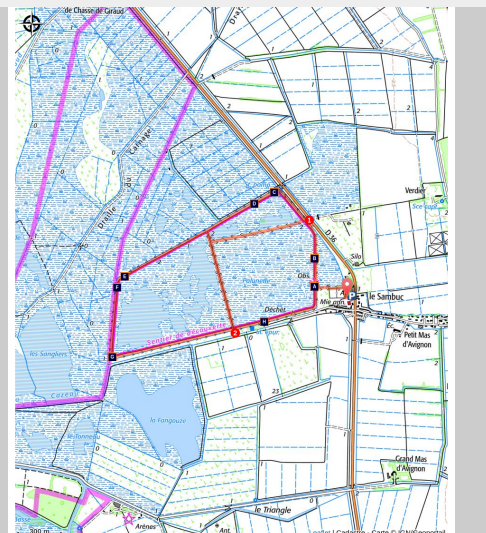


Walk in the heart of the Verdier marshes

Arles



Marais du Verdier (©Juliette Pimpier - PNR Camargue)

A pleasant walk that allows you to walk in a beautiful setting where you can observe the sights that are hidden in the Verdier marshes !

Verdier Marshes, former fishponds, present diverse environments ! Between marshes, reedbeds and tamaris, you will walk in an idyllic picture. More than 170 bird species, 204 plant species, 40 cows and 20 horses make this site a very rich natural area. Two observatories invite you to contemplate these swamps from above. A beautiful walk through a diverse vegetation that is pleasant to browse

