

# THE PEYREBRU SPRING TRAIL

→ SITUATION : SAINT CHAMARAND, 12 KMS SOUTH OF GOURDON VIA THE D704

→ START POINT : Saint Chamarand church

GPS Coordinates : N44°40.694 E01°27.678'

**DURATION : 4 hrs.**

**LENGTH : 15.5 kms**

**WAYMARKING : Yellow**



From the church, go to the D17, turn left towards St. Germain de Bel Air. Continue straight on after going past the cemetery.

**1** Turn right on a track which narrows and goes past a house surrounded by box bushes in «Lacabral». Go up to the right of the house through woods for about 1 km and go right at the next path crossing. At the road, turn left towards Espagnac.

**2** As you enter the hamlet, turn right and continue on, going past the paths to «Les Mazuts» then «Pech Méja».

**3** Then turn left on the track to go through the hamlet of Le Ray and come back to the road. Take the path opposite you then turn right and get back to the D17.

**4** Cross the D17 to fork right and follow the track. Cut across the D17 once again and continue straight on to get to a crossroads in the shape of an X.

**5** Turn left then cross the D17 again and turn right before getting to «Mas de Baffol» and follow the «Peyrebru» sign. 250m further on, take the track on the left up to the D704 (laundry trough on the right).

**6** Turn left on the D704, then cross it to take the first road on the

right. Then follow a grassy track and continue as far as the road.

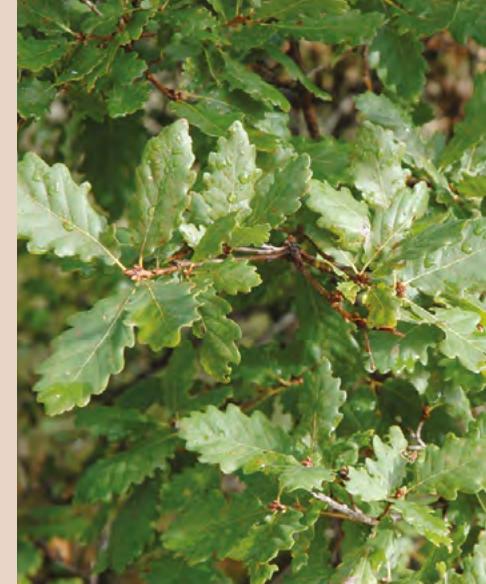
**7** Turn left to come to the hamlet of «Durand» and take the track on the right which crosses the hamlet. At the last house, turn and, further on, go along beside meadows, and past a track on your right. Take a track to the right of a barn and come to the hamlet of «la Castagnal». As you leave the hamlet, take the track up to the next road.

**8** Take the road to the right : it rapidly turns into a track to get to «Estampe» (bread oven). At the road, turn right.

**9** Go down and turn on to the track on the left to follow the valley of the «Rêt» and come back to the D704. Cross this and come back to St. Chamarand.

## LOOK UP IN THE AIR TO KNOW WHAT THE SOIL IS LIKE

Observing trees and plants tells you a lot about the soil in which they grow. In the Bouriane, areas in which deposits from the siderolithic period (about 70 million years ago) cover the original rock strata alternate with others where the underlying limestone is exposed. The former favour the development of chestnut trees and conifers. The latter are the preferred terrain of the pubescent (or downy) oak. Also known here as the black oak because of the colour of its trunk, it is the most common tree to be found in the Lot. It forms open woodland, does not grow very tall and never completely loses its leaves. The foliage simply turns brown in winter before being replaced by the next season's growth. Jays live in symbiosis with it, feeding on its acorns and thus distributing its seeds.



“ From the deep shade of the woodlands to the bright sunshine on the hilltops, this path takes you through valleys and over plateaux all around the village of Saint Chamarand ”

### TO SEE IN THE AREA...

- Soucirac : Chemin Royal, Dolmen des Fosses, St. Pantaléon spring, Pech des Batailles viewpoint.
- St. Cirq Souillaguet : Chruich with Gothic portal and bell-tower, 17th C. Baroque reredos, bakehouse, bread oven, laundry trough

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