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Northern variant via Bourges
Variant via Augy
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Introduction

Already in the Codex Calixtinus, the oldest pilgrim guide (12th century), four main routes are indicated through France to Santiago de Compostela. One of them is the Vézelay Route ('Voie de Vézelay'). Hence the French subtitle: 'Voie historique' (historic road).

According to the Codex, pilgrims should at least visit these three saints on their journey: Mary Magdalene (Vézelay; the famous basilica is named after her), Frontus (Périgueux; a saint who was later forgotten) and Leonardus (of Noblat). The Codex also calls the latter: 'Sanctum Leonardum Lemovicensem' (Saint Leonard of Limousin). The Latin name of this pilgrim road is derived from this: Via Lemovicensis.

The route: overview



The Vézelay Route is approximately 900 km long. From Vézelay there are two main variants (see map):

- the northern variant via Bourges (1N)
- the southern version via Nevers (1Z).

These come together after almost 300 km in the village of Gargilesse.

The main variant via Nevers is 30 km longer than that via Bourges. You can halve this difference if, leaving Nevers, you choose the shortcut via Augy-sur-Aubois to Ainay-le-Château.

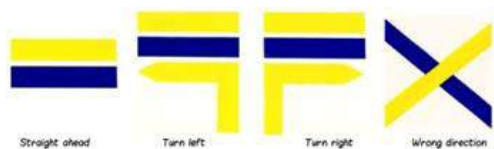
If you like culture, the variant via Bourges may be more interesting (in particular: Charité-sur-Loire and Bourges).

If you like nature, you might prefer the Nevers variant, which is more undulating and varied.

This guide describes both main variants. Furthermore, a variant has been described from Périgueux via Bergerac to Sainte-Foy-la-Grande.

The road: marking

In 2011, new agreements were made about the marking of pilgrim roads in France, by a yellow shell on a blue background and by a double marking in the same colors, following the methodology of the GR ® walking routes (see image).



The shell does not indicate any direction; the 'point' must always be on the left.



All 'old' markings have been or will gradually be replaced.

Please note: the Gironde department (part 4 on the map) uses its own system. There the yellow shell on blue background is used in combination with other markings.

From Sault-de-Navailles (part 6 on the map), the yellow-blue markings are no longer used. Follow there the red and white markings of the GR.

In large(r) cities along the way you will often find an additional marking, in the form of bronze shells, on the sidewalk or road surface.



The Vézelay Route is well marked, but when leaving Vézelay it is advisable to pay extra attention:

- The split of the variants via Nevers and via Bourges is clearly indicated on the spot, but still . . .
- Variant via Nevers: in **Saint-Père** in particular (2.5 km from Vézelay) and in **Pierre-Perthuis** (8 km), different routes cross, including: local walking routes (marked in yellow), the GR 13 (marked in red-white), a pilgrim's route from Eastern France (marked with shells) and the Pilgrim's Way of Vézelay. The latter is well marked (yellow-blue, sometimes with the addition of 'Voie Historique'), but still . . .

The route: concurrence with the GR654

The Vézelay Route regularly crosses the GR654, which also goes from Vézelay to Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port. The GR® hiking trails (red-white marking) prefer the small paths, even if that means: (a lot) more kilometers. This is also the case on this route, although there are exceptions. Example: the shortcut from Nevers mentioned above (under 'overview'), via Augy-sur-Aubois, to Ainay-le-Château, which follows almost entirely the GR654.

You will regularly encounter the GR654 on the following sections:

- Vézelay - La Charité-sur-Loire (Bourges variant);
- Nevers - Gargillesse (Nevers variant);
- Gargillesse - Périgueux;
- Périgueux - Bergerac - Sainte Foy-la-Grande (variant).

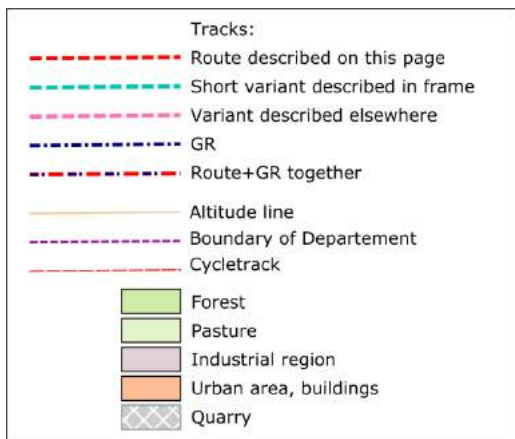
From Sainte-Foy (= section 4), the Vézelay Route and the GR 654 generally concur. Sometimes the GR makes a small detour, where the Vézelay Route follows the shorter alternative. From Captieux, the Pelgrimsweg and the GR 654 run straight up.

Anyway: the concurrence (or not) of the Vézelay Route and the GR 654 (or, sometimes, another GR) is indicated on the maps.

The guide: directions and maps

The route descriptions and the corresponding maps are presented opposite each other. The place names in **bold** in the route description are also mentioned on the maps.

Each map shows two numbers (in circles) that indicate the beginning and the end of the corresponding description. In the description, these numbers are shown between [] and **bold**.



Not in the guide: facilities (*accommodation, shops, restaurants, etc.*)

The route hardly changes, while experience has shown that there are relatively many changes concerning the facilities.

That is why the facilities are not included in this guide, but in a separate, free-to-download PDF document (and in the form of KML and GPX files: see below).

















The overview of facilities is linked to the guide: it uses the same layout (stages and distances) and the same symbols.

You can download the most recent overview here: [click here](#)

You can print the file and / or take it along on your smartphone or tablet. Check if you have the latest version before setting off (or on your way)!

Facilities: symbols

The overview of symbols below refers to the regularly updated and downloadable PDF document with the facilities.

Pilgrim shelter	
	Home hospitality for pilgrims ('Accueil pèlerin à domicile')
	Pilgrims hostel ('refuge pèlerin')
	Hospitality by a church/religious organization ('accueil et hébergement religieux')
Other accommodation	
	Hotel or B&B ('chambres d'hôtes')
	Holiday house ('gîte')
	Youth hostel ('auberge de jeunesse') / Accommodation for young workers ('foyer de jeunes travailleurs (FJT)')
	Camp site ('camping')
Accommodation: extras	
	Dinner possible at location
	Wifi
Other facilities	
	Tourist Office ('Office de Tourisme')
	Train station ('gare SNCF')
	Café / Bar / Restaurant
	Shop(s)
	Post Office / Agency
	Picnic bench / place
	All facilities

Donativo: a 'donativo' is often requested for pilgrim accommodation. That is a gift, a voluntary contribution. Your contribution can also provide accommodation for the pilgrims who come after you.

