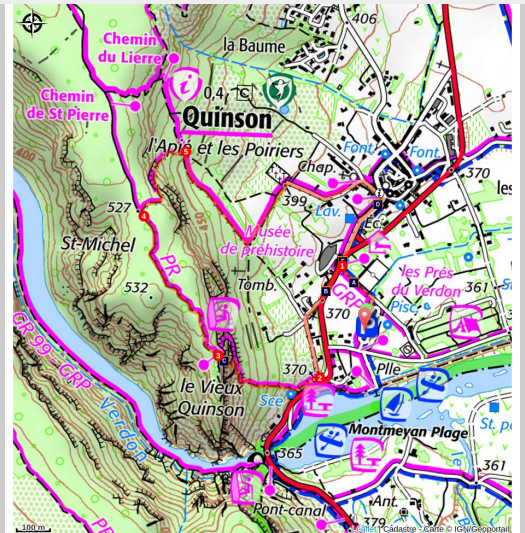


## The old Quinson

Quinson



Le lac de Quinson (©Stefano Blanc - PNR Verdon)

*Climb on this barred spur overlooking the Verdon and the lowland where the local populations of the second iron age had settled.*

The walk of old Quinson takes place, after a small step, on the heights, around the hill of Saint Michel, on which are the vestiges of the old village. If vegetation has now regained its rights, it is through the development of dry stone walls that we find traces of this occupation. A walk where you have to open your eyes .

### Useful information

Practice : WALKING

Duration : 1 h 30

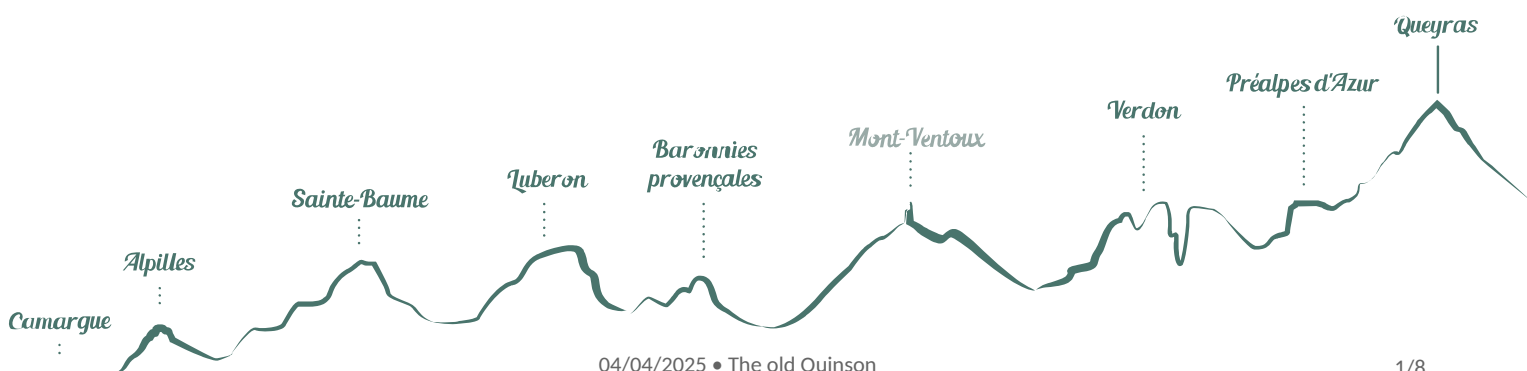
Length : 3.4 km

Trek ascent : 169 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Boucle

Themes : A lookout, a viewpoint,  
Heritage and history



# Trek

Departure : Prehistory car park

Arrival : Prehistory car park

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From the car park take the direction of the museum and go up the path to it.

**1-** Go then on the left, pass in front of the hotel Notre-Dame and take just after the Notre Dame road on the right. After 50 m turn left to arrive at the chapel.

