

# Rambling in Lot-et-Garonne

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- Road
- Path
- Itinerary
- Hedge

**Key**

- Beauty spot
- Place of interest
- Vineyard
- Orchard
- Water-tower

**Markings code**

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

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You are going to cover 9.6 km. You should allow 2 ½ hrs on foot, 1 hr ½ on horseback, 1 hr ¼ on a mountain bike. You are 31 km east of Villeneuve-sur-Lot via the D 911 and D 139. 2 km after Montayral follow the "Astronomie" signs. Park in front of the observatory. Set off from here. Take with you a water bottle and binoculars. The markings are blue. Difficulty : medium. Overall change in altitude: 305 m.

## Montayral, the Bazérac and Escure Coombs

*Plum orchards and vineyards alternate with the wooded coombs and arid summits of the gates to Quercy.*

- 1 Cross the road towards the GR 652 totem and go down on the other side, following the dirt track through a pine forest. Continue along the wire fencing of the hunting reserve. Cross the road that goes to the Bazerac coomb. Continue on the other side along a track bordered by two hedges. After a double bend, go up into the woods. At the top, follow the steep pebble track parallel to the road.
- 2 Keep to this road for about 120 metres and then turn right towards Lansac on the chalk path. Pass a thuja hedge on the left.
  - Variation to point 5 (7 km circuit). Follow the track to the right.
- 3 Take the left fork under an oak tree between two low stone walls. At the meeting of three tracks, go to the right and then to the left on the road. In front of the Maison de Trosse Miches take another little road to the right. After the house and the pond, go straight on under the oak trees. Go down a stony path that mostly stays under a power line.
- 4 Before arriving at the valley road, turn right into a field in the Escure Coomb. Climb back up on a pebble track that makes a wide curve to the right in the upper part. Cross a meadow on the left.
- 5 At the crossroads, turn left onto a slightly hollowed track. After the bend, head for the field on the right. Follow the edge of the first wood. Cross a clearing of about twenty metres and go down the track on the left, through a copse. Take the road to the Bazérac Coomb on the left for about 500 metres.
- 6 After leaving Bouygues Basses, go down to the right between the two fields. Climb back up into woods. Follow the pebble track along the edge of the wire fencing of the hunting reserve.
- 7 At the top, take the path to the right which continues along the fencing.
- 8 Turn right at each of a series of crossroads. At the end, at the entrance to the Collines Holiday Village, take the road on the right which goes back down to the Observatory car park.

### The Lagrolère Observatory

*The Gap-Est 47 association has been in existence for more than twenty years. In the early days the club met in premises provided by the town council to build its observation equipment. The small but constantly growing group of astronomy enthusiasts decided to create a centre with a view to introducing small groups and school children (a minimum of ten people) to the joys of astronomy. Little by little, the association collected invaluable observation instruments. Their efforts were repaid when an observatory was built in Lagrolère, in the commune of Montayral, with the support of the Communauté des Communes Fuméolois-Lémance and the Conseil Général (County Council). For further information : [www.astrosurf.com/gap47](http://www.astrosurf.com/gap47)*

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