Reservation: if the 'extra information' about an accommodation indicates 'reserve', then generally this means: 24 hours in advance. Sometimes a longer period applies, which is then specified.

KML / GPX files: route and services

In addition to the PDF document mentioned, there are KML-/GPX-files for the facilities and the route. These files can be used in Google Earth and via various apps for your smartphone.

You can download the KML / GPX files here: [click here](#)

Travel Information

Are you starting your journey, or a new stage, in Vézelay? Then you will find your travel information here: [click here](#)

If you walk the Vézelay Route in several stages, then this overview of railway stations might be useful for your planning:

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Guide: making of

The Vézelay Route is supported by five regional Confraternities of Saint James:

L'Association des Amis et Pèlerins de Saint-Jacques de la Voie de Vézelay
section 1 : Vézelay > Crozant

Amis et Pèlerins de Saint-Jacques de Compostelle du Limousin-Perigord
section 2 : Crozant > La Coquille
section 3 : La Coquille > Sainte-Foy-la-Grande

L'Association des Amis de Saint-Jacques de Compostelle en Aquitaine
section 4 : Sainte-Foy-la-Grande > Gare du Poteau

Société Landaise des Amis de Saint-Jacques et d'Etudes Compostellanes
section 5 : Gare du Poteau > Sault de Navailles

Association «Les amis du chemin de Saint-Jacques / Pyrénées-Atlantiques»
section 6 : Sault de Navailles > Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port

These Confraternities can be reached via: <http://www.voiedevezelay.eu/en>

They mark and describe the route. They administer overviews of accommodation and other facilities. And they manage websites, information points and a dozen pilgrim hostels.

However, their information is almost entirely in French. That is why it was decided to make the Dutch guide and this English version. The first edition appeared in January 2015. In addition to the working group, Daniel Dierickx, Annette Knobbe and Karline Vandenbroecke contributed to it.

For this latest edition (2020) we could again use information from the French Confraternities of Saint James and now also dozens of tips from pilgrims who walked this route.

You too can make an important contribution by communicating changes and errors that you discover along your way, via:

- sending an e-mail to: vezelay@santiago.nl
- the feedback button in the KML or GPX file.

Thanks in advance!

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<http://www.santiago.nl/werkgroep-vezelay>

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1. Vézelay > Crozant via Nevers (*southern variant*)

1.1 Vézelay > Nevers: 105 km

Km 0.0 **Vézelay**. From the basilica [1], descend through the main street (rue St-Pierre, then rue St-Etienne) to the Porte du Barle.

>> *Attention: always follow the correct yellow-blue marking!*

0.6 End of road on asphalt road (= D951): turn left.

0.7 Crossing: straight on via the D957, direction Saint-Père.

(So first ignore a road to the right, direction L'Étang

>> *Note: the variant via Bourges follows this road!*

Immediately after that, ignore a road to the left, direction Asquins).

0.8 Left bend: leave the D957 and continue straight ahead, via a dirt road. (Marking various walking routes).

1.0 Fork: turn left.

1.7 Crossing: straight ahead.

2.4 Arrival in **Saint-Père**, descending. The last part is asphalted (Chemin Saint-Christophe).

End of road: keep left (Rue du Moulin des Marguerites).

2.5 Fork: second right (Rue des Pierres).

2.6 End of road (well): turn left (= D958). Pass the church and continue.

3.0 Arriving on the D957: turn right, direction Avallon. (*Note: busy road*).
Cross the Cure.

3.1 After the bridge: turn right, via the D36, direction Usy and Quarré-les-Tombes.

3.6 Campsite entrance: leave the D36 and turn right, via a dirt road past the campsite.

5.3 Cross a stream.

5.4 Crossing with asphalt road (= D53): straight on via a dirt road, through fields, rising.

6.8 End of road on asphalt road (= D353): turn right. Arrival at **Précy-le-Moult**. Keep following the D353 until Pierre-Perthuis.

7.8 Bridge high above the Cure (*right: view of Vézelay*): continue.

8.1 **Pierre-Perthuis** (right: church): follow the D353 through the village. Just after the remains of a castle gate (left and right of the road) and about 50m before a priority road (= D958): turn left, via a narrow asphalt road (Rue des Deux-Ponts), descending sharply, towards 'Les Ponts'.

8.3 Fork: keep left, continue descending.

8.4 Just before a bend to the left: leave the asphalt road and go straight ahead, via a dirt road. After 50m: cross a stone bridge and continue, ascending, straight ahead (*old Roman road*).

- 8.8 Fork, keep left, going up through the woods. *Further on, on the right, small paths have been formed to get around muddy stretches.*
- 9.8 End of forest: go straight on, via a wide, paved road.
- 10.3 At the end of the on the asphalt road (= Chemin du barrage de Malassis): straight on, towards the castle of Domecy-sur-Cure.
- 10.8 End of road on asphalt road (= D453, Place du Château): turn left, between buildings. [2]



10.8 Between buildings. [2]

11.1 End of road on asphalt road (= D127, Place de Domecy).

Domecy-sur-Cure. Continue straight on, via the C6 (Route de Culètre), direction Culètre and Villars. Follow the C6 to a power line (*after 300 m: cemetery with water tap*).

11.8 At a high voltage line, in a bend: leave the C6 and turn diagonally right, via a paved road, rising. Continue straight on this road until the castle of Bazoches (*ancient Roman road*).

13.3 Pass a barrier and continue straight on.

>>> (*Border of the Yonne and Nièvre departments*).

14.4 Arrival at the castle of Bazoches (back, stone fence): continue, straight ahead, descending.

14.5 Pass the entrance of the castle (on the right): continue via an asphalt road, descending, towards the village.

15.0 Crossing: straight ahead, first descending, then ascending.

15.4 **Bazoches**, church: turn left and immediately right, descending, against the one-way traffic.

15.5 Cross with an asphalt road (= D958): straight on, via an unpaved path, descending sharply to a stream, then ascending.

15.7 End of path on asphalt road: keep left, further uphill.

15.8 In a bend to the right: leave the asphalt road and go straight on, via an unpaved road, ascending.

16.3 *Views (right) towards the church of Saint-Aubin-les-Chaumes (XVIIth century) and Vézelay.*

16.8 Chapelle Saint-Roch (*old pilgrimage site*): Continue straight ahead.

17.4 End of forest: continuation, between field (left) and forest edge (right).

17.5 Crossing: turn left, between field (left) and forest edge (right).

17.7 Boundary stone 'Parc naturel du Morvan : Bois de Galloire' (right): continue.

18.0 Branching paths: keep right, ascending.

18.6 Fork: keep right, via a paved road, descending, direction Neuffontaines. (*Ahead, left: view of the chapel of Mont Sabot*).

