

## The prehistoric village

Quinson



Homo sapiens (©Stefano Blanc - PNR Verdon)

*A fun ride that will allow you to journey through time and trace back to the origins of man and prehistory.*

By finding the prehistoric village on the banks of the Verdon, you will discover different types of habitats, from 1.8million years ago to the Bronze Age. Prehistoric village reconstructed where every year in mid-July takes place the days of Prehistory, a weekend of free events for families.

### Useful information

Practice : WALKING

Duration : 2 h

Length : 3.0 km

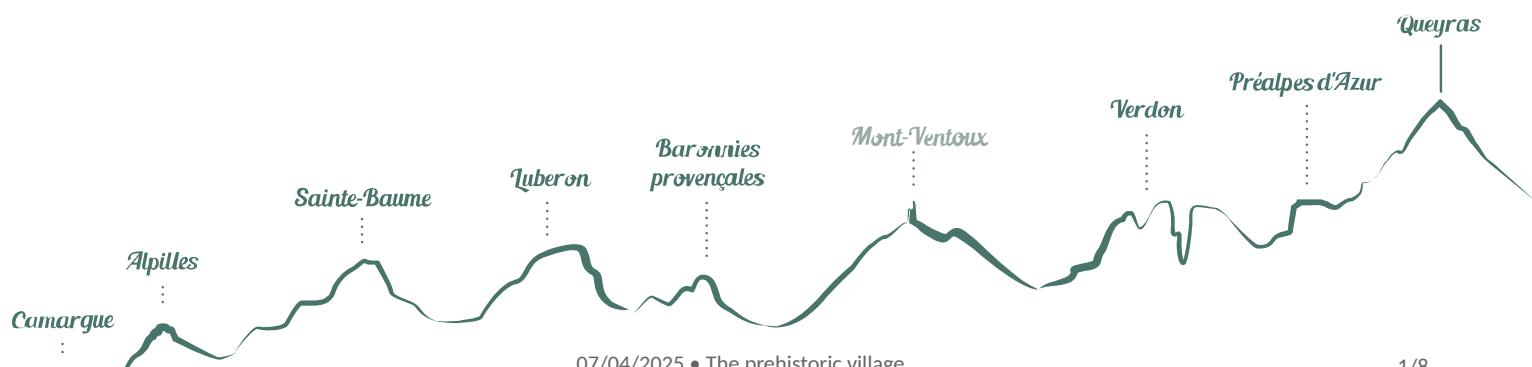
Trek ascent : 17 m

Difficulty : Very easy

Type : Boucle

Themes : Fauna, Heritage and history, Waters and rivers

Accessibility : Stroller



# Trek

Departure : From the prehistory parking lot

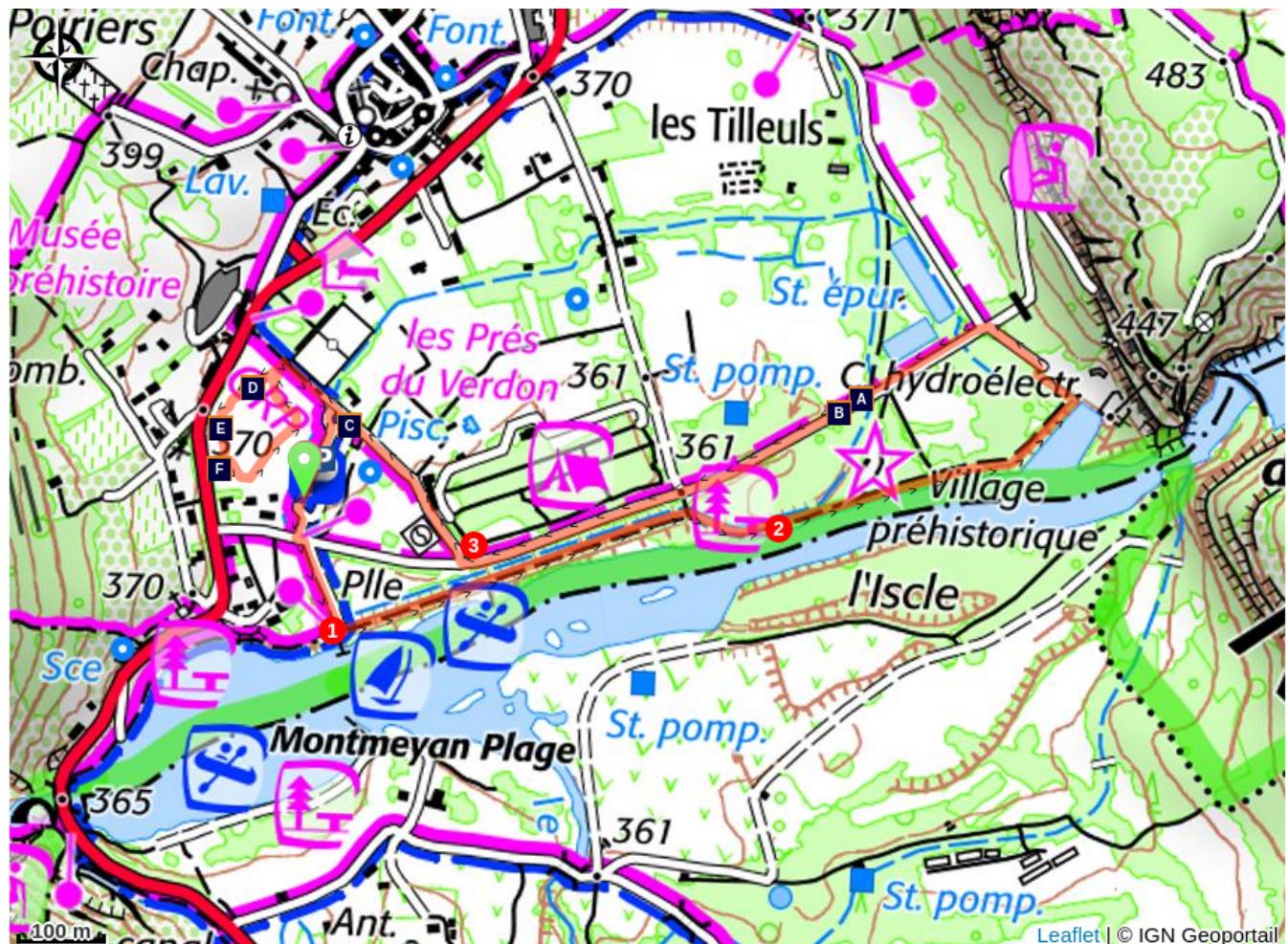
Arrival : In the prehistory parking lot

Markings :  PR

From the parking lot, head towards the pedestrian access to the Prehistory Museum. Exit the car park, leave the ascent to the village and the museum and turn right on the paved road. It passes between tennis courts and camping grounds and joins the road along the Verdon.

**1-** For the pedestrians, reach the nautical base and follow, on the left, the dirt road along the Verdon. It leads to, after 500m by the water, the prehistoric village. For people with reduced mobility, stay on the small road that runs along the campsite. At 500m it reaches the entrance of the prehistoric village (the site can be occasionally impassable after heavy precipitation; dirt road!). Return by the same route to the starting point

# On your path...



Hut of Cambous (A)

The Prehistory Days (C)

Tipi of Pincevent (E)

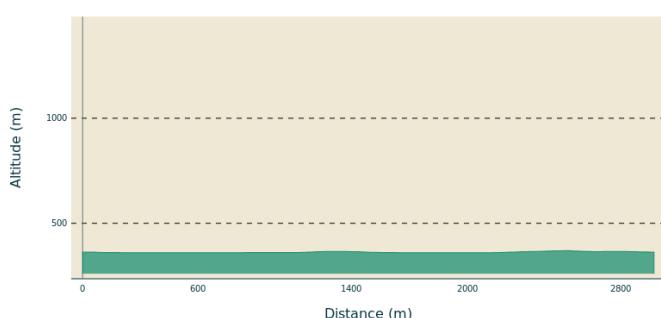
Dolmen of Provence (B)

The loved earth or Terra Amata (D)

Neolithic house of Chavarine (F)

# All useful information

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 360 m  
Max elevation 370 m

## Transports

Limitons les déplacements en voiture, pensons aux transports en commun et au covoiturage.  
Tous les transports en commun sur [www.pacamobilite.fr](http://www.pacamobilite.fr)

## Access

22km south east of Greoux-les-Bains on the D952, D315, D82

