Rambling in Lot-et-Garonne

Saint-Georges - C.C. Fumélois-Lémance / Bourlens - C. C. du Tournonnais

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Road
Path
Itinerary
Hedge

Key

Beauty spot
Church
Place of interest
Water tower
Orchard
Vineyard

Markings code

good direction
change of direction
wrong way
variation

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You are going to cover : 13.7 km. You should allow : 3 ½ hrs on foot, 2 ¼ hrs on horseback, 1 ¾ hrs on a mountain bike. You are 25 km east of Villeneuve-sur-Lot on the D 911 and D 243 via Port de Penne. Park in carpark, under 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: 300 m

Saint Georges / Bourlens, the circuit of the Summits

From the great cultivated plateau of Saint Georges, and the summits of Estelle or Padès, surrounding Bourlens, the view extends for miles towards the Lot valley and the hills around the fortress town of Toumon-d'Agenais.

❶ Go up towards the town hall and follow the street to the left. Take the narrow lane on the right and go to the right of the war memorial. Cross the road and, on the other side, take the dead-end tarmac path.

➢ *Variation to point 3; 200 m longer. Follow the road, then a covered track towards Marseille*

❷ On a curve in the road, go straight ahead on a grassy track.

❸ At the crossroads, turn left. Continue to follow the road to the left until the meeting of three roads. Take the summit road to the right which goes to Lasplanes and Ramound. Go down to the right towards Bordeneuve and Carbonac on a tarmac path.

❹ Fork to the left on a grassy track bordered by a little ditch. At the poplar trees, follow the asphalt path to the left and rejoin the summit road to the right. After the hamlet of Malet, climb the grassy track to the left into a field. Continue between two hedges and then in an upward sloping meadow. At the entry to the woods, climb up to the right on a pebble track (IGN marker at the summit).

❺ Follow the track to the left to the Pech de l'Estelle. After a wide loop on this summit, cross the track. Take the path below a track that goes down. Leave this a little further down and follow a path above a little bank. On leaving the woods, go down between two plum orchards. Go to the left of a house, on a slightly hollowed track. Follow the C516 to the left to enter Bourlens.

❻ Go past the front of the church and take the street to the right. Pass the Laspeyrières road on the other side and go down to the right. Cross the Tournon / Saint Vite / Saint Georges road and go opposite towards Cazideroque and Trémons. At the next crossroads, keep climbing straight on. Turn left at a bend, under some oak trees. Cross a plum orchard. Climb up into a field and then to the right on the edge of the woods.

❼ As you go down, at the electricity pole, turn right onto a wide dirt track. Follow this track straight on. *Take care at the crossing of the first road on a bend.* At Clauzet, take the road to the right and then another to the left towards Le Roussel and Foulanon Bas. After the Bousquet farm, go up to the right on a gravel track.

❽ Cross the road diagonally to the right (*100 m to the right, Ferme-Auberge de la Grèze).* Go towards Croix de Beyssac. In the farm, pass below a laurel hedge and go down into a field. Cross the bridge and then go up a pebble track towards the village of Saint Georges. Follow the road to the left. At the crossroads, take the street opposite which goes to the left of the church.

The Saint Georges of France

The association of the Saint Georges of France was created in 1988. Saint Georgeois and Saint Georgeais meet, once a year, in one of the numerous French communes bearing this name, to swap experiences, learn about their respective regions, taste the local gastronomic specialities, and exchange stories of traditions and folklore. The meetings, which are always very lively, combine a sporting event and a festive atmosphere, and attract between 8,000 and 10,000 people! In 2008, to celebrate the association's twentieth anniversary, the festivities will take place in the Lot-et-Garonne. We hope that many of you will attend this important event!

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