

THE CHÂTEAU OF CAZALS

→ SITUATION : CAZALS, 20 KM SOUTH OF GOURDON VIA THE D673

→ DÉPART : Place H. Salel

N44°38.650' E01°13.467'

DURÉE : 1hr. 10 mins.

LONGUEUR : 4,7 kms

BALISAGE : Yellow



Take the road towards the pharmacy. Follow it for 100m and fork left to take the path which runs alongside the château.

1 Take the path going uphill on your left. This path comes out on a wide dirt track. Follow this for more than a kilometre. Pass under a power line.

2 When you come to a road, turn right. Follow it for 600m to pick up the GR footpath.

3 At the junction, turn right on to the GR (red and white waymarking) and go as far as the Mairie. Continue to the village centre on the D13.

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Explore a bastide as you take a walk on the heights above Cazals ”

TO SEE IN THE AREA...

- Cazals : Bastide
- Ginoihac church
- 10th C. castrum (enclosed defensive site)

→ FOOD SHOPS/
RESTAURANTS ETC
Cazals

→ INFORMATION
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AN ENGLISH BASTIDE

Very numerous from the 13th C. onwards, the bastides, «bastidas» in the Oc language of the region, were new towns, more or less fortified and structured on a precise grid pattern with streets crossing at right angles. The founders attracted settlers by offering a contract which guaranteed them right of asylum, exemption from military service and the right to transmit their property to their heirs, all for the price of a building plot plus another for growing crops. In Cazals, the Place Hugues Salel, the regular layout of the streets around it and a few covered passages are the last traces of a bastide created by the English at the beginning of the 14th C. This was how they ensured that they had a safe halt established opposite the possessions of the King of France in Montcabrier.

