



# HIKE & RIDES



N° 36

## Heaven's Gate

Destination Brocéliande - Ploërmel Communauté

START POINT : COVERED MARKET OF TRÉHORENTEUC VILLAGE

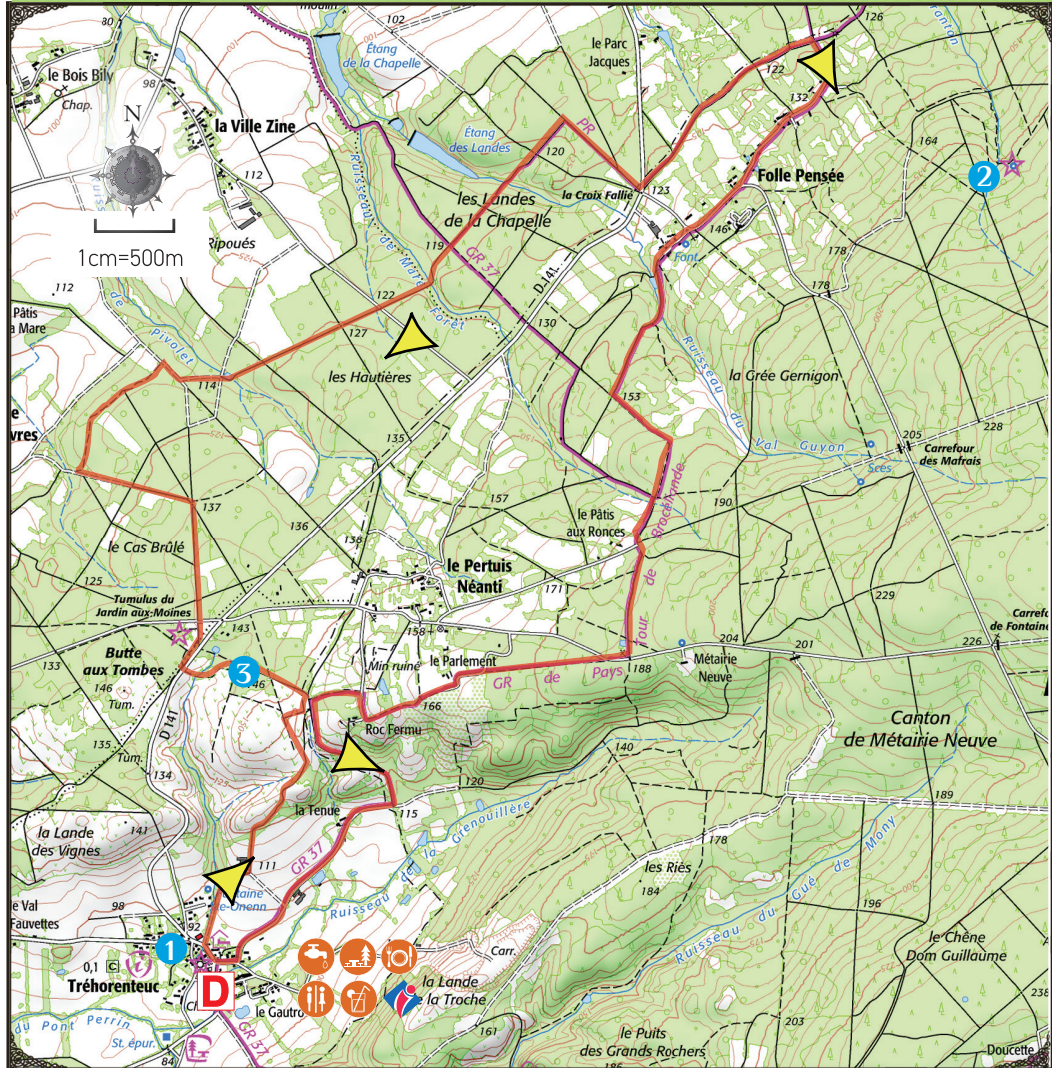
(coordinates GPS : 02° 17' 11"O / 48° 00' 27"N)

DISTANCE : 13 km



3h15

This route is closed during the hunting season (1/10 to 31/03).



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Tourist office

Castle/ Manoir

Chapel

Picnic area

Bar

Toilets

Shops

Grocery store

Bike rental

Restaurant

Water supply

Start point

### NOTEWORTHY SITES

- 1 Tréhourentec Church**: renovated by Father Gillard after he was appointed in 1942, this small church is quite the Holy Grail museum. Christian, Celtic and Arthurian symbols mingle in pictures, mosaics and stained-glass windows, offering an insight into the meaning of the mysterious maxim inscribed above the entrance: "The door is within" ... A must-see!
- 2 The Fountain of Barenton**: the place where Merlin and Vivien met and the setting for much of the action in the novel Yvain le Chevalier au Lion (Chrétien de Troyes, twelfth century). A word of caution: terrible storms will result if you splash water onto the edge of the fountain! Druids used to treat the mentally ill here (hence the name of the nearby village of Folle Pensée [Mad Thought]).
- 3 The Tumulus of the Monks' Garden**: a megalithic site composed of blocks of red schist and white quartzite. The oldest part dates back around 4,000 years to the beginning of the Bronze Age. Legend has it that the rocks are in fact unscrupulous individuals who were turned to stone. Some say they were debauched monks, others, a lord of Tréhourentec and his party who launched a savage hunting spree on the Day of the Dead

### PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

- Stay on the trails to avoid trampling plants and to minimise erosion,
- Close all gates behind you
- Take your rubbish with you until you find a bin,
- Respect the fauna and flora; learn about the importance of conservation
- Ask the local authorities about the hunting season. Some routes may be dangerous during this period

### SUIVEZ LE BALISAGE

- Correct route
- Wrong way
- Turn left
- Turn right

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