

# POCHY ROUND WALK (LE VIGAN)

- SITUATION : Le Vigan, 5 kms from Gourdon via the D673  
 → START POINT : Behind the church  
 GPS Coordinates : N44°44.467' E01°26.317'

**DURATION : 2 hrs. 30 mins.**

**LENGTH : 8.5 kms**

**WAYMARKING : Yellow**



“ From valleys to plateaux, this walk provides varied views over the surroundings of Le Vigan village. ”

With your back to the Town Hall, set off to the right on the D51 and take the first road on the left. Turn right and continue straight on along the grassy track. When you come to the road, cross it and follow the track which goes down into a little valley. Where it crosses a track, go left to get back up to the road.

**1** At this, go right for 500m. Take a track on the left to get to «Pochy» (spring on the left, laundry trough further along on the right.) Go past the track on the right leading to the houses and continue straight ahead, then turn left to get to «Gamatou».

**2** At the hamlet, go left and follow the bridge path (orange signs).

**3** Come out on a road, go down it to the left (Dalet Mill). At a junction with another road, turn left to get to the D1.

**4** Take this going right, and after the garage, turn left (Boucot Mill). Go past two tracks which climb back up on the right.

**5** When you get to the GR 64 (red and white signs) take this to the left. Go along beside the lake. On the bend in the D673, cross over the road to take the second road on the right. Go into the village and back to the church square on the left.

## TO SEE IN THE AREA...

- Le Vigan : Henri-Giron Museum, the Abbey church

→ FOOD SHOPS/  
RESTAURANTS ETC  
Le Vigan/Gourdon

→ INFORMATION  
Gourdon Tourist Office  
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## AN ABBEY CHURCH WITH NO ABBEY

Monastic buildings have not always survived the ravages of Time. Over the centuries, people have made many changes to them. This is the case of the Abbey church of Le Vigan. Founded at the heart of a very ancient religious community, it is mentioned as early as 900, but we know that in 1287, a new church was under construction on the same spot. The Archbishop of Bourges became very anxious that it would be extremely difficult to complete the building. He was not mistaken : at the end of the 15th C. the church, either unfinished or severely damaged, was rebuilt. The vaulting was raised to a higher level. Nowadays, all that remains of Le Vigan Abbey is the Gothic church with its beautiful rib vaulting. A tower stands guard over the impressive exterior of the east end.

