

Rambling in Lot-et-Garonne

Sauveterre-la-Lémance / Veyrines - Cté Com. Fumélois-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 : 11.7 km. You should allow : 3 ¼ hrs on foot, 1 ¾ hrs on horseback, 1 ¼ hrs on a mountain bike.

You are 40 km north-east of Villeneuve-sur-Lot on the D 911 and the D 710.

Park in the carpark of the “Platanes”, in edge of the river La Lémance.

Set off from here. Take with you a water bottle and binoculars.

The markings are yellow. Difficulty : medium. Overall change in altitude: 320 m

Sauveterre, exploring the museum of prehistory

Voyage through time discovering ancient paths and the Musée de la Préhistoire in the village that gave its name to the Sauveterrian period of prehistory.

- 1 Cross the Lémance to the town hall and church by following the main street.
- 2 Before the roundabout, fork to the left (one-way), and again at the next crossroads. Before the “A l’Orée du Bois” guesthouse, turn left on an asphalt path turns into a pebble track.
- 3 At the junction of the three tracks, keep to the left on the lower one. At the houses in Forge, turn right along the edge of the water. Continue to follow the grassy track which follows the bends in the Lémance river before making a large loop around a field. In the woods take the winding road to the left.
- 4 In front of the barn, below the hamlet of Guillouti, turn right on a grassy track. Take the road on the left. Cross the bridge and then the hamlet of Fonsalade and the railway line.
- 5 Cross the D 710 with care and turn immediately left behind a hedge. Climb up into the woods on the winding track, that alternates between being pebbly and rocky. Go under the power line. At the top, turn right on the second road bordered by a high dry stone wall. Cross the hamlet of Soucial.
- 6 At the end of the asphalt path, go down the road to the left. At a bend, opposite the exit of Lapèze Haute, fork to the right on a wide gravel path. Cross the road and head towards Mazon. At the junction of the three roads, turn right. At the house, continue straight ahead on the gravel path, on the edge of a pine wood. In the corner of the clearing, continue straight on into the wood, on a dirt track. Go past the first track on the left and go along the fence.
- 7 Turn left between two sheep pens. Go down a winding path below the Croix de Veyrines farm. On the slope, follow a ditch on the right.
- 8 Go to the left of the bell-tower of the old church of Veyrines. Continue on the other side following a hedge beside a poplar grove. Go up to the right on the first gravel track. At Lasfargues, go down the road opposite and follow the road to the left, parallel to the D 710. At the give-way sign, cross the main road and head towards Lartigue. Cross the bridge over the railway line.
- 9 Take the road to the left alongside the railway line to return to Sauveterre-la-Lémance.

Human settlements

Laurent Coulonges, a native of Fumel, devoted part of his life to archaeological research in the Lémance valley. In the nineteen twenties he discovered a new prehistoric culture on the Martinet site, which he named Sauveterrian, in reference to Sauveterre-la-Lémance. 8,500 years ago, the last hunting and fishing communities of the Lémance Valley initiated a real revolution, they became farmers and raised livestock, and created villages instead of camps. New techniques evolved, tools were developed and the bow and arrow became widespread. The Laurent Coulonges museum presents collections from deposits found in the commune in an instructive manner.

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