

GORDES

Gorges de Véroncle

4 KM

- Very easy walk
- Easy walk
- Moderate walk**
- Hard walk

Starting point : Path from the car park

Where to park : Along the D2, just after the Chapô gallery on the left, between Gordes and Joucas

Waymarking : PR (short hiking trail) 
● Yellow dots

Height difference : 430 m

Type : Round trip

Time : 2h30



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Please note : Not practicable in stormy weather





Description

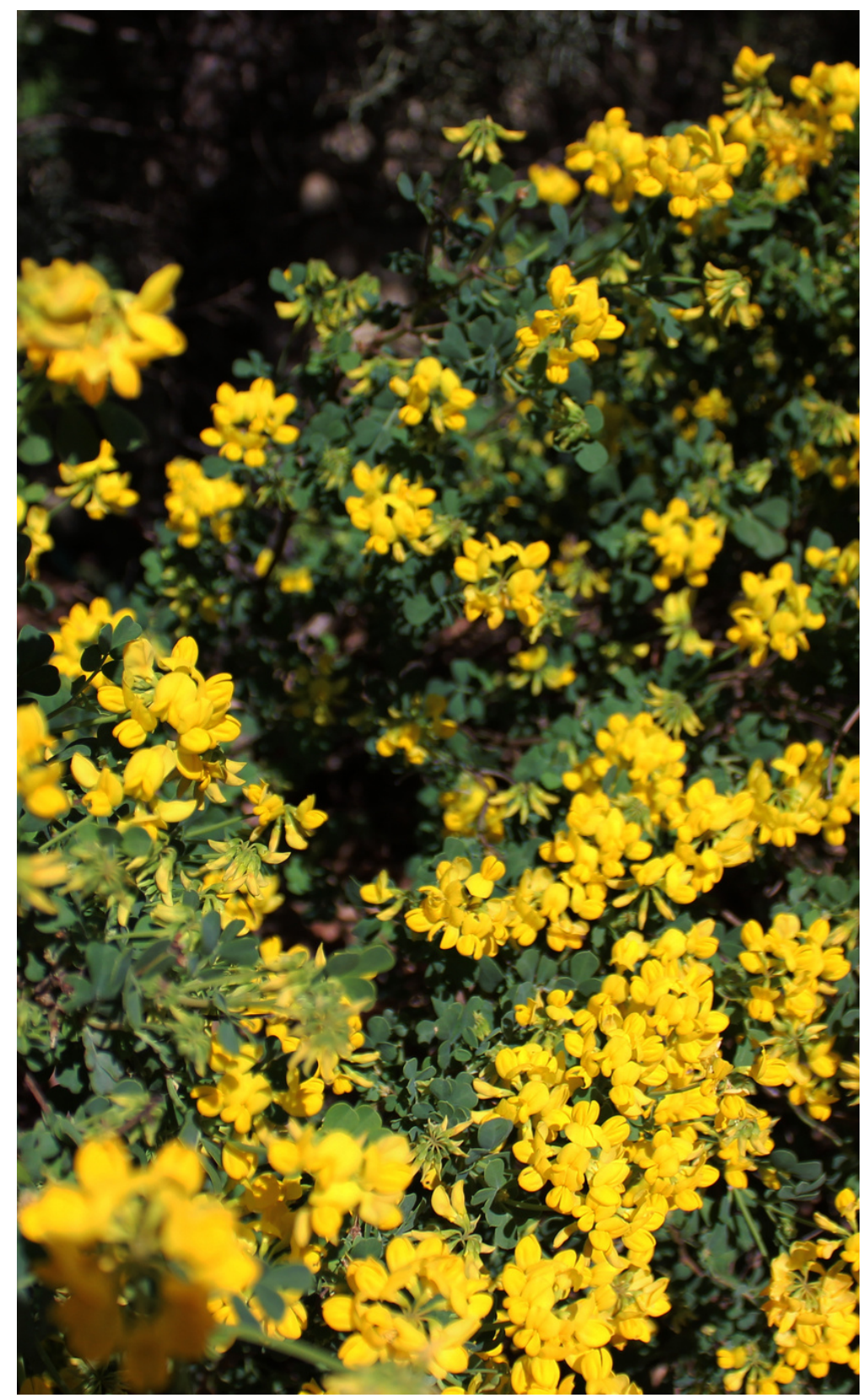
From the car park, follow the path for about 300 m. You then reach the Moulin des Grailles 1 (Mill no. 3), transformed into a residence - the start of the gorge. The first two mills have practically disappeared: those of Cortasses (Mill no. 1) and Grailles 2 (Mill no. 2).

Enter the gorge. After a few minutes you will see a cave on the left, once used as a sheepfold. Just above it, at about 30 m, the Cabrier mill (Mill no. 4) is still visible. Going up, the path follows the béal (water supply channel) dug in the rock. 20 metres further on you will find a ladder and then the "pas de Marie-Hélène" overlooking the waterfall (often dry).

Continue on your way. A knotted rope helps you to cross an obstacle and on a recent rockslide you will see the starting point on the cliff. The path continues, with slippery passages and quite a steep climb. You reach the gully, which is narrow and somewhat difficult, so be careful, as it is very tricky!

The gorge widens, and you arrive at the canyon. You come to Jean de Marre 2 (flour mill) which was used to make fine flour. The date 1800 is engraved on the door, and probably dates from a period of restoration work, as the mill was built in the 16th century. The path continues and you reach mill no. 6: Jean de Marre. It has the same structure as the Cabrier mill.

