

# VILLAGE AND HILLSIDES OF THE LIMARGUE

→ SITUATION : Fons, 12 kms north-west of Figeac, via the D840  
 → DÉPART : Salle des fêtes in Fons (car park there, and spaces along by the Doumelle towards the D840)  
 GPS Coordinates : N 44.663603° E 1.953755°

DURATION : 4hrs.

LENGTH : 14 kms

WAYMARKING : Yellow

Difficile



① Leave the car park. Turn right, go past the road on the left, and, at the iron wayside cross, go up the path to the left. At the junction, go straight ahead on the grassy path. At the road, take this, going straight on up to the D840. Cross this and take the track opposite. At the 1st junction, continue straight ahead on this track which becomes a path and goes downhill. Take the little tarmac road opposite you, cross the bridge, turn right and immediately left, after the 2nd bridge, towards Cardaillac. 30 m further on, turn right on to the track.

① At the petrifying fountain, turn left and immediately right. When you come to the road, cross it and take the tarmac track opposite towards Pont-Aubard. Follow the Drauzou up to the D840. Cross it and take the little road opposite towards Plaisance. After the first hairpin bend to the right, go up to the left, in zig-zags, on the track. At the 1st house, turn right, continue up to a road. Turn left, go past a junction and, at the fork, take the road on the right. Soon after la Renardière it becomes a grassy track, then a path. At the end of this, turn left, then immediately right on the little road. At the junction, take the tarmac track almost opposite you, going up towards la Balme.

② Cross the road to go up opposite

on the sunken path. At the road, turn right and continue going up. At the bend, leave the road and set off opposite on the track with vehicle access. Go past the 1st path on the right, and 200m further on at the T junction, take the wide track to the right. Take the road opposite you up to la Remise, turn right after the farm then immediately left. Follow this path for 1.3 kms. At the road, turn left. At the crossroads, turn right then left straight away towards Reyrevignes.

③ Continue along the road for 800m and fork right towards Lasaule, and Escaris. Carry on, going past 2 tracks and at the crossroads, take the road on the right for 300m.

④ Turn right at a sharp angle on to the path between stone walls. On the descent, fork left on the 1st path which goes along the hillside to the calvary statue. Continue the descent via the Way of the Cross, go through the gateway and take the sentry-walk to the right leading to the fortified church. With your back to the gateway, go down the steps, then along the grassy path on the left. At the road, turn left then immediately right to come out at the covered market place. At the road, turn left then right straight away, and follow the Doumelle to get back to the Salle des Fêtes.

“ The countryside around Fons, in the Limargue area, provides contrasting landscapes. The severity of its «causses» is tempered by the leafy chestnut woods which recall the Ségala area of the Lot. ”

## TO SEE IN THE AREA...

- Fourmagnac : Romanesque church, pigeon-tower, old houses
- Fons : church, Benedictine monastery, market hall and «sarrazine» chimney

→ FOOD SHOPS/  
RESTAURANTS ETC  
Fons and Figeac

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## THE MARKET PLACE... FONs

Recently built, the little covered market of Fons is charming, with its fine wooden beams and rafters and its heavy stone pillars. It's hard for us to imagine the intense commercial activity that once went on here. A stone grain measure is lodged safely beneath the structure. The control and checking of the instruments used for measuring, which were needed both for commerce and for fixing the proportion of the harvest due in lieu of taxes, is first recorded in 1255 in the context of the conflict between the prior and the «consuls» (± local councillors). The latter had had stone receptacles placed on the main square for measuring wheat. On the orders of the prior, some monks had gone down into the pits in front of which the measures were standing in order to remove them. However, they almost came to a sticky end, as the inhabitants very nearly buried them alive in there !

