

The Davids Walk · English version

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A WALK

Before setting off, a few tips. On this walk, the point is not to reach a viewpoint or to discover a panorama, nor to follow a heavily marked trail. At Les Davids, the aim is quite different. We invite you to set out to meet nature. Through different layers, different settings, different seasons, we want you to cross nature in its entirety. To lose yourself in it, to let it guide you. So there is only one rule: open your eyes wide. Let nature reclaim its rights, all around you. But also, and above all: let it come to you, and into you.

POETICS

In eight sequences, the nature of Les Davids reveals itself to you. All along the path, you will never be alone. Open your eyes, listen closely. And if the path seems too remote, if you think you are lost, have no fear: our handrails, fluorescent like the lichen of the undergrowth, are there to remind you of the route and to keep you safe. Feel free to hold them, to touch them, or simply to follow them. They form an abstract yet gentle signage, a trail of powder that glows at nightfall, an Ariadne's thread always within reach. Over to you.

EPILOGUE

The Davids Walk is a compression of landscapes. It was conceived as a condensed, close and complete experience. In an hour and a half, you change atmosphere, geology and ecology eight times. In an hour and a half, you cross every ecosystem of the Luberon. You have taken a walk of a thousand sensations, like crossing a land where people and nature mingle and meet.

KEY

A Start · B Chestnut tree · C Mound · D Marker · E Holm oak · F Matthew Lutz-Kinoy · G Donkeys · H Ruin · I Weather station · J David Nash · K David Nash · L Lionel Sabatté · M Tomás Saraceno · N Bento pavilion · O Amphitheatre · P David Nash

ON THE MAP

Chai: the winery · Bois: woods · Étang: pond · Vallon: small valley · Colline: hill · Coteaux: hillsides · Sources: springs · Sentier: footpath · Plateau: plateau

CREDITS

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SAFETY NOTICE

Private property. The owner accepts no liability in case of accident. Not recommended for people with reduced mobility. The path is steep in places and slippery in wet weather. Closed shoes strongly recommended. Unsupervised grounds with bodies of water. Climbing on the remains is forbidden. No smoking. No drinking water on the way.