

# LES BESSONIES ROUND WALK

→ SITUATION : Bessonies, between Latroquière and Parlan (Cantal) on the D39

→ START POINT : Village square

GPS Coordinates : : N 44.810231° E 2.150491°

**DURATION : 2 hrs.**

**LENGTH : 5,5 kms**

**WAYMARKING : Yellow**



① From Bessonies village square, follow the sign for Latronquière and soon after the Château, take the road to the right. Go between the houses and take the track which continues on from the road, and cross a field. When you get to the trees, continue through the forest.

① At the stream, turn left in order to cross it. Go uphill through the woods. On leaving the wood, pick up another track which you have to take to your right. A few metres further on, turn left then right. Continue straight ahead alongside the fence. Go past the Domaine de la Sagne (typical Ségala farm, with an old roof ladder and a Maltese Cross over the entrance porch.)

② Continue on this track up to a little road on the left. Follow this. Then, after the house, in the valley, take the track which continues through the woods and then comes back to the road.

③ Continue as far as the hamlet of La Cagne, then take the track on the left. Follow it up to the wood. At the wood, rejoin the outward track on your right, and go back the opposite way to return to the village square.

“ On the border between Midi-Pyrénées and the Auvergne lies the charming little village of Bessonies, with its wealth of history. ”

## TO SEE IN THE AREA...

- Sénailiac-Latronquière: Tolerne Lake
- Saint Cirgues : Sully's linden tree
- Labastide du Haut Mont : highest point in the Lot with views over the high hills of the Auvergne.

→ FOOD SHOPS/  
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## THE CHÂTEAU DES BESSONIES

The Château des Bessonies has valiantly resisted the assaults of Time and neglect by men. It was here that one of Napoleon's marshals, Marshal Ney (1769-1815), took refuge, accused of treason by the Bourbons (royal faction). In fact, it was here that he was arrested. A vast 16th C. edifice, the Château des Bessonies was a ruin. It had collapsed in places, so entry was completely impossible. Vegetation had even begun to take over !

Awoken from its long sleep by passionate enthusiasts, it has been renovated, refurbished and redecored for the greater pleasure of all. Its garden has regained its former glory. Inside, its period tapestries are still there, as are its staircases, fireplace, bedrooms...

As you walk past, admire this building and just imagine the colossal amount of work that was done to bring this château back to life (open for visits by appointment).

