



Summer grazing at the base of the Puy de Dôme. © Jean-Pierre VOILHES

## Sheep, allies of the Chaîne des Puys

Grazing allows the sheep keep down young tree growth, revealing the outlines of the volcanoes and bringing rare plant species to light.

### Sheep are very nervous:

- If they are scared, they can seriously hurt themselves while running away (by damaging their hooves or limbs)
- Ewes can abort when frightened
- The flock can become dispersed, complicating the shepherd's work
- Individual animals may go astray

### These problems can be avoided by:

- Detouring to walk around the flocks
- Keeping your dog on a lead<sup>6</sup>
- Slowing down, particularly for those on mountain bikes
- Closing gates behind you



6 - Breach of this municipal by-law can lead to fines of 38€.



Ermine in its winter coat. © Shutterstock/ Jukka Jantunen

## Memorable encounters

### With animals in the wild.

Discretion is required: using binoculars, you can observe them at a distance for as long as you like.

### The flowers are stunning.

You can take photos and you can draw them, but do not pick them, as many species are protected.<sup>7</sup>



Lilium Martagon. © Philippe LOUDIN

7 - Picking protected species is an offence, incurring a fine of up to 150 000€.



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Chaîne des Puys -  
Limagne fault tectonic arena  
inscribed on the World  
Heritage List in 2018

## Together let's protect

the Tectonic arena  
Chaîne des Puys  
and Limagne fault **UNESCO** WORLD HERITAGE



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Hikers at the summit of the Puy Pariou. © Gérard FAYET

## On foot, horseback, or bike, make use of the paths which are designed for the public

The footpaths have been configured so as to avoid trampling of fragile soils and natural habitats. Whether you are on foot, horseback or mountain bike, stay on the permitted paths.

Paths which cross private property are accessible with the express agreement of the owners. In order for them to stay open, please use the paths correctly and show respect for the environment.

While wild camping is strictly forbidden, bivouacking between sunset and sunrise (with or without a tent) is allowed, with the prior agreement of the land owner.



Erosion at the base of the Puy Pariou. © Jean-Pierre VOILHES

## Motorised traffic is only permitted in specific circumstances

It is possible to use motor vehicles only where clearly permitted.<sup>1</sup>

Motor vehicle use is strictly forbidden<sup>2</sup>:

- Off-track
- on tracks which are not passable for normal vehicles
- on tracks which have any form of barrier (gates, signs, obstacles across the path)
- on tracks identified by municipal laws<sup>3</sup>

## The Chaîne des puys, a natural protected environment...



Hikers in the volcanoes. © Henri DERUS

- 1 - Law of 3 January 1991 relating to the circulation of land vehicles in natural areas.
- 2 - Breach of law is subject to a fine of 1500€ and the impoundment of the vehicle.
- 3 - To find out more about these laws, contact the local commune or the Auvergne Volcanoes Natural Park (tel no: +33 (0)4 73 65 64 00).



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## Do not light fires here

Apart from in designated areas, no fire must be lit within 200 m of vegetation.<sup>4</sup>

4 - Any breach of this law is subject to a fine of 450 à 1 500€.

## Dispose of litter properly when out walking

Take your litter home with you, or put it in one of the bins located in the car parks.<sup>5</sup>



5 - By-law of 2 July 2012. Any breach of this law is subject to a fine of 135€.