



Environment

- Respect private properties and farmland.
- Please do not pick flowers, fruit or mushrooms.
- Try not to disturb animals.
- Take your litter home, be considerate to others and to the environment.
- Take care and be courteous when overtaking or approaching others. Give way to pedestrians.
- Beware of agricultural or forestry machinery.
- Close gates behind you.

Safety

- > For your own safety, use the signposted trails in the recommended direction.
- > Do not overestimate your own abilities and keep your speed down.
- > Check out your MTB before leaving and make sure you carry sufficient water, snacks and a repair kit with you.
- > If you go out alone, tell your friends or family where you are heading.
- > Make sure your insurance policy and health certificates are up to date.
- > We recommend you wear a helmet and brightly-coloured clothes (in order to be visible)
- > In the hunting season: contact the Hunting Federation (+33 475878820) for the dates of official group hunts organized by the local authorities.



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gorges
de l'ARDECHE

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Download GPX track and sheet at :

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MTB LOOP

Trail N°9

Acacia valley

Starting point : foresters
lodge Bourg-Saint-Andéol

Level
of difficulty



Lat. 44.39683
Lng. 4.888252



10,5km



2h



329m



Cultural heritage and scenery

Superb tour through the Géandes woods with a constant rollercoaster ride up and down stony trails and tracks. The descent into Acacia valley is extremely fast and can be dangerous in the rain. This physically-demanding course is open to amateurs but they should be extra-careful. Take a break on the way to admire Chalon chapel.



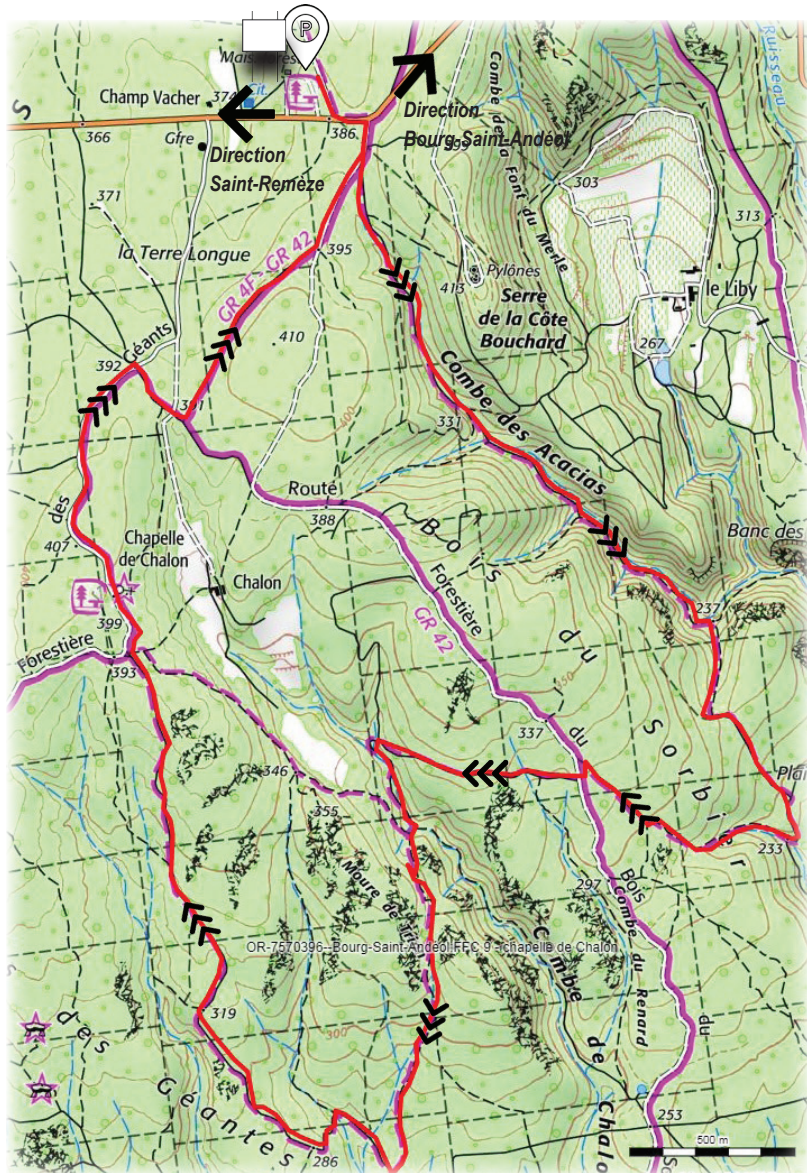
Chalon chapel

Chalon chapel is one of the iconic sites in the forest famed for its pilgrimage but also a favourite with families for picnics. This enchanting Romanesque chapel was built over 800 years ago. Examine its façade carefully and you will make out numerous sculpted or engraved stones. In Medieval times, the Laoul was first and foremost the territory of beautiful Dona Vierna de Balladun, a noble lady who inspired the songs of troubadours and was the benefactress of Bourg Saint Andéol to which she donated the forest. Between the real and the imaginary, her memory continues to captivate one and all.



The Laoul forest : a haven of peace

Here is Ardèche's own mythical place. It is the largest single area of community forest in Ardèche and reputed to be magic. Age-old treasures such as megaliths and caverns are well hidden amongst its 2000 hectares.



KEY



Starting point, hiking/riding information signs:

Maison Forestière du Laoul, champ Vacher, 07700 BOURG-SAINT-ANDÉOL

Tour / loop

MTB

Local trails



Level of difficulty



Wrong direction Link

