

# GORDES

## Le Col de Gordes

5 KM

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

**Starting point** : Gordes Tourist Office

**Where to park** : Several in the village

**Waymarking** : PR Yellow

**Height difference** : 184 m

**Type** : loop

**Time** : 2h



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**Information** : Suitable in all seasons. Difficulty: easy along the whole route. There is a slightly steep climb in the village on the way back. Half-shade, half-sun (Map of Gordes at the Tourist Office)







## Description

To leave the village, follow the GR/PR trail passing between the church and the bakery; take Rue de l'Église on the right, head for the Porte de Savoie and go down to the bottom of Rue J. Deyrolle. Take the Chemin de Bel Air, which goes up immediately to the right (do not pass the wash-houses).

From the Bel Air viewpoint, continue down the D2 following the GR due south. Just before the bend, take the path on the left before the Gordes exit sign (cycle track).

You will come to a junction on the D2 (stop sign and roundabout): turn left, walk for 20 m, then take the tarmac track going up on the right and follow the PR trail.

Continue until you reach the Col de Gordes signpost (you are 2 km from the centre of Gordes), and pass an olive grove and a borie (dry-stone house). Go straight on.

At the Roman oratory take the left-hand path and follow the PR trail. Small borie on the right. At the next intersection turn left, then at the low wall turn right and follow the PR trail. You then reach the ridge, with a magnificent view of Gordes.

At the intersection with the stone cross, take the stony path on the left, which goes down through the forest to the fields and a small road.

Leave the PR trail and follow the road on the right for 500 m, turn left at a large farm and continue to the next intersection on the D104 (view of Gordes straight ahead).

Turn left at the "give way" sign and follow the road up to the next junction with the D2.

Be careful! Take care crossing the road and go back up the D2 to the wash-house and picnic table, and follow the PR trail on the right going up to the village

After the exhibition hall on your right, go up straight ahead and take the street on the right. Follow the signs with the red dot, which indicate the way back to the village centre.

### Points of interest :

- Fine view of Gordes. Agricultural areas: olive groves and vineyards; scrubland and a forest area.
- Interesting birdlife: buzzards, sparrowhawks, tits, nuthatches and more.

### 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!



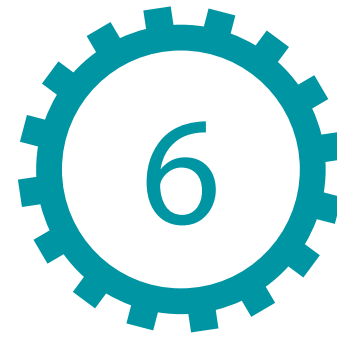
Stay on the waymarked paths.



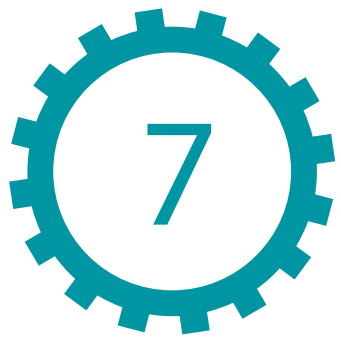
Respect the trees, admire the plants and observe the animals, but don't mutilate or cut plants or disturb wildlife, and be careful during nesting periods.



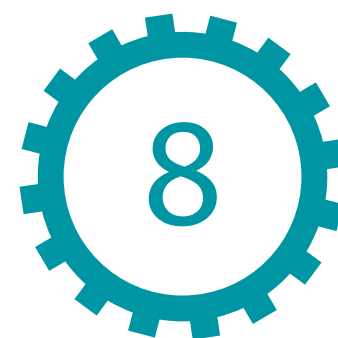
Comply with regulations: do not enter the massifs in vehicles off the roads open to public traffic.



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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