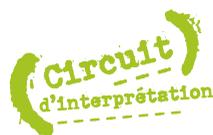


CIRCUIT AROUND THE CLIFFS



→ SITUATION : Faycelles, 9 kms south-west of Figeac via the D19

→ START POINT : Parking area at the entrance to the village

GPS Coordinates : N 44.567057° E 1.986454°

DURATION : 1hr. 30mins.

LENGTH : 4,4 kms

WAYMARKING : Yellow

PARTICULAR EQUIPMENT :

Heritage information signs



1 From the car park, take the road to the right, then fork left at the War Memorial towards the church. Go past the porch and down 150m as far as the point where the «Sentier des Mulets» separates (fine view over the valley, Gaillarde Tower.)

2 Fork right on to the *rue du Fort*. Continue going down as far as a laundry-trough. Go back up opposite, passing below the school and take the path by the cliff (botanical path, terraces and walls in stone, spring on the right.) It widens and comes out on a road.

3 Take this road to the right, then, immediately, the one on the left. Continue up to the viewpoint (fine views over Faycelles and the Lot valley).

4 Take the little road on the right, go over a crossroads and at the junction 300m further on, admire the fine dolmen in the meadow.

5 Take the road to the right for 600m up to the Lagraville calvary statue.

6 Take the grassy path on the right and at the next crossroads go left (fine group of old houses on the left).

7 On the right, take the little road running along the cliffs. Leave this going right at the dry stone wall, and via a grassy path by the edge of the cliff, come back to the road (views of the valley, calvary statue dated 1738, cazelles standing above the road). Go down on it for 200m then turn right and go down the path ; go past a road on your left and at the next crossroads, go back up left via the *rue de la Mercière*. Come out at the War Memorial and return to the car park.

“ This circuit provides some wonderful views : the high hills of the Auvergne, the Lot Valley, the village of Faycelles... ”

TO SEE IN THE AREA...

- Faycelles : the church of Rigant, dolmens, vestiges of the ramparts, 5th C. necropolis «aux Sarrasins»
- Figeac : Town of Art and History

→ FOOD SHOPS/
RESTAURANTS ETC
Faycelles

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HISTORY IN STONE

Perched on its limestone plateau, between the Lot and Célé valleys, stands Faycelles, with its bourgeois houses built at a time when the economy was thriving thanks to the wine trade. In the 8th C., the village had a priory, where Charlemagne's two sons are said to have been born. Faycelles owes its name to the «Fiscella», a tax paid by fiscal serfs (the Fiscalini) to the Abbot in the 11th C. The inhabitants later abandoned the foot of the cliffs where a leper hospital was created, to settle around the castle, on the site of the present-day village. At the instigation of Cardinal Richelieu, the central power decreed that fortresses should be dismantled, and the castle of Faycelles was no exception : the community used its ruins to build their church. Later, phylloxera (1880) put an end to the prosperity which had come during the Second Empire, destroying the vineyards which had made the wealth of Faycelles. Nowadays, as you may notice during your visit, its lanes seem to exhale a breath of the past, preserved in the stones...