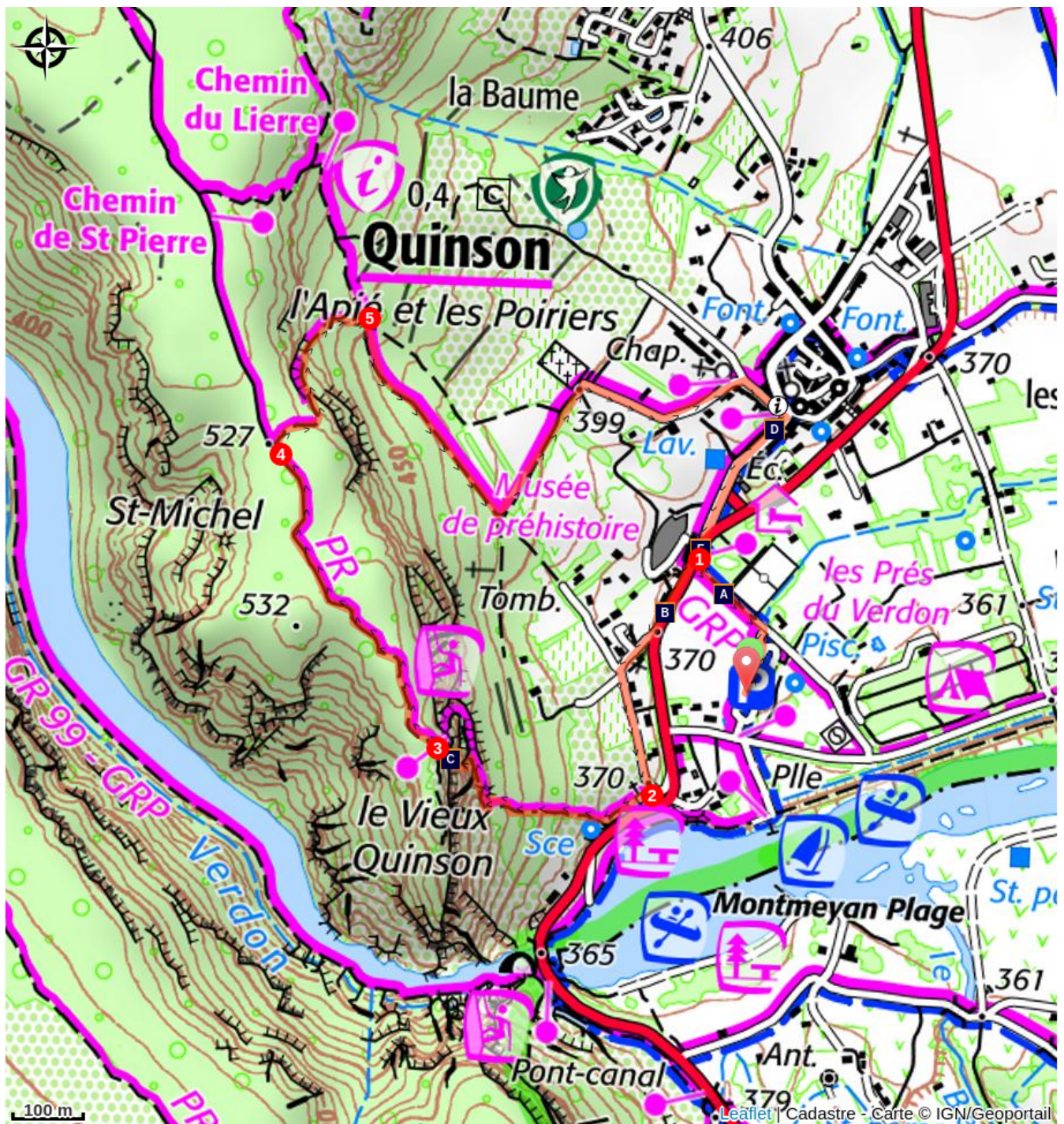
**2-** Leave the main track and continue on the path on the right. Go along a quarry, enter the undergrowth. Continue uphill, sometimes steep, in the middle of some rocky outcrops. Go between the cliff and a rocky tooth and get on the top, on the ridge, the ruins of the Old Quinson.




**3-** Follow the main path on the right. After crossing the plateau to the north, join an open area that expands. After 300 m, get a new flat level.



**4-** Leave the main path and follow the path on the right towards the village of Quinson (yellow markings). Quickly the path crosses the hutch down crossing across the hillside. Get below the intersection with the Lier path.

**5-** Continue down the path for about 400 m On the bottom, leave the path and turn left. Under the oak trees, follow a low wall and join the cemetery. Enter the small road on the right to the village.

# On your path...

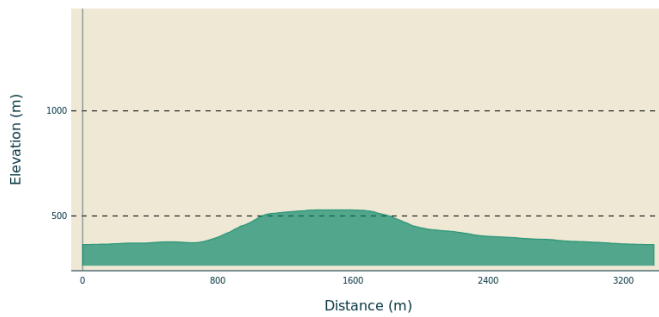


-  The Prehistory Days (A)
-  The village and its museum (C)
-  The Prehistory Museum (E)

-  The Notre-Dame relay (B)
-  The fountain for toddlers (D)

# All useful information

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 363 m  
Max elevation 529 m

## Access

From the D11 go to the car park of the prehistory museum.

## Advised parking

Parking de la préhistoire

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# On your path...

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## The Prehistory Days (A)

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 Notre-Dame relay (B)

It is in a former coaching inn, on the edge of the picturesque village of Quinson that the BERNE family chose in 1952 to open its doors to lovers of Provence and its sunny cuisine. On the terrace, under the hundred-year-old plane trees or in the Provençal dining room, duck magret with honey from the Valensole plateau, scrambled truffles, feet and packets, roast lamb and homemade desserts will delight your taste buds. Establishment which at the brand value Regional Natural Park.

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## The village and its museum (C)

The Prehistory Museum Gorges du Verdon is located in Quinson in the heart of the Regional Natural Park. With a daring architecture, the Museum is astonishing in its size (over 4000 m<sup>2</sup>): ? It seems to have become the center of the small village of Quinson. Made of concrete, glass and steel, the building is extended by an immense wall that connects it to the rest of the village. From the esplanade the look is as if caught and led to the almost invisible entrance of the Museum.

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### The fountain for toddlers (D)

Seven of Quinson's eight fountains date from 1877. At that time, the waters of the Verdon were captured and channeled at Quinson to supply the region of Aix-en-Provence. The village was compensated and obtained a direct water supply. Two fountains have their overlaid basins that spread the water emphasize its abundance and indicate a certain ease. The sculptures use symbolic elements: toddlers evoking purity and youth, turtles symbol of eternity ...

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### The Prehistory Museum (E)

In the heart of the Verdon Regional Nature Park, in Quinson, the Prehistory Museum of the Gorges du Verdon traces the exceptional adventure of Man in Provence since 1 million years. The museographic circuit presents the result of archaeological excavations in the Verdon since more than 50 years: a journey in time accessible to all thanks to a circuit alternating scenes of the daily life of Prehistory, interactive animations and original archaeological objects.

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