



Practical informations

- > Hiking shoes, water (1.5L/pers.), hat, sunscreen
- > Preferably wear colorful clothes
- > Respect private property, fauna and flora
- > Do not throw your waste in nature
- > Do not go on trails where a hunt is in progress
- > We mark out 193 km of hiking trails on the territory. It happens that landmarks are deteriorated. Let us know.
It may be useful to download the GPS track of this route from the site below.

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www.gorges-ardeche-pontdarc.fr



HIKING TOUR

Sheet No. 1B

Die Joannade

This walk is short but the path up to the statue of the Virgin is steep and rocky. It offers very beautiful views overlooking Viviers and its surroundings, then discover the old town.

Can be combined with the circuits of Saint Michel (1C) and The parade of Donzère (1E).



**Level
Medium**



Town hall, 2 Av. Pierre
Mendès France (RD 86i)
07220 Viviers (large
car park below).
Lat. 44,480269 N
Long. 4,691053 E



2,5 km

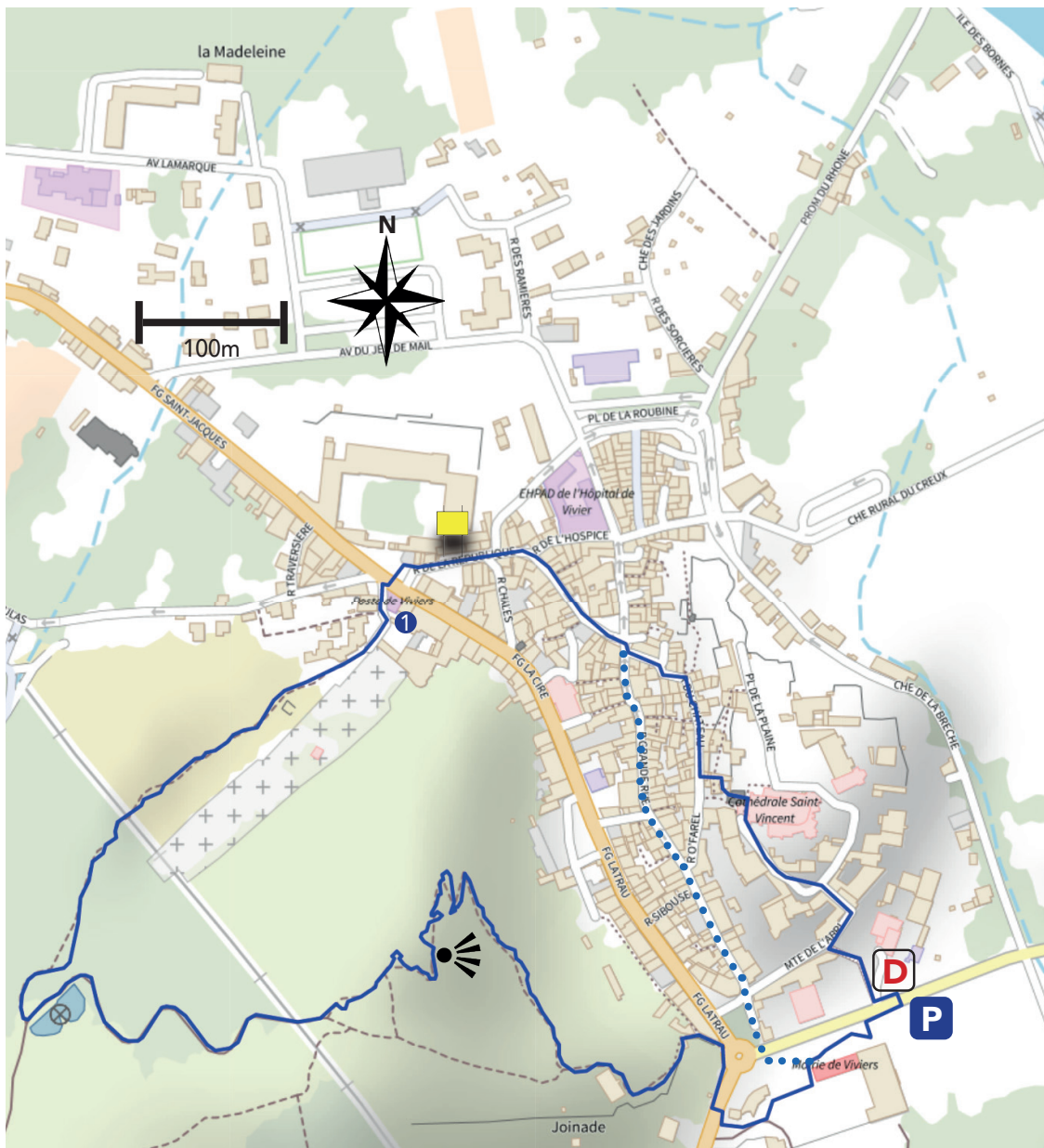


1h



95 m



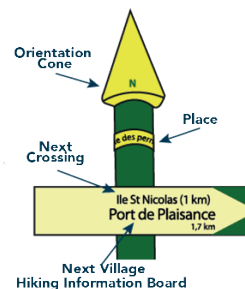


LEGEND

- D Start Point
- P Parking
- Hiking info point

MARKING

- Good direction PR
- Change of direction
- X Wrong direction
- GR
- alternative route



Step by step



Facing the town hall, go around the building to the west and down into the main courtyard, then exit through the large gate. On the right of the car park, cross the D86 at the pedestrian crossing and turn right. At the roundabout, take the small street on the left and then turn left up the hill.

Continue up to the statue of the Virgin «protector» along a small winding path, signposted yellow and white. *This statue, erected in 1861 on the site of an old cross, was offered by the Pavin de Lafarge family as a pledge of prosperity for the city. Its base offers a panoramic view of the city, the Saint-Vincent cathedral (the smallest cathedral in France still in use) and the episcopal palace (dating from the 18th century, current location of the town hall following an exchange between the mayor and the bishop in 1986. The bishopric is now in the Hôtel de Roqueplane, the former town hall of the 18th century). And, to the south-east, the statue of Saint Michel (this archangel would have protected Viviers from the bombings during the 2nd World War)*

From the statue, take the path raised by a low wall, continue to the right. The path widens. Always follow the white and yellow markings. arrived at the water tower, to go back down into the town, take the path to the right that passes above the cemetery. Then, take the street which descends by turning. Arrived at the road, cross it to reach the place Riquet on which is the statue of Charles de Foucauld, as well as the diocesan house (former major seminary).

From there, go down rue de la République on the right and reach the Place de la République where the house of the Knights is located, with its very ornate facade in the Renaissance style (this was commissioned by Noël Albert, a wealthy merchant from the city).

From the square you can choose to return by following the Grande-Rue (which was once the main artery of the city and is lined with several 18th century mansions, with very interesting facades). Or you can go up the street du Château to follow the discovery trail and the white and red markings of the GR 429. In the middle of rue O'Farel, pass the gate on your right, go up to the cathedral, go and see the Châteaueux esplanade on your left then return at the forecourt and cross the Place Saint-Jean. Take the vaulted passage then descend the ascent of the shelter. A staircase on your left brings you back to the town hall car park, otherwise go all the way down.

Arrived on the place Prosper Allignol, pass in front of the Roqueplane hotel, on your left, cross the road which descends from the roundabout, then turn left to arrive at the starting point.



Tip from Vincent, hiking expert

Enjoy one of the terraces of Viviers to have a drink and something to eat; chill out through the narrow streets of the medieval centre; for a longer hike it can be combine with the one of the statue of Saint-Michel.