From this point, turn around and go back to your starting point.



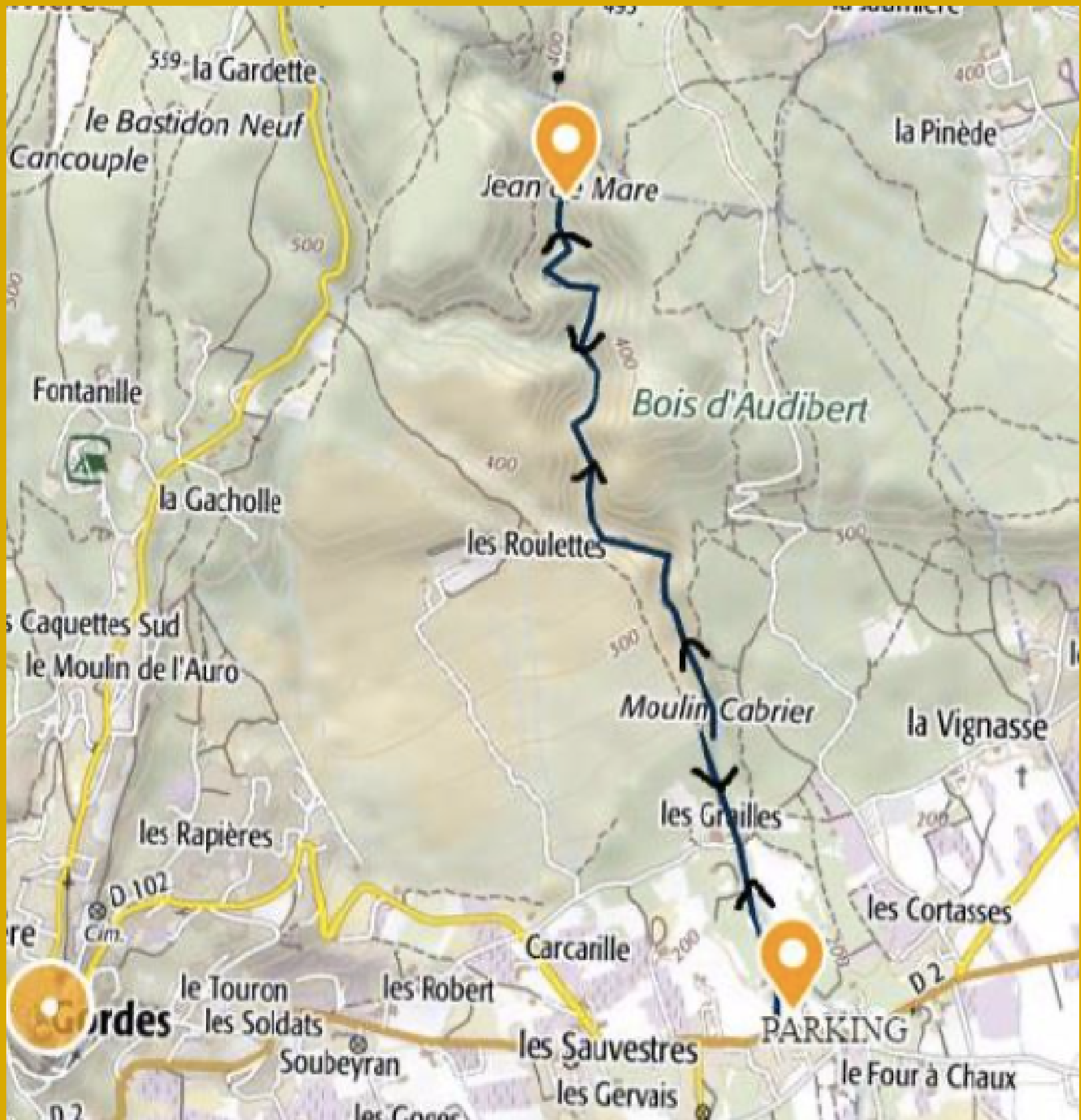
Points of interest :

- Information panels along the itinerary explaining how the mills worked.
- A wealth of plant life along the path: rockcap ferns, box bushes, shadbushes, holm oaks, Montpellier maples, etc.
- Wildlife: the songs of warblers and tits at the beginning of the gorge in spring. Jackdaws with their distinctive cry in the cliffs. Short-toed snake eagles hunting on the plateaux around the gorge. Numerous butterfly species, including orange tips, brimstones and scarce swallowtails.

Before leaving :

- In summer, check the risk of bush fire and the opening of the trails by calling 00 33 (0)4 28 31 77 11 or the Tourist Office.
- Take plenty of water and a hat.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.







The hiker's charter



Treat protected areas with respect. In France, many outstanding natural sites (national parks, nature reserves, etc.) are protected by regulations.



Don't throw away rubbish; bring it back with you. Nature will be all the better for it!



Stay on the waymarked paths.



Respect the trees, admire the plants and observe the animals, but don't mutilate or cut plants or disturb wildlife, and be careful during nesting periods.



Comply with regulations: do not enter the massifs in vehicles off the roads open to public traffic.



Respect winegrowers and farmers, and do not pick their products.



Do not make fires. Fire is a danger for hikers and nature. Do not go into the forest in drought periods or in strong winds.



Follow instructions, and if you see a fire, call 18 or 112.



Information

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