

# Rambling in Lot-et-Garonne

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- Road
- Path
- Itinerary
- Hedge

**Key**

Classified monument	Conservation area	Church	Beauty spot	Place of interest	Equestrian centre

**Markings code**

good direction	change of direction	wrong way	variation



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You are going to cover : 14.4 km. You should allow : 3 ¼ hrs on foot, 2 ½ hrs on horseback , 1 ¼ hrs on a mountain bike. You are 26 km north-east of Villeneuve-sur-Lot on the D 911. Park in the Place Georges Escande (Tourist Office). Set off from here. Take with you a water bottle and binoculars.

The markings are yellow. Difficulty : difficult. Overall change in altitude: 405 m.

## Fumel, a walk between Quercy and Périgord

A few steep climbs punctuate this walk through the wooded hillsides of the Fumelois. On the way back, there is a gentle stroll along the old railway line between Fumel and Cahors...

- 1 Cross the Rue de la République and walk up the Rue du Coustalou, on the other side. From the car park continue climbing to the right on the concrete path. Before the metal barrier, turn to the right onto a hollowed track. Follow the Rue de Gau under the oak trees and cross the Rue du Chemin de la Recluze.
- 2 On the other side go between the tennis courts. Carefully cross and continue along the D440 to the right for 170 m. Go in the direction of Vignerac. Turn left at the second crossroads towards Carrière du Tiple. After the house, go straight on into the woods. Go under the power line and fork to the left on the edge of the wood. Turn right on a red track and then continue on the shady road in the same direction.
- 3 At the crossroads go to the left. After the bends, turn right on a road that continues as a gravel track. At the meeting of four roads, climb up the chalk path on the left. At the top turn right on the red track. Go up to the left in the middle of the genet (broom).
- 4 At the intersection, and the end of the Allée de la Tuque, cross the D440 diagonally to the left. Continue on the other side on a dirt track. At the meeting of three roads, go straight on into the chestnut woods on a bumpy track. Cross a meadow and then the hamlet of Borie on the left. Go up the road and at the crossroads go towards A Peyerard.
- 5 As you go up the slope, turn right on a track below the road. Be careful, on the wooded plateau, fork onto a track that goes down very steeply. At the bottom, follow the track to the left.
- 6 In front of the quarry, go to the right on a winding path. Take the valley road to the left. Cross the D673 and follow it to the left for 100 m. Turn right towards Larché (dead-end road).
- 7 Turn right, into the plain of the Thèze river, onto a grassy, shaded track. Take the Esquibat road opposite and further on, turn right along a laurel hedge.
- 8 Follow the side-walks of the D673 and D911 to the left for a few metres. Cross this road with care and continue towards the pétanque area (game with metal balls). Go under an archway of lime trees. Cross the footbridge and continue straight on, alongside the stream (the Thèze), to the Lot.
- 9 Follow the grassy bank to the right. Go under the brick bridge and up onto the old railway line. Go through the gate and take the chalk path above the river.
- 10 After the high wooded cliffs, climb the first winding track on the right. Go to the left of the Théâtre de la Nature. At the foot of the stairs, take the left fork under the ramparts of the château. Go under an archway of lime trees. After the metal gate, go straight on to the château square. Follow the little path to the left of the Tourist Office to return to the Place G. Escande.

### The Château de Fumel

The seat of the barons of Fumel, the château is mentioned in texts dating back to the eleventh century. It used to control the passage through the Lot Valley, which made it highly desirable. Extensively damaged during the Hundred Years War, it underwent numerous restructuring works during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. During the Religious wars it was the scene of harsh confrontations. It was during the major works that were carried out in the second half of the seventeenth century that the château acquired its current appearance, surrounded by gardens and terraces overlooking the river. It is now communal property and holds the town hall offices.

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