

Rambling in Lot-et-Garonne

Sauveterre-la-Lémance / La Ville - Cté de Com. Fumélois-Lémance



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- Road
- Path
- Itinerary
- Hedge

Key

Classified monument	Conservation area	Church	Beauty spot	Place of interest

Markings code

good direction	change of direction	wrong way	variation



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You are going to cover : 6.2 km. You should allow : 1 ¼ hrs on foot.
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 blue. Difficulty : easy. Overall change in altitude: 235 m.

Sauveterre-la-Lémance, to the hamlet outside the town

This peaceful walk contains plenty of surprises, with beautiful houses full of character and views over the wooded hills opposite and the hamlet outside the town, which is reached by a track bordered by box.

- 1 Cross the Lémance to the town hall and church by following the main street.
- 2 Keep to the right of the roundabout. At the crossroads, turn right towards Bonaguil. Go up to the left on the asphalt path in the direction of Fourquayrenque. Go around the school to the left and continue climbing beside a wire fence and then on a grassy track above a house. Enter the woods on a winding track.
- 3 At the top, take the road to the right, bordered by a stone wall. Cross the hamlet of Laborie. At the end of the road, turn left onto a hollowed covered track.
- 4 At the road, go up to the left towards the Estang house. At the second crossroads, go to the left into some hornbeam woods. Further up, go along the edge of a field and continue climbing into the wood. Carry on between two stone walls on a hollowed track. Go between a house and a barn. Take the road on the other side.
- 5 At the end of the tarmac path from Ciret, go down to the left. Turn right towards the house called Mayne Longue Basse and Latuque. Fork immediately to the left on a dirt track through the middle of the woods and plantations. Cross the bridge over the stream (the Cendroux) and the valley road.
- 6 Climb up the other side on a grassy track surrounded by box and bordered by a dry stone wall. There are pebbles and rocks on the surface as you climb. Cross the road that leads to the top and head for the hamlet (le hameau de la Ville) (see the church, old renovated stone houses and the outside of the private château).
- 7 Turn right in front of the first house. Follow a winding, rocky road through the box trees (square tower). At the first crossroads, going down, follow the track to the left.
- 8 At the fork, in the valley, go to the left, on a dirt track. Cross the Cendroux stream again. At the crossroads, go past the “A l’Orée du Bois” guesthouse on the left.
- 9 Take the road to the right. Fork to the right, going up the one way street and coming back by the central street towards the church and the town hall. Cross the bridge over the Lémance river, which brings you to the end of the walk.

10,000 years of history in Sauveterre la Lémance

The Lémance Valley is rich in prehistoric remains, many of which were studied by the archaeologist Laurent Coulonges in the nineteen twenties. He discovered a new prehistoric culture on the Martinet site, which he named Sauveterrian (9,500 to -7000 BC), and which is internationally recognized. The museum in Sauveterre la Lémance presents the results of these excavations and retraces the settlements of prehistoric hunter-gatherers. In particular there is a display of the evolution of hunting techniques and the appearance of the bow and arrow. Every year the museum organises the “Sauveterriales” with a view to informing children and adults about the lives of our ancestors, through a series of workshops on hunting, cookery etc. - Contact: 05 53 40 73 03.

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