19.4 Road surface changes from paved to asphalt.

19.5 End of road on D128: keep right, first descending to the bridge over the Armance, then ascending.

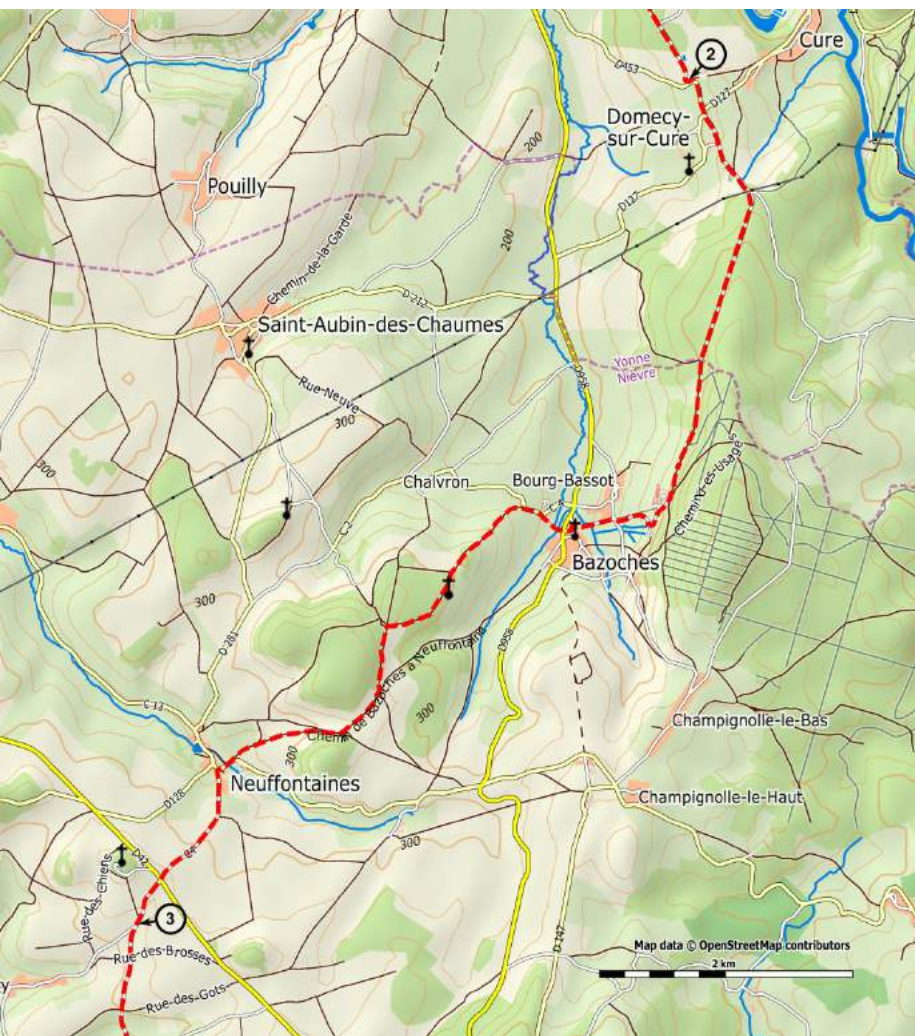
19.7 **Neuffontaines**, church: turn left, via the C4, direction Chitry, uphill.

20.1 Red cross (between four lime trees): continue along the C4, going up.


20.8 Crossing with the D42: straight on, via the C4, direction Chitry.

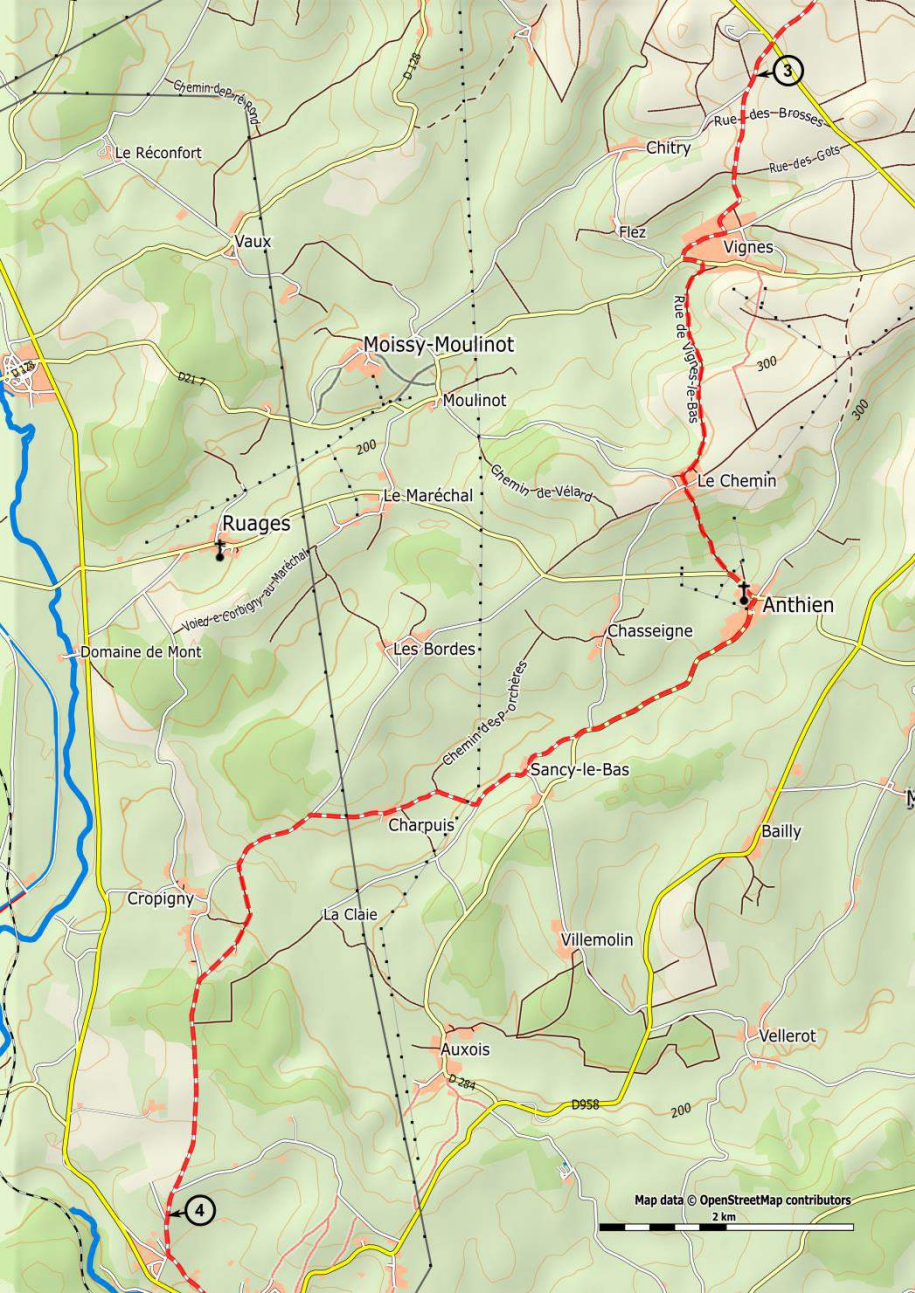
(*Right, on the hill: chapel of Mont Sabot (XIIIth century)*).