Useful information

Practice : WALKING

Duration : 2 h 30

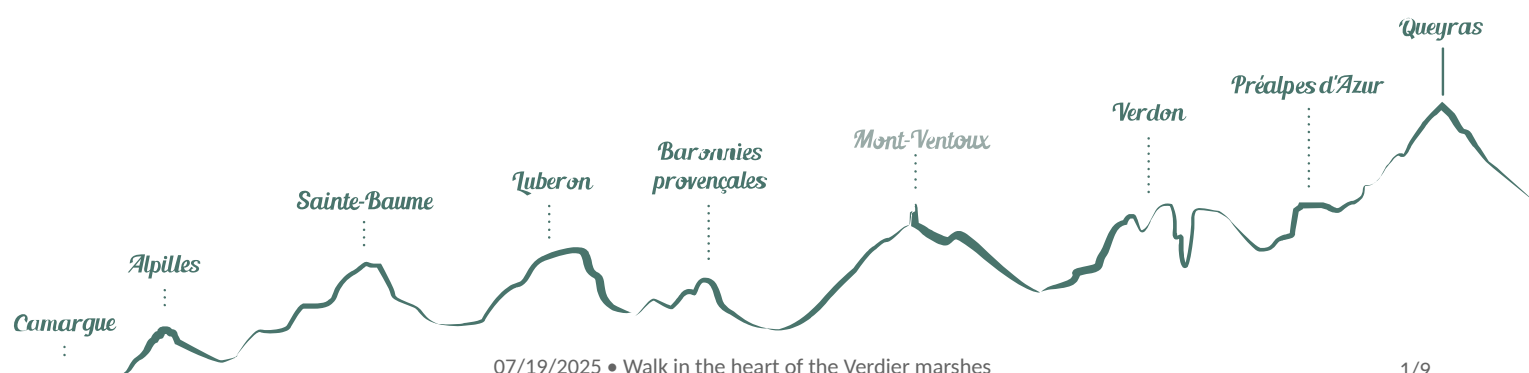
Length : 7.9 km

Trek ascent : 1 m

Difficulty : Very easy

Type : Boucle

Themes : Fauna, Flora, Waters and rivers



Trek

Departure : Parking on the place of the village, the SAMBUC

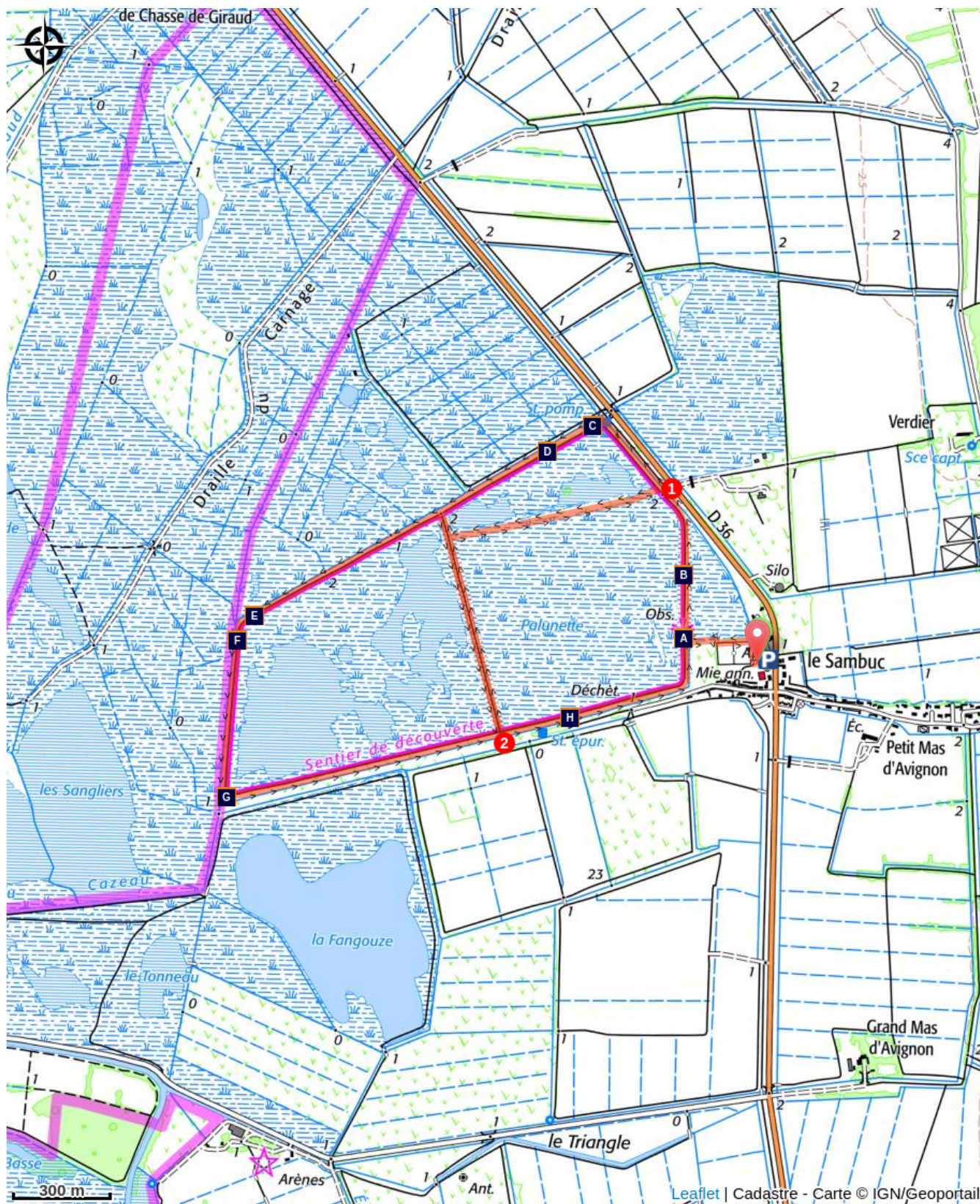
Arrival : Le Sambuc

From the village square, walk along the stadium and clos des saladelles. A wooden footbridge marks the entrance to the site. After entering the site, head to the right and continue straight.

1 - At the intersection of the two roads, turn left, go to the end of the path and then retrace your steps to point 1. Continue the marsh tour.

2 - at the intersection of the two paths, turn to the left. Go along the small downhill on the left and the Enganes on the right, go to the end of the path and then retrace your steps to point 2. Continue the turn to complete the loop and reach the finish point.

On your path...



