

THE VIEWPOINT ABOVE DOUELLE

→ SITUATION : Douelle, 12 kms west of Cahors via the D8

→ START POINT : Place de l'Ormeau in Douelle

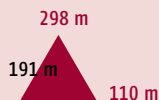
GPS Coordinates : N 44.469995° E 1.362131°

DURATION : 1hrs. 45mins.

LENGTH : 4,2 kms

WAYMARKING : Yellow

PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES : slippery descent
between ⑤ and ② in wet weather



① From the car park, go down towards the banks of the Lot and come back up the slope by the bridge. Cross the D8 and take the street opposite which leads to the Mairie.

① Here, turn left, go past the church and continue along the GR® opposite (red and white signs) to get to the D12.

② At the junction, leave the GR® on your left, and take the bridleway (orange waymarking) on the right and follow this for 300m.

③ Fork left into a lane. Straight away, turn right on to the path which goes up the hill. On the plateau, continue along this same path up to the GR®.

④ At the junction with the GR®, take this going to the left and continue up to the paragliding take-off zone and the viewpoint. Turn left to go past the Calvary

statue.

⑤ Continue along the GR® and turn right before the TV mast. At the bottom of the descent, go along by the box bushes on the right (fountain). Go down the flights of steps and turn right on to the D12 to get back to your start point.

“ This walk takes you up on to the heights overlooking the Lot valley, so that you can enjoy the many lovely views and explore the landscapes of the Causse. The viewpoint will enable you to enjoy the spectacle of the vineyards and meanders of the river Lot. ”

TO SEE IN THE AREA...

- Ruins of Cessac Castle, 13th C.
- Viewpoints
- Paragliding centre
- Fresco by Chamizo

→ FOOD SHOPS/
RESTAURANTS ETC :
Douelle

→ INFORMATION :
Cahors – Lot Valley
Tourist Office
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ACQUIRE THE TASTE FOR CAHORS JUST BY LOOKING

The heights of the «cévenne» (steep cliffs dropping down to the river valley) provide a superb viewpoint over the main areas of production of Cahors AOP Wine. As the river carved out this valley over the millennia, it left behind terraces with soils of varying geological composition, which ensures diversity in the wines produced. Not far from the water, the first of the terraces provides soft, fruity reds which can be enjoyed in the summer of the year after they were harvested. The second, characterised by the first noticeable undulations in the terrain, produces more structured wines, capable of ageing for several years. In the distance, the third terrace, more undulating, is the zone which produces the most full-bodied Cahors wines. Often heady, of an intense colour, they are the ones which gave Cahors the name of «Black Wine».

