

THE RAILWAY CHILD WALK

→ SITUATION : CAPDENAC-GARE, 6 kms south of Figeac via the D840 (Aveyron)

→ START POINT : Water sports centre

GPS Coordinates : : N 44.577171° E 2.07333°

DURATION : 3 hrs. 30 mins

LENGTH : 13,6 kms

WAYMARKING : Yellow



1 At the children's playground, take the path to the left beside the Lot. Pass behind the campervan park and sports grounds. After the second dyke, come to the road and turn right on to it. After the racecourse, take the dirt track to the right. Go past the Foissac wells and turn left to get to the banks of the Diège.

2 Cross the Courroul bridge and continue towards *St-Julien*. Cross the boulevard to take the road opposite.

3 Take the former D86 going left, and after the bridge over the Diège, turn right. The road becomes more rural until at Le Roc del Sal it turns into a path along the bank. When you come up to Le Bancarel, continue on along the bank on the tarmac surface for 150m.

4 Go through the tunnel on the left running under the railway line. As you come out, turn left. Then go left on the tarmac surfaced road, but before it goes back under the railway, take the grassy path on the right. Coming into Lacoste, take the steep, rmac rise leading back up to the road.

5 Take the path opposite which climbs through the field. After 150m, at the mast, fork left and just after a house, take the track to the right. This

heads directly eastwards and passes Le Causse Blanc by.

6 Before *la Remise*, turn left on the hilltop road. Pass behind the water tower. The road turns back into a track which goes down towards *Combevigane*. Take the road to the right for 60m and turn left, then right on to the track to Cabrespine. Take the D994 to the left towards the cross.

7 At this, turn left, then right on the tarmac track to «La Croix Blanche». Go down to the road named «P. Grange», which you take heading right. Cross the D994 and continue opposite (n°77). The track goes down to the wood then winds towards the railway. Go through the tunnel and rejoin the road at the shooting range.

8 Take this road to the left for 100m, then follow the track to the right along the bank of the Lot. Go through a copse and turn left towards the pumping station. Here, turn right on a metalled road. Come back to the banks of the Lot then turn left towards *Las Fargues*. After *Las Fargues*, go under the Eiffel-style bridge, then the road bridge to get back to your start point

DAUGHTER OF THE RAILWAYS

With its station, Eiffel-designed bridge, plus its river, road and railway tunnels, Capdenac-Gare presents an exceptionally complete synthesis of the 19th C. transport revolution. Before 1858, the Lot, with weirs and locks built along it, was the main commercial route enabling goods to be sent towards the Garonne and Bordeaux. At that time, the tonnage of coal mined in the Aubin-Décazeville basin and transported on the river reached over 50 000 metric tons/year. In 1857, the Grand Central company decided to complete the Tinsou-Montauban railway line. This decision revolutionised modes of transport, and brought into being in less than 50 years the town of Capdenac-Gare. The «Eiffel» bridge over the Lot enabled the Capdenac-Figeac-Aurillac line to be opened. In 1866, the Paris-Toulouse link via Capdenac was completed. In 1886, the Capdenac-Figeac-Cahors line came into service. Trains completely replaced river transport, and the Capdenac railway «star» was born.



“ A walk around a little townset in the country, from the banks of the Lot up to the heights of the Causse Blanc. ”

TO SEE IN THE AREA...

- Capdenac-Gare : entrance to the river traffic tunnel with its double lock
- Village of Saint-Julien d'Empare : the Foissac prehistoric caves
- Figeac: Town of Art and History
- Capdenac-le-Haut : Hilltop village with ruins of castle, gates and ramparts from 12th - 14th C.

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