

TOUR OF THE HAMLETS OF SOUILLAGUET

→ SITUATION : Saint-Cirq-Souillaguet

→ START POINT : Hamlet of Souillaguet, Place du 19 Mars 1962

GPS Coordinates : N44°42.185' E01°25.782'

Duration : 2 hrs. 30 mins.

Length : 7 kms

Waymarking : Yellow



From the Place du 19 mars 1962, the start point of the walk, take the tarmac path beside the cross, which further on becomes a stony path through copses.

1 When you get to the tarmac road, (water tower on other side to the left), turn right, go on to the first house you come to : you are in «Grapal Nègre».

2 Leave the tarmac road on the right and take the path going down through woodland to the left of the house.

3 When you get to the tarmac road, go straight on along the little grassy path. You are at the lowest point of the walk. (Take care; there may be beehives here in season.)

4 Follow this path for about 600 metres (up to the end of the meadows) and turn right ; here, you are halfway through the walk. Then follow the narrow path which goes back up through woods to the hamlet of «Ratabout», where you can see a lovely old house.

5 Go straight on along the tarmac path, up to the first junction. You are in the hamlet of «Nicou», located at the highest point of the walk, and providing a fine view.

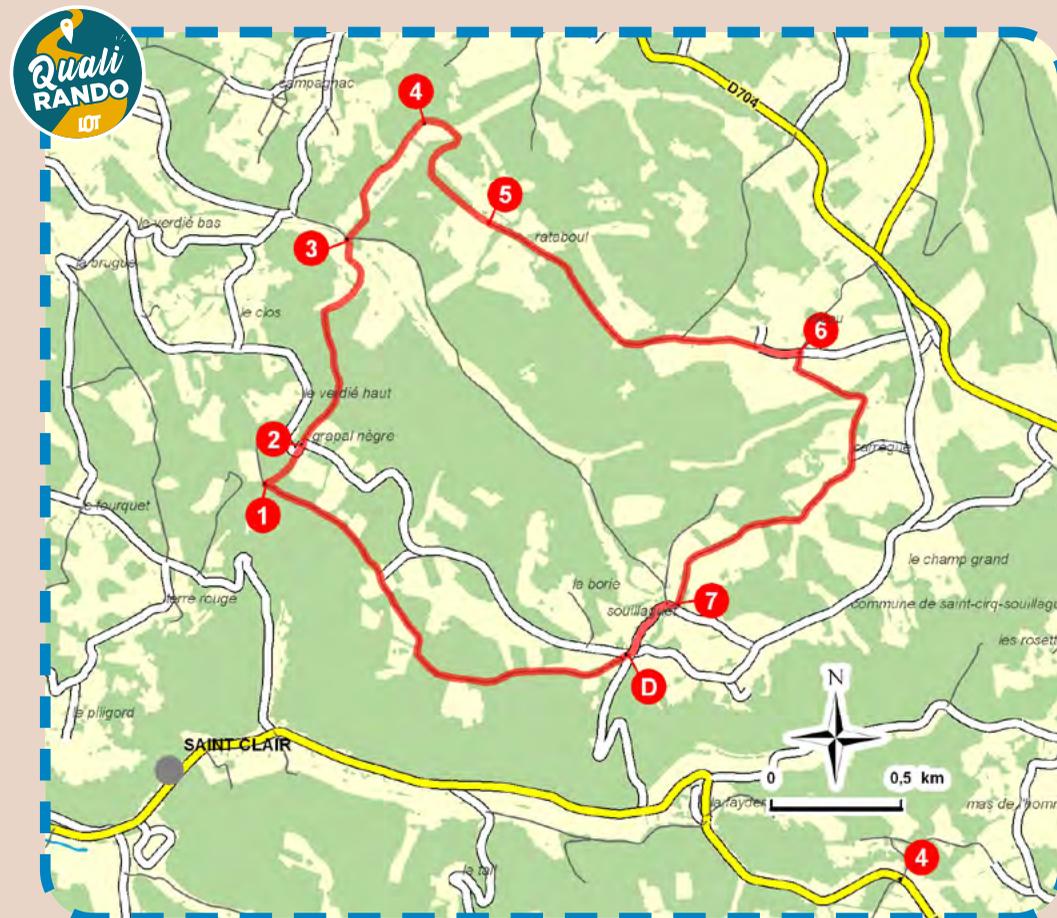
6 At this junction, turn right then immediately left, level with the barn, and take the grassy path which will lead you, passing by the hamlet of «Carrègue», up to the pretty hamlet of «Souillaguet».

7 Turn right, go past the Calvary statue, go through the hamlet and back uphill to your starting point.

As you leave, you can take the St. Clair road to go and see the fine restored laundry trough belonging to the hamlet of «La Fayderie» which stands on the hill opposite. You will then have seen all the hamlets of Souillaguet.

WATER AND LA BOURIANE

Water is everywhere to be seen in La Bouriane. It winds in the form of rivers or little streams between two hills, it rises in springs, or seems to doze whilst keeping an ear open for the rain. Here, it has always been the object of special care, being a primordial necessity for both man and beast ; so there are many different types of constructions intended to conserve it, along with all its virtues, both health-giving and social : people always gather around a source of water. Take the laundry troughs, for instance : these were real meeting-places, where the latest news was exchanged, all the gossip and rumours... They now bear witness to a bygone age, since mains water arrived, and the washing machine appeared in the 1950's. But well after that time, women still used to frequent the laundry troughs to wash their sheets and large items of household linen. These structures form part of our heritage and of our collective memory.



“ This walk will take you to explore a varied landscape which is, for the most part, shaded. ”

TO SEE IN THE AREA...

• Le Vigan : Henri-Giron Museum, the Abbey church, fishing lake.

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Le Vigan

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