

# THE SOURCE OF THE PIAGE

→ SITUATION : Fajoles, just outside Gourdon, on the Auniac road

→ START POINT : Church square in Fajoles

GPS Coordinates : 44°48,198 E1°23.772

**DURATION : 2 hrs.**

**LENGTH : 7.5 kms**

**WAYMARKING : Yellow**



From the war memorial, go right then immediately left at the next junction to get to the hamlet of « Buffevent »

**1** As you come out of the hamlet, go left. Go straight on up to a road. Cross it. At the «Croix du Pech» hamlet, go right on the D36. At the cross (*croix de Pech*), turn left then take the path on the right.

**2** When you come to a road, turn right (*house with pigeon-tower of «la Frousse»*) and continue up to the D47.

**3** Here, turn left. Before the bridge, take the path on the right beside the stream, to see the cave and source of Le Piage. Return to the D47 via the crushed stone path. At the little road, turn left, then at the D47 turn right, then leave it and go to the left.

**4** At the next junction, go to the left, then to the right, (*spring and laundry-trough of Salles on the left.*)

**5** At the second farm, (*cross of Cantagrel*), turn left and follow this track up to «Le Débas». On leaving the hamlet, on a bend, take the path opposite you. Go straight over a cross-path (*spring-garlotte des Cazalous*), continue along the same track. At the end of this, turn right to get to the road.

**6** Turn left to get to the D36 and to the village of Fajoles.

## THE MAISON DU PIAGE : A MUSEUM DEDICATED TO THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

In 2010, the local authority decided to create a museum area dedicated to the prehistoric archaeological site in order to present the results of the dig and to maintain interest in them. The Maison du Piage, in the village of Fajoles, 4 kms from the site itself, takes you back into the prehistoric era between 40,000 and 30,000 years ago, on the trail of the last Neanderthals and the first modern humans. Did they come across each other ? Through the data obtained by the research still taking place on the site, visitors are led to find out in an interactive, educational way about the scientific methods which enable archaeologists and prehistorians to recreate the way of life of the hunter-gatherers of the last glaciation period. The visit takes you in a logical way through the on-site research techniques (reconstitution of a dig) and laboratory ones (analysis of sediments, flora, fauna and vestiges). Several showcases housing stone and bone tools and the first elements of personal decoration illustrate daily activities in Palaeolithic times.



“ As you follow this path, you will encounter the traces of history and prehistory. ”

### TO SEE IN THE AREA...

• Fajoles : Caves and source of the Piage  
Maison du Piage

→ FOOD SHOPS/  
RESTAURANTS ETC  
Lamothe-Fénelon and  
Masclat

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