

A LANDSCAPE FASHIONED BY SHEEP

→ SITUATION : Espédaillac, 25 kms north-west of Figeac

→ START POINT : Maison l'Oustal on the D40, with an explanation board

GPS Coordinates : : N 44.636127° E 1.77265°

DURATION : 2 hrs. 30 mins.

LENGTH : 8,7 kms including a 1000m there and back detour to see the dolmen and the Couderc Well of Bourriol

WAYMARKING : Yellow

Très facile



382 m

111 m

302 m

① From the Maison de l'Oustal and the information board, go to the right towards the village centre. At the Park signboard, go up left on the little road with a «no entry» sign, with the pond on your right (*well/caselle on the left*). Come to the road, turn left then immediately right towards *La Placerelle*.

② At the roundabout, at the stone cross, continue opposite and turn left straight away on to the track (*tower of the former windmill on the left and further on to the right, a shepherd's crooked oak*). Follow this main track up to the road (*doline - a karstic depression - on the right*) and turn left. At the fork, go right and continue 50m along the bridleway (*orange waymarking*). At the pond, turn left then 60m further on go right (*gariotte in the wall to the right*).

③ At the T crossing 300m further on, go left. After 300m, leave this track to take the one on the right between the dry stone walls, and continue on this for 500m as far as the road, going to the right at the fork.

④ Cross the road, towards Mas de Cormès. At the crossroads, 300m further on, continue opposite (*small pond on the right*). At the fork, turn left, continue on this road (*cazelle on the right*): to the left, the well of the Bourriol Couderc is a 70m walk there and back. At the D40,

turn right to visit 100m further on to the right the well and sheep-dip (prevention of sheep scab). Return, cross the D40 and skirt round the tennis court. Walk along by the wall of the little château to get back into the village.

⑤ Take the first road on the right immediately after the pond then go straight on at the first fork. Turn right immediately at the next crossroads; the road becomes a track. Soon after, leave this track at a T junction, turning left on to the grassy path which you follow up to the road. Cross it to take the path opposite. After 250m, turn left on the road and immediately to the right on to the path.

⑥ At the pond, turn left, go on 300m then turn left on to the D40 by the iron wayside cross. After the Auberge Beauville, go up to the right to the church and former château. Further on : well built on the foundations of what was the château's tower. Here, go left on to the little path between houses to get back down to the D40, which you take going right for 150m before turning right towards Quissac, and immediately go into the grounds of the Mairie to your right. Go round the buildings to see the cazelle-cum-well. Leave the grounds, have a look at the well opposite and go back past the Mairie down to the road. Turn right to get back to the start point.

THE LAND OF THE CAUSSE...

The Causse area has, to a large extent, inherited its landscapes from the activities of the 19th C. At this period, the Quercy Causse attained their maximum demographic and economic development, dominated by a tradition of pastoralism and the cultivation of cereals. Vines were also to be found everywhere. The village of Espédaillac is the perfect example of the layout and structure of a «caussenard» village, with its houses of a remarkable architectural quality. A network of dry stone walls extends around the village, marking out small and medium-sized plots which correspond to the variety of soil types and crops, but also reflect the redistribution of land after the Revolution, plus the subsequent division of fields between family members in accordance with inheritance laws.



“ The landscapes around Espédaillac have been shaped to a great extent by sheep-rearing. The native Caussenarde breed, known as «sheep with sunglasses», is particularly representative of this area. ”

TO SEE IN THE AREA...

- Livernon : La Pierre Martine dolmen
- Brengues : Château des Anglais
- Espagnac Ste Eulalie : Former priory

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