21.2 Junction: leave the C4 and keep left. [3]



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- 21.2 Leave the C4. [3] After 200m: intersection with dirt road: straight ahead.
- 21.9 Crossing (left: road cross): straight on, first descending to a washing place, then ascending. Keep following this road.
- 22.5 **Vignes-le-Haut**; End of the road: turn right (= C4, Rue de Compostelle), descending
- 23.0 End of the road: sharp left, via the D217.
- 23.2 **Vignes-le-Bas**; hamlet entrance: leave the D217 and turn right, via a dirt road.
After 50m, end of the road: turn right. Continue, between meadows, first slightly descending, then long and steeply ascending (*arrived at the top: panorama*).
Continued between fields.
- 25.0 Arrival in **Le Chemin** (municipality of Anthien).
On asphalt road (well): straight on.
- 25.1 Turn left, up.
- 25.2 Arrival at the «square» of the hamlet (road cross, well). At the crossroads: take the dirt road to the left, down (Rue de la Messe).
(For  *l'Esprit-du-Chemin: turn left*).
- 26.1 Arrival on asphalt road (the D6): turn left, towards the church.
- 26.3 **Anthien** (church); before the church diagonally right. After 100m, at a fork: keep right (the D284), leave Anthien and continue.
- 28.2 Junction (Chasseigne on the right): continue straight ahead.
- 28.3 Junction: leave the D284 and follow the C3 to the right, direction Sancy-le-Bas and Charpuis.
- 28.8 **Sancy-le-Bas** (cross): straight ahead (*just after the village: a washing place*).
- 29.3 Junction: keep following the C3, which makes an almost right angle to the right.
- 30.0 **Charpuis** (road cross), continue on the C3, straight on.
- 30.8 Junction: diagonally left.
- 31.4 Bridge over the Auxois; after 50m: turn left, via an unpaved road.
- 31.9 Crossing of paths: continue straight ahead. First via the unpaved road, then - from Buissons - via an asphalt road.
- 32.4 End of road on asphalt road (right Cropigny): turn left.
- 34.2 Junction (reservoir and sign 'Corbigny'): continue, straight ahead.
- 34.4 Brickyard (on your right). [4]



