

You are entering a sensitive area !

We ask that you respect the local residents' way of life and the tranquility of this outstanding natural environment of this protected site.

Please follow this Code of Good Conduct to help preserve the environment.
When venturing onto the hiking trails, be prepared and ensure your safety and that of those around you (rockfalls, sometimes steep trails, weather conditions, etc.)

Stay on marked trails to preserve natural habitats and respect farmland.

Keep dogs on a leash to avoid disturbing wildlife or livestock. No animal heads.

Overnight parking and camping (and bivouac) are prohibited to maintain the peace and quiet of the site.

No fires to prevent the risk of wildfires.

No litter except at designated collection and sorting points.

No collection of species (animals or plants) or rocks.



The Vis River is a highly preserved watercourse and vital for many aquatic species (brown trout, southern barbel, Downy emerald dragonfly) as well as terrestrial species that shelter and hunt along its banks (bats, European otter, kingfisher, grass snake).

Fishing, regulated by the Environmental Code, is subject to local restrictions (fly fishing only in certain areas) to protect this fragile river.

As you hike through the pastoral landscapes of the Grand Site, you may encounter herding dogs called "patous".
Please follow the guidelines to avoid disturbing farming and grazing activities:

- Move calmly away from the herd if a herding dog approaches you
- Stay on marked trails and keep your dogs on a leash
- Be sure to close gates behind you when crossing grazing areas



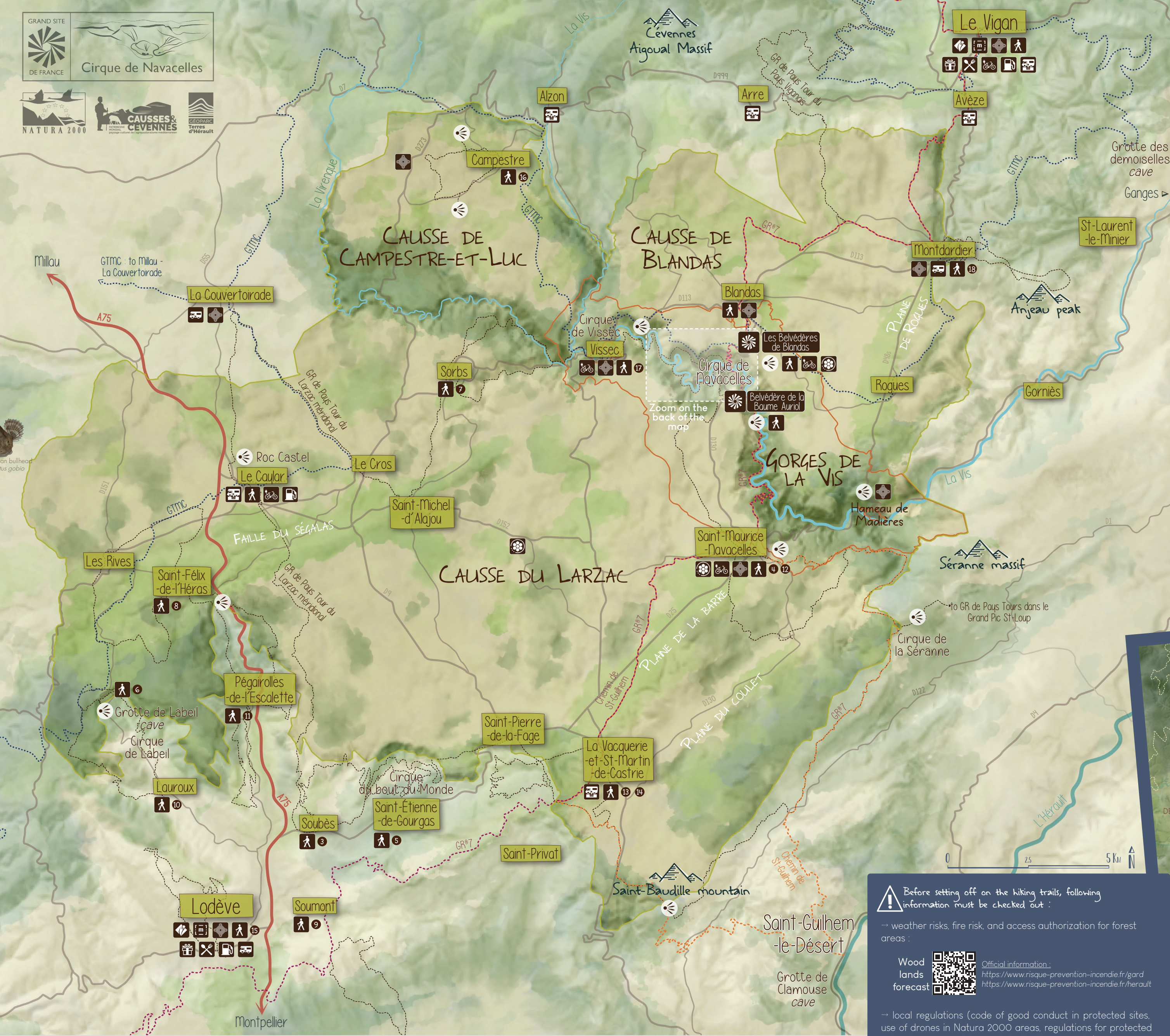
To learn more about the site's biodiversity, history, or regulations:

