

LADOUX ROUND WALK

→ SITUATION : Les Arques, 7 kms from Cazals
 → START POINT : Car park at the bottom of the village of Les Arques
 GPS Coordinates : N44°36.176' E01°14.999'

DURATION : 2 hrs. 15 mins.

LENGTH : 7 kms

WAYMARKING : Yellow



“ On the very edge of Quercy, this walk starting from the superb village of Les Arques will take you to see Causse landscapes in which vines have given way to oak trees. ”

Take the road which goes up into the village. Level with the former presbytery (now converted into an artists' residence), take the lane on the right which goes past the «relais de la Découverte» and Zadkine's former house. With your back to the «relais de la Découverte», go to the right and go down through the village lanes. Turn right twice to get to a former tobacco-drying barn. Facing this, go left towards Tronquières. Continue for 100m and take the grassy track on the right which comes to the D150 after going down a few steps. Go along for 100m and take the little road on the left which climbs for 600m to get to the hamlet of Tronquières (viewpoint)

1 After these houses, take the track on the right. Follow this for 1 km to get to the D150 again.

2 Take this going to the right then fork left on the road to «Fazende». Go past the smallholding of «Lesquirol». After a house on the right, turn right and soon after, leave this road and go right again on a narrow track which goes down to another little road.

3 Cross this (house with two pigeon towers) and continue opposite on the track. At the next crossing, turn right (former stone terraces). Take the track on the left and continue for 2 kms

through the woods.

4 At the road, turn right to «Auricoste» (laundry trough, mill). Pass the hamlet and go back up to the right (stone cross) via the track towards the village of Les Arques.

TO SEE IN THE AREA...

• Les Arques : Zadkine Museum devoted to the sculptor's remarkable works, Romanesque church of Saint-Laurent (HM) part of a former 12th C. Benedictine priory, partly Romanesque chapel of Saint-André, late 15th C. fresco.

→ FOOD SHOPS/
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THE VANISHED VINEYARD

On stage 3 of the walk, the terrace alongside the track bears witness to the intense agricultural activity of a hundred years ago and more. In the middle of the 19th C., the rural world was at its height. In Bouriane, as in the rest of Quercy, the tiniest little plot of land was put to good use. Under the influence of a landowner, vines had appeared all over the Causse des Arques and Le Pech de Ladoux. But in 1865, a microscopic aphid, phylloxera, made its appearance and in just twelve years, infested all the vineyard areas of France. On the Causse, the disappearance of the grape vines caused an unprecedented exodus. Villages were emptied of their inhabitants. And the hill slopes, once covered with vines, were abandoned to their own devices. They have never been cultivated since then.