Le Réconfort

Vaux

Moissy-Moulinot

Moulinot

Ruages

Domaine de Mont

Les Bordes

Chasseigne

Anthien

Sancy-le-Bas

Charpuis

Croupigny

La Claie

Villemolin

Auxois

Vellerot

Chitry

Flez

Vignes

Rue de Vignes-le-Bas

Le Chemin

Chemin de Préval

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D217

Chemin de Vélard

Voie de Corbigny-au-Maréchal

Chemin des Porchères

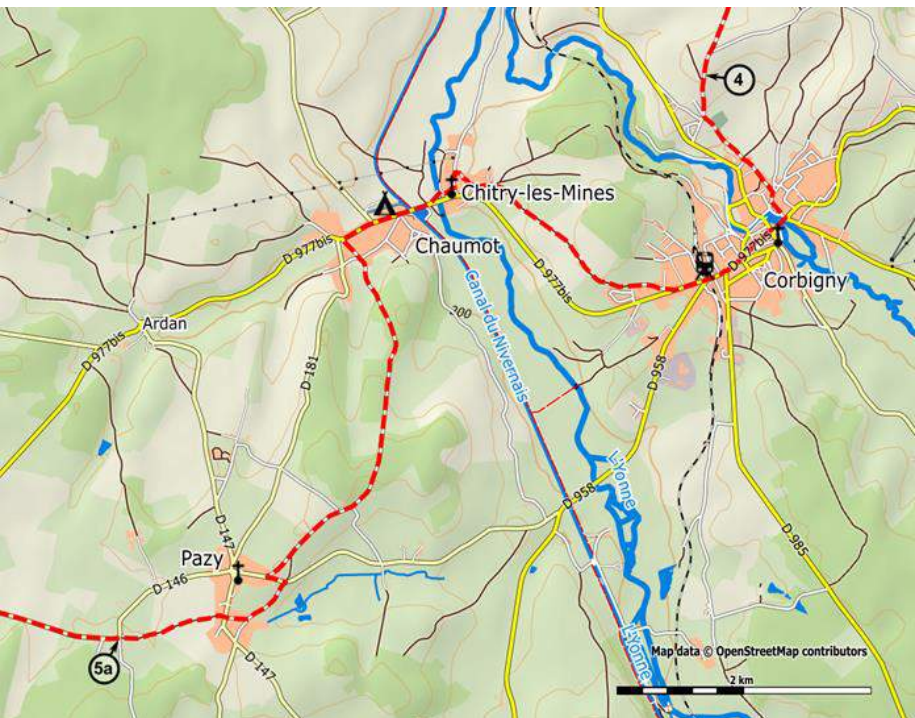
D284

D958

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- 34.4 Brickyard: continue, straight ahead. [4]
- 34.7 Cross and chapel of Sarre (right): leave the asphalt road and follow a path to the left, toward the cemetery (= Allée de la Fontaine Sainte-Agathe; after crossing: Rue de la Coulemelle). (*You pass the Fontaine Sainte-Agathe after 50m and the cemetery with water tap after 200m*).
- 35.6 At a square (left): diagonally right via the Rue Gabereau.
- 35.7 Junction: diagonally left via the Rue des Capucins.
- 35.8 Crossing: turn right, direction 'centre ville' (Rue du Saulet). You cross the two branches of the river l'Anguisson.
- 36.0 **Corbigny**. (church and Hôtel de Ville (=town hall). Continue diagonally to the left ('Autres directions'), via Grande Rue, then Rue des Forges, then Avenue Saint-Jean.
- 36.6 Roundabout: straight on towards Prémery, Nevers.
- 36.8 After the railway crossing: straight ahead, direction Chitry, Prémery (D977bis), ascending.
- 37.0 At highest point: leave the D977bis and turn diagonally right.
- 37.4 The road becomes a gravel road (*ancient Roman road*): continue, first ascending, then descending. (*Left: view of the castle of Chitry*).
- 38.7 After the water tower at the crossroads: continue the descending road to the village.
- 38.8 Maison de Jules Renard (right): continue.
- 38.9 Junction: turn right, then straight ahead.
- 39.0 Crossing (well and wayside cross): turn right.
- 39.2 End of road on asphalt road: turn left, up, to the church.
- 39.3 **Chitry-les-Mines** (church): continue past the monuments to the fallen and to Jules Renard. After the latter monument: turn right, descending. At the fork: turn right, towards the river, descending.
- 39.4 Turn left, via the bridge over the Yonne.
- 39.6 After the bridge: keep right, via a small road along a wide asphalt road (the D977bis), until just before the bridge over the canal.
- 39.7 Cross the bridge over the Canal du Nivernais and continue. (**Chaumot**)
- 39.9 Exit to the campsite (the D130): continue straight ahead (the D977bis)
- 40.2 Take the first asphalt road on the left (40 m before the D181), uphill.
- 40.4 Crossing: straight ahead.
- 42.1 Le Bouquin (*fortified farm*): continue straight ahead, (*looking back a nice view of the Morvan*), along the edge of the forest.
- 43.4 Keep right at the fork (almost straight ahead).
- 43.5 Keep left at the fork (almost straight ahead).
- 44.0 Cemetery (*water tap*): continue straight ahead (ignore a road to the left (= Chemin de la Chaume Mercier)).
- 44.3 End of road on asphalt road (the D146): turn left (*100m to the right: Pazy*).

- 44.5 First side road: turn right.
- 44.9 First side road (waste station): turn right.
- 45.1 Intersection with a wider road (the D147): straight ahead (sign '2t'), the road is unpaved further on. *(On the right, along the D147 you will see the town-hall of Pazy, thereafter the church). The road goes right past the place where there used to be a quarantine room for pilgrims who came from areas where the plague was prevalent.*
- 46.0 Arrival in Prélichy: go straight on the D146, direction Guipy. [5a]

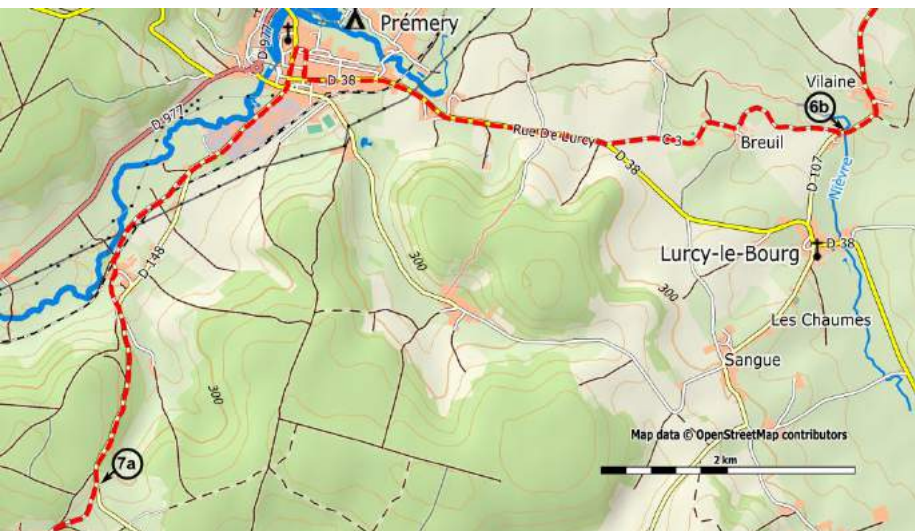
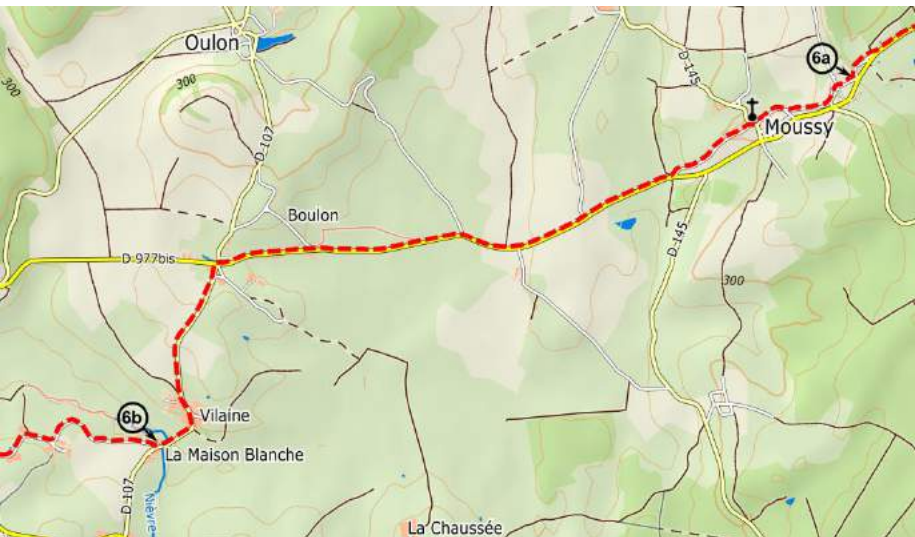


- 46.0 Préligny: follow the D146 to Guipy. [5a]
- 48.7 Arrive in **Guipy** (Route de Pazy), at intersection (cross): straight ahead.
- 48.8 On the D135 (Place Saint-Michel): turn diagonally right twice, towards the church (Route des Etangs).
- 48.9 **Guipy**. Arrive at the D977bis: follow this road to the left, direction Saint-Révérien, Prémery (Rue Saint-Jacques de Compostelle) (*watch to traffic!*).
- 49.3 Leave the D977bis and take the C1 to the left (Rue de la Chaume des Chiens), direction Vitry-Laché.
- 49.4 Leave the C1 and turn right into a small road (Rue des Bouchons), direction Les Bouchons.
- 49.6 The road turns into a path, ascending.
Continue straight ahead, between hedges.
- 51.6 Arrival at a small road (C2): turn left, ascending, and continue straight ahead,
- 52.5 **Brèches**: cross the hamlet.
- 52.7 Junction (cross): keep following the road. [5b]
- 53.9 La Maison rouge: straight ahead, descending.
- 54.1 Arrive at the D277: straight ahead, direction Saint-Révérien.
- 54.4 Bridge over the Vaucreuse.
- 54.6 In the bend to the right: leave the D277 and take the unpaved road to the left. Follow this straight ahead, then continue along a stream (tricky passage in bad weather), then up to Saint-Révérien.
- 55.8 On asphalt road (= D977bis) (cross): turn ascend to Saint-Révérien.
- 56.2 **Saint-Révérien**. (town hall and church; *refuge in former post office*)
Continue via the D977bis.
- 56.4 Turn left, via the D977bis, direction Prémery.
- 56.7 At an junction at the end of the village, before a bend to the left: leave the D977bis and take a small road diagonally to the right, ascending (*ancient Roman road*), which is unpaved as of the edge of the forest.
- 57.0 Fork: turn left, ascending.
- 57.1 Crossing: continue straight ahead, following the forest edge.
- 57.6 Arrival on a small road (houses): turn left.
- 58.0 Back on the D977bis (*Attention!*): turn right.
- 58.2 **Sancenay**: continue (*at the right: view of the hill of Montenoison*).
- 59.3 **Les Ombreaux**: continue.
- 60.0 Leave the D977bis and take the small road to the right, direction Champlin, Le Tranchy, and then immediately go left, ascending.
- 60.2 Continue just above the D977bis, and past a house. [6a]



