

La croix de Sapchat



Name : La croix de Sapchat

Name of location : Saint-Nectaire

Propriétaire : Private

GPS :

Latitude : 45.578362

Longitude : 2.976450

Altitude : 789 meters

Access by car : At the exit of Sapchat towards Saint-Nectaire, take the carroable track on the right immediately after the bridge. Continue for 550 meters and park on the left of the path. The cross is 15/20 meters to the left of the track.

Public access : Parking before the bridge at Sapchat.

Location of artwork : small clearing around the cross.

Description of the site :

The proposed site is a small open clearing which houses one of the 7 crosses of the hamlet of Sapchat. These crosses would have been installed to repel the plague. This location has the advantage of offering a view of the castle of Murol and the Massif du Sancy, while presenting an intimate and unknown: indeed, no sign indicates the location of the cross and the trees protect it from looks.

In the immediate vicinity, there are also 4 dolmens as well as 2 menhirs, testimonies of a sedentarization of populations from the Neolithic to Saint-Nectaire. Some are stuck with a cross, an example of appropriation by the Clergy of the 'pagan' monuments and cults.

Technical features of the site :

Access to the site by car. The meadow is exploited (pre mowing), so it will be necessary to limit the place taken by the work on the ground.

Best point : an intimate site, unknown, with an history and an atmosphere that plunge us into the old times, while offering an unusual view of the Massif du Sancy.

The view of the Château de Murol and the eastern slopes of the Massif



The cross and its base

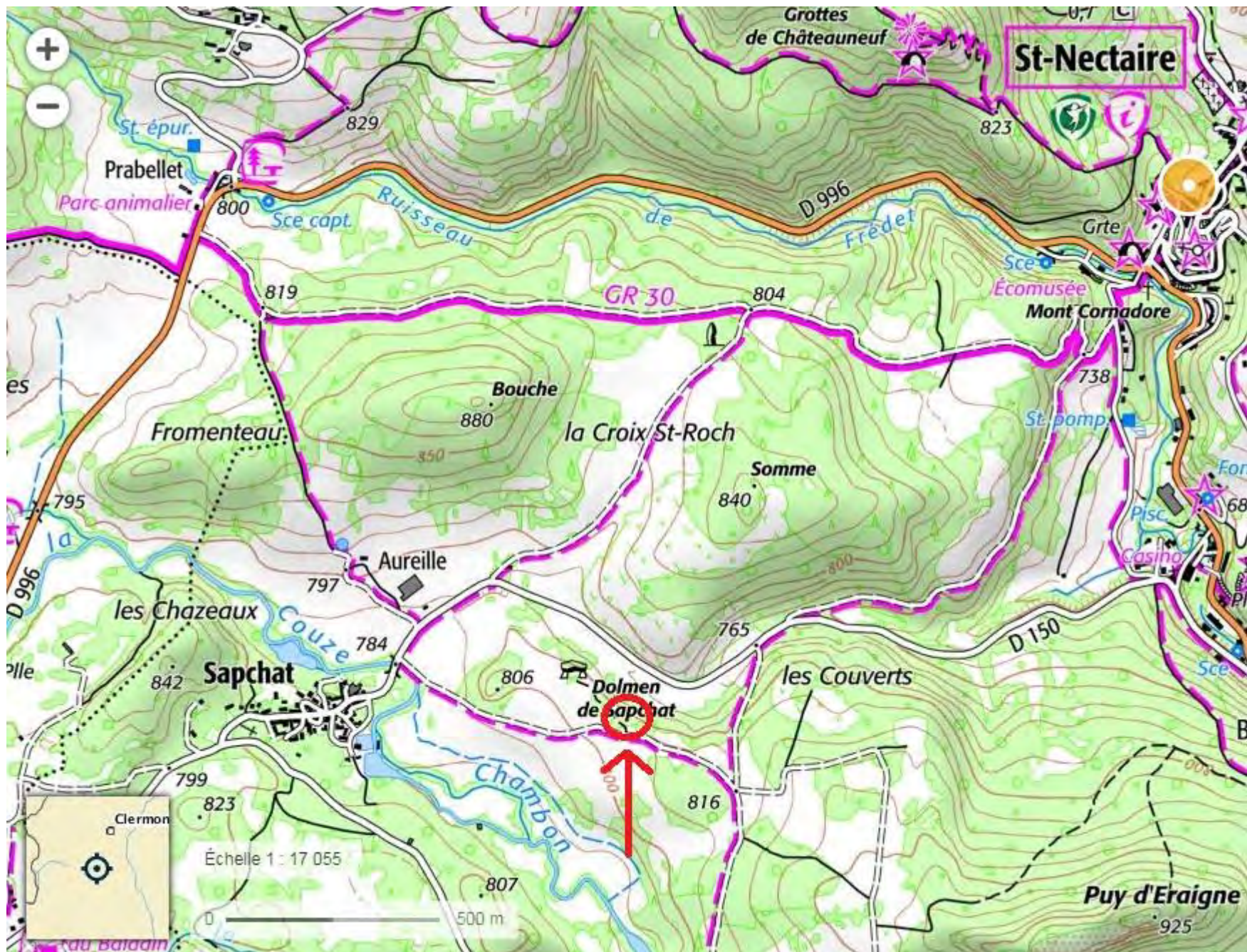


Cross view from the track

The soil is quite rocky in places



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