

SEYRIGNAC ROUND WALK

→ SITUATION : FIGEAC, 70 kms east of Cahors via the D653 and D13

→ START POINT : Domaine du Surgié car park, Figeac

GPS Coordinates : : N 44.609689° E 2.050309°

DURATION : 2 hrs.

LENGTH : 8.2 kms

WAYMARKING : Yellow



D Go past the left side of the reception building, cross the railway by the footbridge, then turn right to leave the holiday village. Go through the gate, and to the left for 100m.

1 Go up the road on the left. At the stone cross, continue straight on (PR and GR signs for St. Jacques de Compostelle). The little road becomes a crushed stone track, then a grassy one, and goes past a pylon and a cazelle (on the right). View over *Seyrignac* on the right. Continue going up on the stony track lined with dry stone walls (walk in single file). Pretty cazelle on the right with an unusual feature : a brick chimney. The track comes out on a little tarmac road; continue straight on, then straight on again at a little crossroads. When you come to the D2, turn left.

2 At the second crossroads, take the road to the left towards *Seyrignac* for 400m, then, in single file, go downhill on the little track lined with hazels. View over the mill on the left. When you come to the road, turn left.

3 At the crossroads, fork left towards the windmill of *Seyrignac* (view over

the castle and chapel of *Seyrignac*). Turn left then right to go past the castle entrance. Take the road on the left which goes through the village and brings you to a crossroads.

4 Go down on the road to the left and past *Pech de Poutou*. As you get to the bend, continue to the right on the no-through-road (voie sans issue) towards *Metge*. The track goes downhill, becomes a forest track and narrows before coming to the valley bottom. Single file here. Damp and slippery area in wet weather. The path comes out on a tarmac track overlooking the railway. Continue going downhill. Return via the metal footbridge used on the way out.

TO SEE IN THE AREA...

- Castle and chapel of Seyrignac, cazelle, restored 16th C. windmill
- Figeac : Town of Art and History, Champollion museum - the Writing Systems of the World
- Lunan : Romanesque church, altered in the 15th C.

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BEFORE ELECTRICITY...

Wind and rivers : these were the two sources of energy that were available to the inhabitants of Quercy before electricity was harnessed. In the north of the Lot, water or wind-powered mills were used mainly in the production of walnut oil. However, some were also used for milling apples, salt, or grain, as was the case of the Seyrignac Mill in Lunan. Restored part by part by its owner between 1984 and 1989, it is the only windmill in working order in Haut Quercy. The majority of local mills being water-driven, this one used to function as a back-up when rivers dried up.