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- 60.2 Past a house **[6a]**.
- 60.4 Crossing: diagonally left, direction Moussy.
- 60.6 Junction: ignore the D977bis (left) and continue straight ahead, descending, to the church.
- 61.3 **Moussy**, church: continue straight (Rue de Croix) and leave the village.
- 62.1 Back on the D977 bis (cross): follow it to the right (*watch out for traffic!*).
- 63.1 Highest point. After 50m, at the exit to Oulon: continue straight ahead
- 66.1 **Boulon** [municipality of Lurcy-le-Bourg], intersection with the D107 (cross): take the D107 to the left, direction Lurcy-le-Bourg and Nolay, ascending.
- 67.0 **Vilaine**: continue through the hamlet, descending.
- 67.7 Bridge over the Grenotte.
- 67.8 Bridge over the Nièvre; 50m after the bridge: leave the D107 and take a small asphalt road on the right (= C3), direction Le Breuil. **[6b]**
Keep following the C3 until you reach the D38.
- 68.9 **Breuil** (well): in the bend to the right.
- 69.6 Along Le Gué.
- 70.1 End of C3 on major road (= D38): follow it to the right (*watch out for traffic*).
- 71.9 Bridge over the railway: straight ahead, into Prémery (D38, Rue de Lurcy).
- 72.6 Turn right, via the Rue du Pavé and continue straight on until the castle.
Walk around the castle on the right. Arrive at the Place de la Halle.
- 73.0 **Prémery** (town hall): turn left (Grande Rue). (*Turn right to visit the church*).
- 73.4 Crossing: straight ahead, via the D148 (Rue Auguste Lambiotte), direction Pourcelanges, Nolay.
Leave town past a industrial area.
- 74.5 In a left turn, before the railway: leave the D148 and take the second gravel road straight ahead (Chemin du Laitier), between hedge and fence, along the railway line.
- 74.8 Crossing of paths: straight ahead.
- 75.5 The road bends to the left, crosses the railroad, becomes asphalted and goes up.
- 75.6 Junction (Pourcelanges): turn right, via an dirt road, further up.
- 75.9 At the end of the small road on a wider asphalt road (the D148): follow it to the right, uphill, through the forest of Prémery.
- 77.4 100 meters after the forest: leave the D148 and go diagonally right, via the C3, direction Rigny, Bourgareau. **[7a]**



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77.4 C3, direction Rigny, Bourgareau. [7a]

78.0 **Rigny**: straight ahead, through the hamlet.

80.0 At a former school: straight on, via the D107.

Follow this road until you have passed the railway crossing.

81.7 Bridge over the Renèvre.

81.9 Second bridge over the Renèvre.

82.2 After the level crossing, at a fork: leave the D107 and turn left, onto and then along the track.

83.4 Railway crossing (*on the right the castle of Belouse*): turn left, over the railway, then immediately right via an asphalt road (= D179). Keep following that road.

84.3 **Mauvron**: walk through the village.

84.8 In a bend to the right: leave the D179 and turn sharp right via a small road (direction Fontaine-du-Bois), ascending. The road turns to the right. Keep following this road to La Fontaine du Bois.

86.9 Before the sign "dead end" (**La Fontaine-du-Bois**): turn sharp right [7b]. After 300m: turn left, via a dead straight road (Route forestière de Poiseux).

88.3 Fork (~~⚡~~): keep right and a little further, on at a fork: diagonally right (Route forestière de la Quellerie).

89.4 Arrive in the residential area of Quellerie. At "Stop": turn right (Rue Roger Melnick), descending slightly; the road bends to the left.

90.1 Crossing: continue, straight on (Rue Emile Frébault).

90.5 You pass former factories.

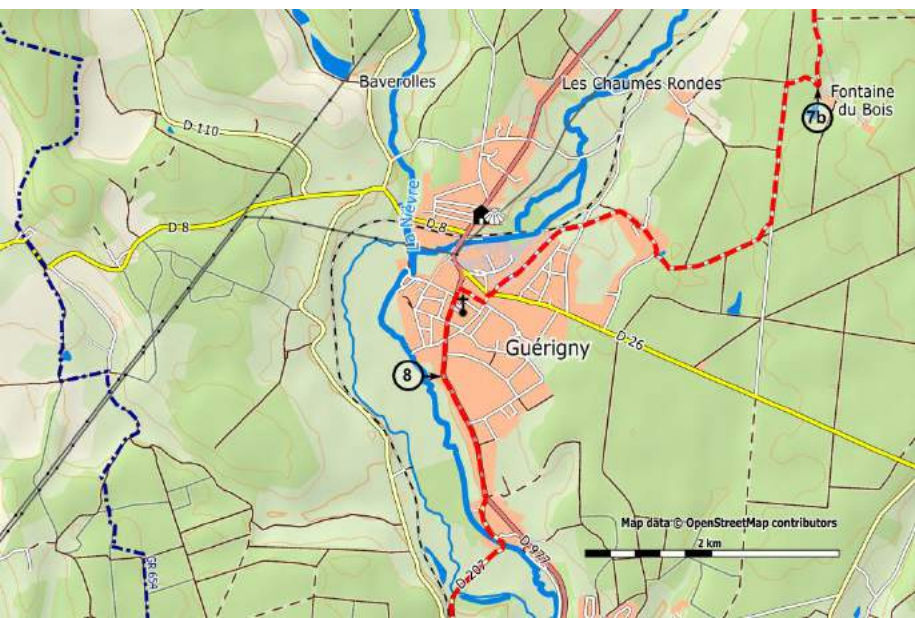
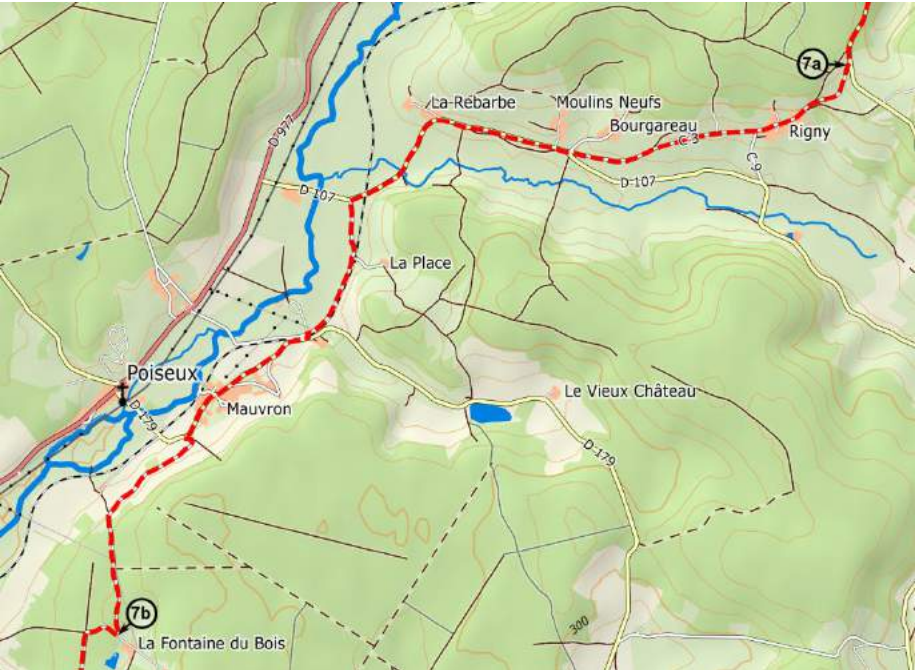
91.1 Intersection with the D26: straight on (Rue Masson). Then take the first street on the right (Rue du Dr Beaume).

