30270 St-Jean-du-Gard

Why are the chestnut tree and the mulberry tree respectively called the "breadfruit tree" and the "golden tree"? The unbelievable collection of 10,000 exhibits help visitors understand the life, the know-how and the history of the Cévennes.

Opening hours :	LS : 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	MS : 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (7 days a week)	HS : 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (7 days a week)
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PPPN : €19



## A little background ...

As early as the 1680s, those who professed the reformed religion, the so-called « dissenters from the faith », were being subject to increasingly violent repression, in particular through the « dragonnades » persecutions.

In this context, some abjured, others organised themselves to resist as much as possible where they were settled, and some families which were unable to go into exile, wanted to protect their children by sending them to the countries of Refuge. This trend towards flight intensified in 1685, after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

In July 1702 a few families of the Vallée Française came together to organise the flight of 7 young people to Switzerland —Jean Planque and his cousin Deleparre de Saint Germain-de-Calberte, the Demoiselles Cestin and Mathes de Moissac (disguised as boys), Etienne Baume and another young man from Trabassac. The families had requested the service of Jean Massip who was known to have led wanted persons across the borders, to their destination.

Around mid-July the group of fugitives progressively formed as they climbed towards the Mont-Lozère and were arrested in Le Pont-de-Montvert. During the Madeleine Fair on 22 July in Barre-des-Cévennes, the families and the people shared their concerns, and it was then that the decision was taken to liberate the prisoners. Abbot Du Chaila, who was holding them, was killed during the attack. A few weeks later, the Cévennes was set ablaze.

It should be noted that this popular uprising opposed at most two to three thousand young people, generally supported by their families and the population, to the royal troop of twenty-five thousand men, soldiers, dragoons and officers at the head of which three marshals succeeded one another within twenty-seven months.

For his part, Nicolas Lamoignon de Bâville – who was intendant of Languedoc from 1685 to 1718 – states in his memoir that 14,000 men lost their lives during the revolt.

## The Camisard Trail

A DISCOVERY LOOP OF THE "HUGUENOT AND WALDENSIAN TRAIL" FROM THE CÉVENNES



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