

Rambling in Lot-et-Garonne

Saint-Front-sur-Lémance - Cté de Communes Fumélois-Lémance



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- Road
- Path
- Itinerary
- Hedge

Key

Classified Monument	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 : 12.6 km. You should allow : 3 ½ hrs on foot, 2 ¼ hrs on horseback, 1 ¾ hrs on a mountain bike. You are 39 km north-east of Villeneuve-sur-Lot on the D 911 and the D 710. Park in the Place of the Town Hall. Set off from here. Take with you a water bottle and binoculars.

The markings are blue. Difficulty : medium. Overall change in altitude: 365 m

Saint Front, a circuit around the Lémance river

This walk crosses the valleys of the Lémance and the Briolance and cuts through the wooded hillsides of the Périgord forest passing by numerous pigeon towers and traditional houses.

- 1 Go down the steps to the grocery store and bar. Follow the street which, further on, goes over the Lémance. Cross the level crossing (N349) and go towards Bonaguil. At the next crossroads, go past the Les Sarmes housing development on the left. After a stone house, climb to the right and turn left, into a wood, on a grassy, rocky track. Before the road, continue climbing through a tunnel of vegetation. Cross the summit road and go back down the other side towards La Rode. Take care going down the steep pebbly track.
- 2 At the base of a bank, turn left between the houses and the hamlet of the Rode. Cross the bridge and, at the intersection, take the D440 to the right for a 100 m. Climb the road to the left and go to the right at the next fork. Before the wood, take the hollowed track to the left, bordered by a stone wall in places. Go down the tarmac path to the left into the hamlet of Cayrel. At the signs to Ferouailles and Le Cayrel, take the valley road to the right.
- 3 Fork to the left and cross a bridge over the Lémance.
- 4 After Lartigue, cross the bridge over the railway line. Cross the D710 and go towards Lasfargues. Continue climbing on a covered track, to the right of a stone building. At the little quarry, go down to the left of the bell-tower of the old church of Veyrines. Go to the right of this and go up the hollowed, shaded track into a wood.
- 5 At the top, fork to the left along a fence and follow the road to the right. At the little cross, turn left and then right at the edge of the wood. Enter the woods on a rocky track. At the meeting of four tracks (white plaque), go down to the right. Go along a barbed wire fence between a meadow and the woods. Pass below the church of Blanquefort, visible through the leaves.
- 6 Go down the winding road to the left. After several turns and a stone bank, go down a stony road to the right. Cross the D240 diagonally to the right. Go down to the left on a covered track. Cross the bridge and go back up the opposite side between two hedges. Cross a ford.
- 7 Before Pecette, take the road on the left. Follow the D426 to the left towards St Front. Turn right towards Boutigues.
- 8 On the next bend, turn left on a road that goes down. After the house, continue on the grassy track, under an archway of vegetation. Cross the D710 and follow the sidewalk to the left. Head towards the town centre to return to the church car park.

A stronghold in the Lémance valley

Located on the Lémance, Saint Front was the county town of the Revolution canton until the beginning of the twentieth century. The parish is mentioned as early as 1259 in official documents, updated by the prehistorian Laurent Coulonges. This little town of monastic origin was dedicated to Saint Front, who came to preach Christianity in the Upper Agenais. The church, of which the construction began in the eleventh century, is one of the region's rare examples of a fortified church, combining military and religious architecture. Nowadays the commune's activities involve a mixture of farming (wheat, maize, Blondes d'Aquitaine cows, ducks and geese) and industry (Bruyeres and Socli lime factories, Marty flooring, and the Ribacky foundry) and includes the three villages of Saint Front, Lastreilles and Bonaguil.

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