91.3 Arrive in **Guérigny**, Grande Rue (D977).

(For the municipal pilgrim hostel, after 700m: take the Grande Rue to the right, then the Rue Vauban and, after the railway crossing, the Rue du Général Cheutin. Marked route. From the pilgrims hostel, there is a marked route back to the Vezelay Route, point Km 91.3).

On the Grande Rue: turn left. At the roundabout: straight ahead, direction Nevers. Grande Rue, thereafter: Avenue Charles Dariaux.

92.0 Sign exit Guérigny - entrance Urzy-Demeurs. [8]



- 92.0 Sign exit Guérigny - entrance **Urzy-Demeurs**. [8]
- 93.1 Crossing (on a bend, after a bus stop): leave the D977 and turn right, via the rue de l'Usine (= D207), descending.
- 93.5 First bridge over the Nièvre: straight ahead.
- 94.1 Second bridge over the Nièvre: straight ahead.
- 96.3 Crossing after cemetery (*water tap*): straight on, via the D148, direction Varennes.
(*Left: view of the castle of the bishops of Nevers, 17th century.*)
- 96.8 Junction: leave the D148 and turn left, direction Pont-Saint-Ours (VC3).
- 96.9 **Le Vivier**: cross the hamlet.
- 97.8 Junction: straight ahead (ignoring the side road on the right, direction Feuilles).
- 98.4 **Luanges**: cross the hamlet.
- 98.9 After the first dirt road and before the sign Les Buttes / **Pont-Saint-Ours**: turn right, via a gravel road.
- 99.3 Crossing (right: castle of Luanges): straight on, uphill, to a forest.
- 99.5 Ignore a path to the left, and continue.
- 100.0 Bridge over the A77 motorway: cross and continue, straight ahead.
- 101.0 Crossing of paths: straight ahead.
Further on, the path turns into an asphalt road through a residential area (Chemin de la Tuilerie).
- 101.5 End of the road on a priority road: keep left (Rue des Bruyères).
- 101.6 Ignore a side road on the left (road cross) and a side road on the right and continue (Rue des Filles) (*A little further: view of the cathedral*).
After a bend to the left: diagonally right, via an unpaved road, descending.
Further on, the small road turns into an asphalt road.
- 102.5 End of asphalt road on a priority road: keep left (= D207, rue des Chaumottes).
- 102.6 Mini roundabout (Nevers built-up area sign) [9a]: straight on (Rue de la Pique).



Guérigny

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Demeurs

Le Greux

Chantemerle

St. Martin
d'Heuille

Urzy

Le Vivier

Feuilles

Domaine
Jeunot

Luanges

La Grippe

Pont Saint-Ours

Varennes-Vauzelles

Coulanges-lès-Nevers

Nevers

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- 102.6 Continue via the Rue de la Pique. [9a]
- 103.0 End of the road on a priority road (= D977): turn right (Rue Mlle Bourgeois), pass under the railway bridge.
(house no. 52: former chapel Saint-Silvain and, opposite, former leper home La Petite Vallière).
- 103.6 Roundabout: straight ahead, against the one-way traffic (Rue Jean Jaurès).
- 103.9 Place Chaméane (= square with an avenue of trees on the left) (*former Gate of Barre: access for pilgrims to the old town*): diagonally left, via the Rue de la Barre, descending, towards the Saint-Etienne church.
- 104.1 Side road: turn left (Rue du Charnier), direction Saint-Etienne church. Walk around the church on the right, via Place de la Chartre. Then turn left, via a shopping street (Rue Saint-Etienne) [9b].
- 104.4 Arrival at Place Guy Coquille: turn right, uphill.
At the end: turn left (Rue François Mitterrand). (*Old bell tower*).
- 104.6 On the second tree-lined square (= Place Mancini): diagonally right, via the Rue des Récollets, direction Cathédrale Saint Cyr, up.
(house number 30: former convent of Récollets, XIII-XVIIIth century).
- 104.8 End of Rue des Récollets: continue straight ahead, first through a square with parking lots, then past the palace of the dukes, then right past the cathedral (Cloître Saint-Cyr).
- 105.0 **Nevers**: North entrance of the cathedral. [10]

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1.2 Nevers > Saint-Amand-Montrond: 92,7 km

Km 0.0 **Nevers**: north entrance to the cathedral. [10]

Walk around (or through) the cathedral. Opposite the south entrance: continue down Rue de la Cathédrale (against the one-way street) and Place du Palais (*old episcopal palace, 18th century*), descending.

Downstairs: turn right, via Rue de la Loire.

0.3 Place Mossé: turn left, cross the Loire bridge.

>>> *After the bridge, the variant branches off via Augy-sur-Aubois to Ainay-le-Château.*

The main route from Nevers, via Saint-Pierre-le-Moûtier and Lurcy-Lévis, to Ainay-le-Château is 72 km. The variant via Augy-sur-Aubois is 15.5 km shorter.

