



20. Agriculture in the hills

Saint-Christol

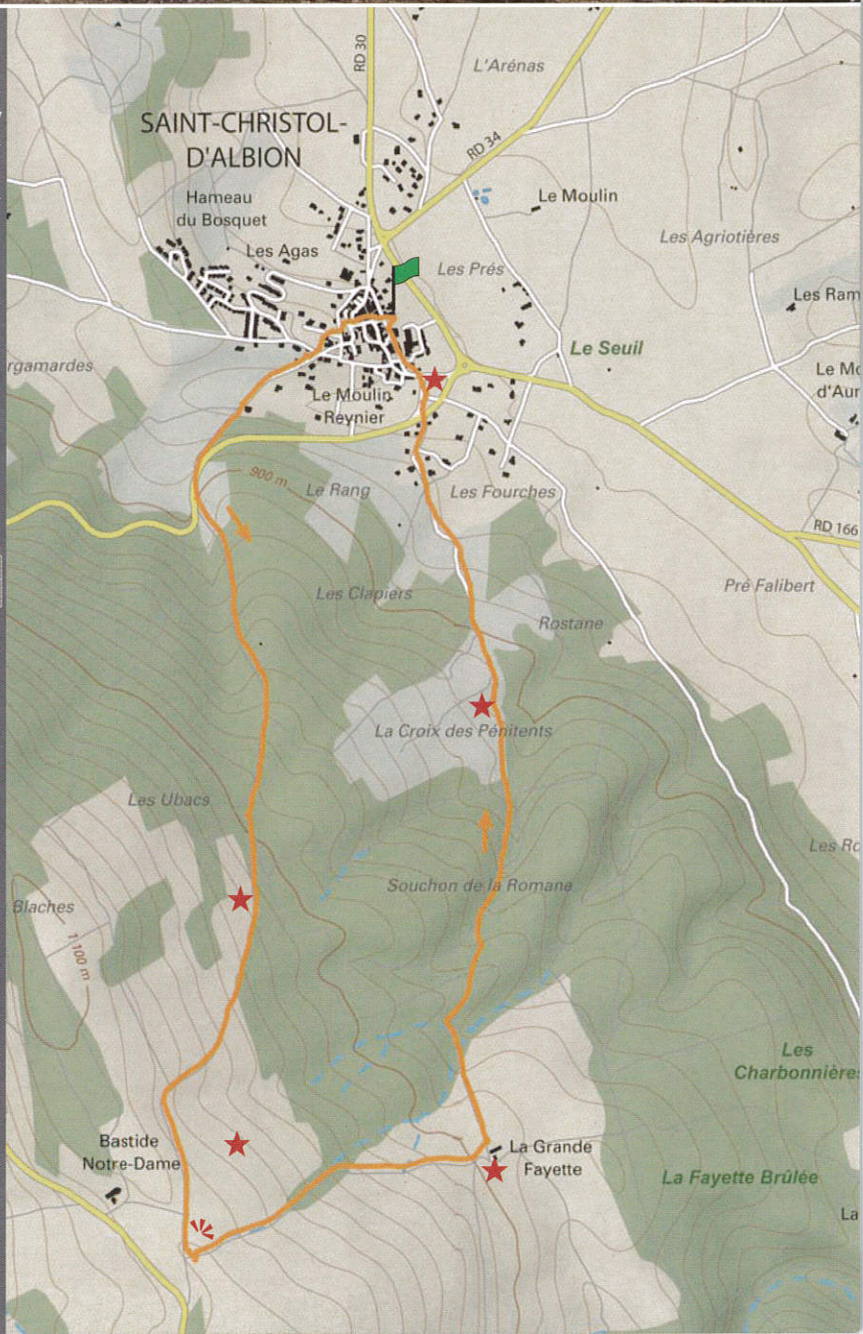
A ramble through the hills around Saint-Christol d'Albion towards the hamlet of Lagarde d'Apt, with beautiful views from the Notre Dame de Lamaron.

TYPE	Loop
LEVEL	Family
DURATION	2h45
DISTANCE	7.3 Km
HEIGHT VARIATION (+ / -)	250 m
SIGNS USED	PR

START POINT
SAINT-CHRISTOL
 Car park opposite the bar "Le Cours"
 GPS : N44 01 43.9 E5 29 32.5



- View Point
- Curiosity
- Departure



Important agriculture in the hills: impressive fields of lavender, mustard and spelt (primitive ancestor of wheat).

Landscape: superb views of the plateau d'Albion, which extends from the Montagne d'Albion to the Montagne de Lure and all the way to the Luberon.

Notre Dame de Lameron: 1090 m, often windswept, the chapel is a useful shelter for visitors (there is an engraved plaque dated from 1667).

Amateur parachuting area (Notre Dame de Lameron): information board with a map of airdrop sites entitled "Memory Lane 1943-1944".

Aven: Sinkhole that is typical from karst topography, communicating with underground hydrogeology network. This geological formation mostly appears when ground collapse due to dissolution of the limestone by rain water.



Description of the route

Start from the car park opposite the bar "Le Cours " situated in the middle of the main street of the village.

On leaving the car park, head to the right and then immediately turn left.

Head up the lane and at the junction turn right, and then turn left towards the church.

At the church follow the route to the left and then round to the right ("Impasse du Moulin"). Cross the field and the road to the left. At the mini crossroads, take the "Chemin de la chapelle" (yellow PR markers).

At the hiking post "Aven de l'Âne" go straight on to "Notre Dame de Lameron - Le Rang ". Head along the D34 road.



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At the hiking post "Les Fourches", cross the road opposite to go and discover the "Aven du souffleur" (a sinkhole) in the small field. Go back to the road (bus stop) and head towards the centre of the village (to the right at the washhouse). Take the main road and go past the town hall, back to the car park where you started from.

Often a very windy area. Off-season remember to take enough clothing to keep you warm.

At the hiking post "Le rang" go towards "Notre Dame de Lameron - Four à Chaux ". At the hiking post "Four à Chaux" go to "Notre Dame de Lameron". Stay on the well-marked path. At "Notre Dame de Lameron" head in the direction of "Fayettes" to the left.

At "Fayettes" head towards "Saint-Christol - Les Grandes Fayettes". At the hiking post "Les Grandes Fayettes" take the direction "Saint-Christol - Les Pénitents" to the left. At the hiking post "Les Pénitents " go to "Saint-Christol - Les Fourches."

Stay on the most clearly and obviously marked path that goes in the direction of the village and you will find yourself back