Nature activities

Informations

Guided tours

Awareness-raising on biodiversity protection



Before setting off on the hiking trails, following information must be checked out :

→ weather risks, fire risk, and access authorization for forest areas :

Wood lands forecast

Official information:
<https://www.risque-prevention-incendie.fr/gard>
<https://www.risque-prevention-incendie.fr/herault>

→ local regulations (code of good conduct in protected sites, use of drones in Natura 2000 areas, regulations for protected natural areas, regulations related to the river, etc.).

The Grand Site de France label

In 2017, the Cirque de Navacelles was awarded the Grand Site de France label. This label recognises the actions undertaken in the area to address visitor management challenges whilst preserving the quality of the landscapes and the vitality of local life.

At the heart of every Grand Site de France lies a listed site protected for its natural and cultural features. This fragile site is surrounded by a wider perimeter to enable coherent actions to be carried out across the entire area.

The Grand Site de France Cirque de Navacelles thus encompasses the Vis Gorges around the Cirque, as well as the surrounding limestone plateaus: the Causse de Blandas, the Causse de Campestre-et-Luc and the southern part of the Causse du Larzac.



The Syndicat mixte du Grand Site du Cirque de Navacelles is the body responsible for the label awarded to the site. Its objectives are the protection, management and promotion of the area. The actions undertaken aim to provide a high-quality visitor experience whilst respecting biodiversity, the living environment of local residents and the authenticity of the area.

The « Réseau des Grands Sites de France » is a network that brings together all sites that have been awarded the GSF label and those committed to sustainable development in order to obtain it.

Grand Site de France

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UNESCO Recognition

The Causse & Cévennes have been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 2011 as the 'Cultural Landscape of Mediterranean Agropastoralism'. This vast region lies at the confluence of mountain and Mediterranean influences, contributes to the area's extraordinary ecological richness and the diversity of its landscapes. These landscapes have been shaped by human activity for several millennia and stand as a living testament to agropastoral culture (skills, architecture, practices, etc.). Agropastoralism fosters outstanding biodiversity, associated with open environments.

To find out more about the UNESCO Causse & Cévennes site, visit the 'Mecca of Agropastoralism' at the Maison de Site des Belvédères de Blandas or explore the online documentary website: <http://webdoc.causse-et-cevennes.fr>



Cultural landscapes are not the only heritage elements recognised by UNESCO: the Terres d'Hérault Geopark (currently undergoing inscription) aims to preserve and highlight the region's exceptional geological heritage. This Geopark's subsoil contains almost every type of rock, allowing us to trace 540 million years of our planet's history!

Visit the Lodève Museum to rediscover the history of life on Earth and learn about the earliest signs of human settlement in the region during the Neolithic period.



