

5. The Nesque and the Aubagnes

Méthamis

A mildly challenging route that takes you into the deep valley of the Nesque gorge, passing through terraced cherry and olive orchards.

TYPE Loop

LEVEL Family/sportive

DURATION 3h30

DISTANCE 10 Km

HEIGHT 300 m

VARIATION (+/-) 370

SIGNS USED



START POINT METHAMIS

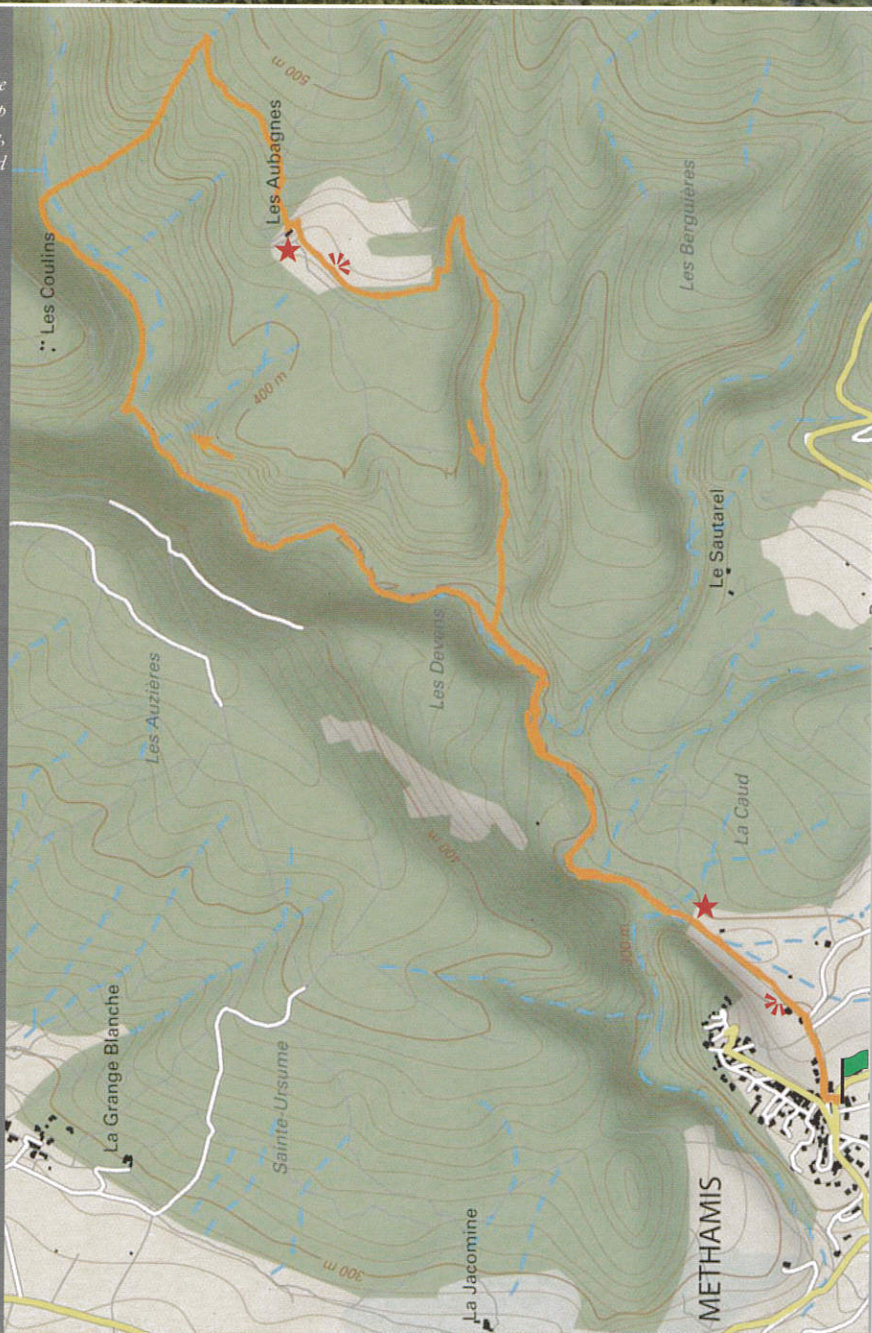
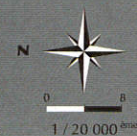
The car park at the primary school in Méthamis.
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View Point 

Curiosity 

Departure 



La Nesque: The river Nesque catches a part of the Albion plateau waters, crosses the Vaucluse mounts and finishes its course in an amazing dry canyon.

Méthamis: Situated between the Vaucluse mounts and the Ventoux, Méthamis is one of the most picturesque village of the old Venaissian County. It is built on a rocky ridge, at the end of the Nesque gorges.

Les Aubagnes: an old farmhouse on the hills above Méthamis – worth having a look at.

Dry stone terracing (Restanque): This is a dry stone wall built to support the cultivated terrace soil.

The rock climbing site of Les Devens is the latest site to be classified in the Vaucluse department. The level varies between 5c and 7b.



Description of the route

Leave from the car park in front of the primary school and head towards the hiking post. At the hiking post "Méthamis" follow "Col de la ligne – Près de la Grand Font" (red and white markers - GR91). At the hiking post "Près de la Grand Font" take the direction "Villes-sur-Auzon - Les Devens."

When you arrive at the Nesque, which is dry all year round, follow the route of the river upwards. At the hiking post "Les Devens", follow the river bed to "Saint Hubert - Faraud" (GR91A).

Leave the valley that arrives from the right behind you, continue along the Nesque river bed. Do not follow the GR91A but continue on the river bed (no markers), until a drivable route crosses it. At this point, fork right on the steep path.

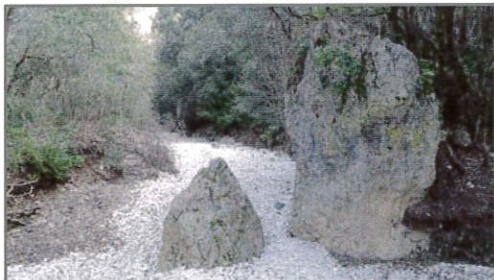
At the top, turn right onto the driveable route. You will see a metal drainage cover. At the junction head to the right. The path is a little overgrown.



When you arrive at the old farmhouse "les Aubagnes", turn left and head down towards the large oak. You will find a well-indicated path that passes between a cherry orchard (to the right) and a truffle field (to the left).

At the next junction, go straight on. When the path splits continue straight on and then take the next right to head down the valley until you find the Nesque river bed again (It's indicated GR91A).

At the hiking post "les Devens", head towards "Près de la Grand Font" (Yellow markers). When the Nesque draws a curve to the right, continue straight on, onto the tarmac road. Head up towards the village. At the junction go straight on and then turn left back towards the school.



The route follows the old river bed, so be careful not to turn your ankle.
Hiking is discouraged during stormy weather as there is a risk of flash floods.