

# AROUND SALVAGNAC AND ITS CASTLE

→ SITUATION : St-Julien d'Empare, in the Aveyron near Capdenac-Gare (15 kms south-east of Figeac)

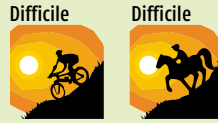
→ START POINT : St. Julien d'Empare, place de la Fontaine

GPS Coordinates : : N 44.557932° E 2.073823°

DURATION : 3 hrs. 30 mins.

LENGTH : 13.6 kms

WAYMARKING : Yellow



**D** Facing the «Randonnées du Capdenacois» information board, go to the right then left down the lane towards the Forest factory. Cross the D86, go between Forest and Crystar and go straight on for 500m.

**1** At the track crossing, continue straight on ; the track becomes a path, bear left going steeply uphill. Cross the D86, take the path opposite you which goes up to the hamlet of Brountoulou. When you get into the meadows, it becomes a track. Leave it when it veers left, and continue along the path which goes off on your right.

**2** At the end of this path, at the direction signpost, go left. At the junction, go left and then immediately right. A little before the Cuzoul farm, go up the stone-surfaced track on the left. At the hamlet of Ombrabols, take the road to the left, then the second on the right (towards le Bancarel).

**3** After 250m, take the track on the left which plunges into the woods. After 350m it comes to a road which you take going to your right for 200m. You then leave it to follow a track on the left, then after 500m take the track on the right.

**4** After going 1100m through the woods, the track cuts across a limestone-

surfaced track which leads to the D35 at La Marinie. Take the path opposite. After 350m (at the wayside cross), take the road on the right for 80m. At the second junction, take the stone-surfaced track going down to La Roque. Go down on the path between 2 hedges as far as the laundry-trough then go back up opposite to the D88 and turn left on to it. Go through Salvagnac.

**5** Take the track to the left after the church, then 80m further on, go straight ahead.

**6** After 750m you come back to the D35 and cross it to take the little road opposite for 1 km up to the hamlet of Le Teil.

**7** At the foot of the water tower, go left for 60m. Take the road on the left and follow it for 650m. On the left hand bend, leave the road and set off straight ahead into the wood, on a downhill path, going past a wooden cross and a track to your right.

**8** You come to the road to Naussac, and take this going left for 50m. Cross the D35 and follow the road which goes downhill towards Le Verdier. Go left at the fork.

**9** Continue on the track as far as St. Julien. Be careful : the last part of the descent is tricky and slippery in wet weather.

## SALVAGNAC

This toponym reveals the Gallo-Roman origin of this former parish, now part of the present-day commune of Causse-et-Diège : Salvani-acum = the estate of Salvanus.

From the 10th-11th C., the priory of Saint Vincent de Salvagnac was under the authority of the Bishop of Rodez. The church is recent, but the base of the former bell-tower still exists : it was part of the defences of the castle, of which the church was originally the chapel. The choir of this first church was underneath the bell-tower.

In the 14th-15th C., Salvagnac castle belonged to the Médicis de Peyrusse family. In the 18th C., the Durfort family were the lords of this place.



“ Ramble through the woods to the village of Salvagnac. ”

### TO SEE IN THE AREA...

- Capdenac-Gare : village through which the Lot flows, with a double lock
- Capdenac-le-Haut : mediaeval hilltop village, with the ruins of its 12th-14th C. castle
- Peyrusse-le-Roc : important town in the 13th C.
- Figeac : Champollion Museum-the Writing Systems of the World, Place des Ecritures with a reproduction of the Rosetta Stone

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