

ROC DE FRANCE ROUND WALK, LATRONQUIERE

→ SITUATION : Latronquière, between Figeac and Sousceyrac (Junction D31/D653)

→ START POINT : Post Office square

GPS Coordinates : N 44.799178° E 2.078947°

DURATION : 3 hrs.

LENGTH : 11 kms

WAYMARKING : Yellow

**PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES : Wet area
after the Etang du Roc**



1 From the square outside the Post Office, go to the church square. Take the little road which goes down opposite the church doorway. Turn left twice. Go along by the cemetery, and take the first track on the right. Fork right and a few metres further on, come to the road.

2 Walk past the hamlet of *Le Fau*, near *Le Boudet*, then take the track on the left. Come out on the D653. Follow this to the left for 100m. Then, go to the left and immediately right to pick up the line of the old Roman road. On the plateau, take the track on the right through woods of beech, oak and birch. Further on, going downhill, go to the left and come to the hamlet of *Le Pied d'Oie* and the D653.

3 Follow this to the left for 100m then, at the crossroads, turn left. Continue straight on for 500m and take the track on the right. Come back to the road in the hamlet of *Sireyol*. Go along a few metres on the road, then, after the first houses, fork right then immediately left.

4 As you come to the bend, opposite a large barn, turn right and get

on to a track between two dry stone walls. Continue for 200m, take a track to the right and go along to the stream.

5 Come to a sheep-barn on the hilltop and go back down past the hamlet of *Renac* on your right. At the bottom of the descent, go left and cross the stream. Further on, take the road going left, and leave it after 150m to follow the track on the left which leads to the *Poutiac* pond.

6 At the hamlet of *Poutiac*, continue on the road to the right. 700m further on, at the junction, take the second right to get to the D31 and the *Roc de la Fontaine* pond.

7 Cross the D31 (you can go all round the pond if you like) and fork left on to the track. At the road, go left to get back to the village.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The «Stations of the Cross» in Latronquière church is a very original work created by M. Delclaux. He superimposed the traditional images of the stations of the cross in the form of silhouettes on familiar views of Latronquière village. Why do this, you might ask ? It is all the product of a very painful memory. On 11th May 1944, the German army *Das Reich* division entered the village and rounded up the population on the church square. From there, they marched the inhabitants through the village and up to *Tarinque*, where they selected some to be deported. 15 of them died in concentration camps.

In memory of these people, M. Delclaux painted these pictures which show the streets through which they passed. In one of the paintings, you can see 15 drops of blood, one for each of the 15 lives sacrificed....



“ A former staging post on the Roman road linking *Gergovia* to *Cahors*, *Latronquière* was also occupied by the *Knights of the Order of Malta*. ”

TO SEE IN THE AREA...

- *Sénaillac-Latronquière* : *Tolermé Lake*
- *Bessonies* : 11th C. *Château*
- *Saint Cirgues* : *Sully's linden tree*
- *Labastide du Haut Mont* : The highest point in the *Lot*, providing views over the hills of the *Auvergne*

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