

## Preparation of the departures in hiking...

Before each departure you will be given all the good advice you need to start off on the right foot.  
A technical booklet to prepare and feed the donkey will be given to you.

We will of course study the IGN map and the road book together. GPX file on request.

The Iphigénie GPS app is free 7 days and allows you to locate yourself, very practical.

The hikes are unaccompanied and you must know how to navigate with a map, the markings are present but may be damaged, wood cutting or malicious.

Then equipment and loading of your companion, safety instructions.

We will collect the donkeys from the paddock to prepare them for the tethering bar.

Currycombing session (carefully brush the back of the donkey to remove twigs which could injure it under the load) then cleaning of the hooves (good foot) and installation of the pack-saddle.

For a small walk at the day count 1/4 of hour of preparation.

For a course of several days count

1 h to 1 h 30 of preparation.

Departures are made between 8.30 and 9 am.

(We adapt according to the season of course).

Make sure you have all your luggage ready, otherwise last minute sorting can take a long time and your future companion will be impatient. You might as well start out in good conditions for everyone.

Before or after your hike, you can book a night at the farm (7 places max.).

Please come and see us the day before for departures of several days, we will then study the route and this will save time for everyone and you will be able to fully enjoy your first day of trekking. You can also bring and pack your bags the day before. You should also bring backpacks, not everything will fit in our bags and the backpacks are very easy to attach to the pack and allow for a narrower harness (useful when the paths are narrow, as is the case on the 1st stage of the Tour des Gorges). Weigh your luggage in advance (picnic and water included) about 25kg to 30kg per donkey. Before loading your donkey has already 10kg of material on its back.

In each relay there will be a paddock for the donkeys as well as the necessary food (barley and hay), it is up to you to feed and water them. Donkey food is included in the rental price.

**you can contact us for any additional advice : [trekane@orange.fr](mailto:trekane@orange.fr)**