## Advised parking

Car park of the museum

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# On your path...

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## ► Hut of Cambous (A)

2,500 years BC, pastors of Languedoc garrigues were organizing villages of dry stone huts, sometimes consisting of about forty houses. Some huts had very thick walls and were over 20m long.

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## ► Dolmen of Provence (B)

Dating back to the late Neolithic – 4,500 years BC, the dolmens (or flat stone table in Breton) are not dwellings (or eternal ones!) but collective graves.

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## ► The Prehistory Days (C)

A weekend that takes place in mid-July every year: free events for all the family! The Days of Prehistory in Quinson are scientific, educational and recreational events, and make children and adults interested and curious. Known for being one of the most important periods devoted to prehistory in France, Quinson Days offer a comprehensive program of workshops and demonstrations of all types every year. Return to the past guaranteed!!

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## ► The loved earth or Terra Amata (D)

Inside the hut, traces of fireplaces and bones of animals and chips from carving activities were discovered. A more complete reconstruction can be found in the Museum of Terra Amata in Nice that exhibits all the reproduced elements. Dating - 400,000 years BC.

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## ► Tipi of Pincevent (E)

At Pincevent, in the Paris Basin, traces of "stakes" were revealed. Prehistorians imagined that animal skins were stretched over the structure. Dating - 15,000 years. The type of house was similar to that of American Indians.

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## ► Neolithic house of Chavarine (F)

In the Isère, in the Neolithic (- 5,000 years), men built houses made of wood, mud and reeds. They were grouped in villages called "pile dwellings". Today this hut is no longer present on the site and must be rebuilt.

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