

# Rambling in Lot-et-Garonne

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- Road
- Path
- Itinerary
- Hedge

**Key**

- Classified monument
- Conservation area
- Church
- Place of interest
- Water tower
- Orchard
- Vineyard

**Markings code**

- good direction
- change of direction
- wrong way
- variation



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You are going to cover 17.5 km. You should allow 4 ½ hrs on foot, 3 hrs on horseback, 2 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 blue. Difficulty: difficult. Overall change in altitude: 225 m.

## Fumel, right bank, Montayral and Saint-Vite, left bank of the Lot

*This long but relatively flat trail starts on the Baladoir, before climbing into the Perricard woods and then going down again into the valley to the shaded banks of the river.*

- 1 Go towards the town hall (*mairie*). Just before the entrance go down to the right, under the ramparts, along a path bordered by lime trees. At the bottom of the stairs, turn right towards the "Théâtre de Verdure" and then continue down a winding path which leads to the *baladoir* (old railway line). Continue to the left, opposite the Château de Ladhuie. At the gate, go down to the left through the underground passage, towards the banks of the Lot.
- 2 Cross the bridge over the Thèze and follow the road to the right along the river. After the Europe bridge, take the left fork. Climb over the central reservation and take the departmental road to the left, behind the metal barrier. Cross the Lot. At the end of the barrier, double back and turn right towards the canoeing and mountain bike centre. Follow the first road on the right for 1,5 km. On a curve in the road, turn to the right on a grass track. At Bos del Claou follow the road to the left. Immediately turn to the right on a dead end path. After the Cros farm follow the road to the left for 70 m. and then go to the right towards Arquies.
- 3 Turn to the right on the tarmac path to Guiralou. Go straight on for several metres. Turn left and then immediately right under the houses along a shaded road. At the intersection, go up the road to the left on the Rue Cavaillé. At the top, cross the road leading to the Village des Collines. Go down the chalk path opposite you. After the low road continue straight on along the gravel track.
- 4 At the crossroads continue straight down. At the meeting of the four roads, head for Pech Auriol. Turn right down a narrow path through the Perricard woods. Cross the road and go along side another road on the left for about 150 m. At the intersection go down the road on the right which goes under the motorway. At "Pesquié", cross and follow the D 431 to the left (Avenue G. Cézérac).
- 5 Just before the traffic lights go down to the right, on the Rue des Pêcheurs, and then to the left on the Impasse des Rosiers. Follow the sidewalk to the right towards the Lot. Go down the stairs by the river and follow the tow path. Just before the dam, take the gravel path up to the right. Take the Rue des Lucioles to the left. Go down to the car park and cross the D 139 at the pedestrian crossing. Cross the Lot.
- 6 Go towards the landing stage for the *Gabarre Fuméloise boat trips*. Go down the steps and under the arch of the old bridge. At the end of the Rue du Lot go through the gate to the *baladoir* (old railway line). At the railway points go up the stairs on the left. Cross the street diagonally.
- 7 At the top of the steps come out onto the esplanade overlooking the Lot. After the Hotel Kyriad go down the gravel path. Cross and go back up the Rue G. Soulacroix on the left. Go up the steps on the right to return to the Place Georges Escande.

### The Fumel Factory

*The town of Fumel did not undergo any serious expansion until after 1847 when a metal works was built on the banks of the Lot. The site was chosen because of the region's abundant natural resources (limestone, iron ore, coke from Decazeville transported by barge on the Lot), which were used to build the railway network of southern France. Specializing in the manufacture of rail chairs, the factory diversified its production, making pipes and then various car parts. The factory has played a major role in Fumel's history, employing 3,000 people in the nineteen seventies. Having belonged to a series of industrial groups, it was bought by its employees a few years ago.*

### Further information...

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