The Verdier marshes (A)



Reed (C)



The Palunette (B)



The Pesquier (D)



Bulls and horses from Verdier Marshes (E)



La Grande et Petite Baisse (G)



The tamarisk (F)



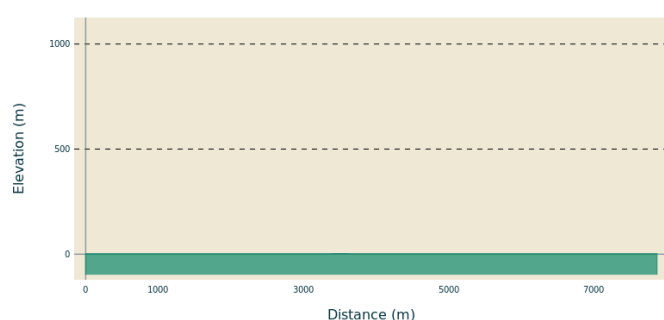
Les Enganes (H)

All useful information

Advices

Hunting : from the beginning of September to the end of January, on Wednesday and on Saturday.
Keep the dogs on leash. Do not go off from the trails. Swimming prohibited.

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 2 m
Max elevation 3 m

Transports

Envia transport network : Agglo 10 > Arles/Salin-de-Giraud by the Sambuc >> www.tout-envia.com; www.pacamobilite.fr

Access

24 km south of Arles, by the D570 then the D36.

Advised parking

Parking sur la place du village, Le Sambuc

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On your path...



The Verdier marshes (A)

Acquired in 2003 by the Tour du Valat (research center for the conservation of Mediterranean wetlands), Verdier marshes are made up of four old fishponds where one can observe many water birds. Scrapers, water bodies, tamarisks: The 120 ha of marshes offer a diversity of environments. Le Verdier takes its name from the "La Verdière" canal which brings water from the Rhône. The inhabitants of Sambuc and the Tour du Valat participate in the management of the different basins.

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The Palunette (B)

The Palunette is a basin that covers an area of 25 ha. Its dense vegetation consists of tamarisks and reeds. In the morning or in the evening, it is not uncommon to observe the wild boar paddling noisily. In the spring, listen the Eurasian Bittern singing, his song is like a foghorn. The Eurasian Bittern is a species of bird wader the Ardeidae family (herons, egrets). He has a thick neck and short legs with long fingers.

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Reed (C)

The Reed is considered as a real treasure of the Camargue. Since ancient times it is used for the manufacture of roofs, palisades. The reed is harvested in the reed beds in winter by the sagners. These reed beds allow birds to feed, protect themselves and nest their young ones. The traditional activity of reed cutting has been stopped since 2010 in the Verdier marshes in order to protect the nesting of birds in the Pesquier reed bed.

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The Pesquier (D)

The basin located in the north is the Pesquier. It is a basin of reeds which remains flooded. Many waterfowl such as water warblers, herons, rales, find in these reeds an area favorable to their nesting. They build their nests on the stems or use them to build their nests. Invertebrates (fry, amphibians) come to take advantage of the reeds of the Pesquier basin.

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Bulls and horses from Verdier Marshes (E)

From May to September, "Camargue" cows of a manade are stocked in the western marshes. Their presence prevents vegetation and reeds from growing. With regard to the horses, they graze on the whole site. They belong to the association members of "Marais du Verdier". Dewormers, a substance that destroys and expels intestinal worms, used to treat horses are not very toxic to preserve insects causing the degradation of dung and manures.

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The tamarisk (F)

The tamarisk grows in the regions at the edge of the sea. Very widespread in the Camargue, it is a small tree with very fine branches, growing in hedge around the ponds and near the lagoons. It is one of the few trees capable of supporting soil salinity. This tree with pink flowers, which appear in spring, concentrates the salt in its oldest leaves, which then evacuate it by falling. It has medicinal properties to help treat colds and tonsillitis.

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La Grande et Petite Baisse (G)

La Grand Baisse is a marsh temporarily flooded. In the 1960s, this marsh became partially a fish pond. Flooding of the marsh benefited waterbirds. The present bulls maintain the vegetation. An assec is ensured in summer by a adapted hydraulic management. La Petite Baisse, more in the center, is also dry in summer. Steppe birds have made it a feeding area: scimitar oedichnema, collared frog. Coots and mallards come to nest.

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Les Enganes (H)

This marsh is powered by the rain. The Horses of the association members "Les marais Verdier" maintain the vegetation. There are salt meadows composed of Aster of Tripoli, Barley Sea and Arroche reclining. In the fall, samphire is dominant. In summer, the central part of the marsh is devoid of vegetation because of trampling horses. In fact, mosquitoes and flies do not come there and the horses then benefit from de-wetting dust baths.

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