

Rambling in Lot-et-Garonne

Monsempron-Libos - Communauté de Communes Fuméolois-Lémance



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- Road
- Path
- Itinerary
- Hedge

Key

- Classified monument
- Beauty spot
- Church
- Place of interest

Markings code

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

Walking in the Lot-et-Garonne

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You are going to cover : 9 km. You should allow : 2 ½ hrs on foot, 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 of the Town Hall. Set off from here. Take with you a water bottle and binoculars. The markings are yellow. Difficulty : medium. Overall change in altitude : 160 m.

Monsempron-Libos, the priory walk

Combine nature and culture by visiting the Priory and its exhibitions and then set off into the woods following the railway line from Agen to Périgueux.

- 1 Cross the D 276 crossroads and head for the church and the priory château, taking the Rue de la République. Go around the priory to the left by the Rue Etoile du Nord.
- 2 Go down the steep path opposite, in the gardens. Cross the bridge and go back up the opposite side. Turn right into a street bordered by a stone wall. At the Monsempron-Libos sign, take the road on the left.
- 3 Go down to the right towards Baillot. Cross the unmanned level crossing with care near the small house N° 356. Go along the railway line to the left on the grassy path. Go past the first bridge on the left (*pigeon tower*).
- 4 After the Maison de Bouy, cross the road, to the right of a bridge. Continue opposite, on a gravel path parallel and below the road.
- 5 Cross the railway line again at the unmanned level crossing by house N° 355. Climb the winding road to the right. At the end of the Allée de la Mème, cross the road and continue opposite towards Berlingau. At Combe du Lièvre, turn left and go down a grassy track. Follow the tarmac path to Boutié to the right.
- 6 Before the gate go down to the left between two electric fences. Turn to the right along a ditch. Follow a wide dirt track, winding through the woods. Fork to the right on a grassy track, under the high voltage power lines.
- 7 At the junction of the four roads, under the hamlet of Bezombes, turn left. At the stop sign, continue opposite. Cross the bridge over the railway line.
- 8 Retrace the outward route. Go past the Maison de Bouy, return to the unmanned level crossing N° 356 and go up the Baillot road to the right.
- 9 Cross the road and go up on the other side. At the La Cariole crossroads, go down the road to the left before coming back up into the village. At the stop sign, cross to the town hall square.

Monsempron Priory

The Romanesque church of Monsempron, near Quercy and Périgord, was influenced by the architectural schools of both of these regions. There are numerous plant and geometric decorations signifying a Byzantine influence. The vaulted nave dates from the sixteenth century. There are several buildings from the Benedictine Priory near the sanctuary that used to belong to the church. Built in the tenth and eleventh centuries, the priory was rebuilt in the sixteenth century. The ground floor, covered with cross beams, has kept its late Romanesque windows and buttresses, finished in smooth stone. The upper floors have huge windows with finely moulded mullions. Part of the building is communal property and is used for exhibitions.

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