This variant follows the GR 654 (red-white marking) from Nevers, via Augy-sur-Aubois, to the bridge at Vernais. There, leave the GR for the connection to the main route in Ainay-le-Château.

See description on pages 210 t/m 217.

0.7 After the bridge: straight ahead, via the D907.

1.1 **Sermoise-sur-Loire**.

2.1 Traffic lights: diagonally right (sign '3.5T'), via the Rue Louis Bonnet (= D149, follow this until km 9.7, past Anglan).

2.3 Fork: diagonally left (= follow the road).

3.5 Roundabout: straight ahead, direction Challuy-bourg.

4.1 Bridge over canal ('Canal Latéral à la Loire').

4.5 Cross priority road (= D265), and go straight ahead (Rue d'Eglise).

4.6 **Challuy**: church.

5.1 Along agricultural school (Lycée Agricole).

5.8 Along the hamlet of Le Vieux Vernay (*pigeon tower*).

6.5 Junction: diagonally right, direction Aglan.

(left: Le Vernay, castle from the XIXth century).

8.7 Cross **Aglan**.

9.7 Junction: leave the D149 and go diagonally left, uphill.

10.8 Crossing (sign 'Berge'): turn left and immediately keep right at the fork (= follow the road). [11]

Follow this road until Magny-Cours.



Marzy

Sermoise

Le Colombier

Challuy

Gimouille

Aglan

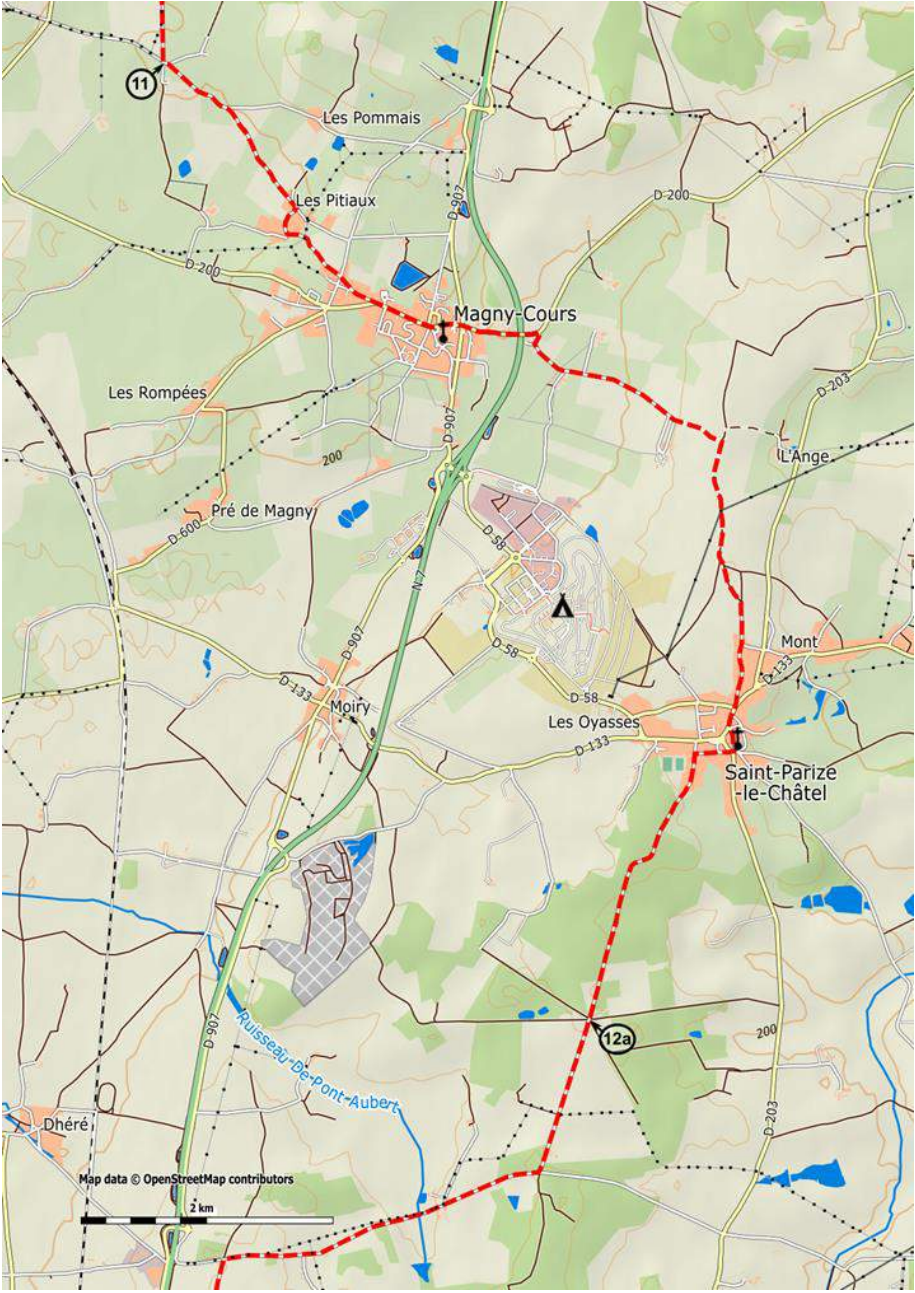
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- 10.8 [11] Follow the road to Magny-Cours.
- 12.5 **Les Pitiaux**: through the hamlet (Route des Pitiaux) and continue.
- 13.1 Sign Magny-Cours.
- 13.7 End of the road on a priority road (= D200): follow this to the left (= straight ahead, Rue du Pré Morand), direction church.
- 14.2 Place de la Forge: diagonally left, via a narrow street (Rue Saint-Vincent).
- 14.3 **Magny-Cours**, church of Saint-Vincent: straight ahead (Rue Saint-Vincent).
- 14.5 Intersection with the D907: cross (carefully) and continue, via the D200.
- 15.0 Bridge over the bypass.
- 15.1 Turn right, via the C39, towards Circuit de Magny-Cours.
- 15.5 Ignore a side road (right) and continue straight ahead.
- 16.5 After the 'Déchetterie' (= waste station), in the bend to the right: straight ahead, via a dirt road.
- 16.9 End of road: turn right, via a grassy road.
Wide view of the Loire Valley (left) and the Allier valley (right); partial view of the Magny-Cours circuit.
- 17.5 Passing under a high-voltage line.
- 17.8 Ignore a side road on the right.
View of the water tower 'chateau d'eau des Américains' (1914-1918) and the water tower of St. Parize.
- 18.4 Along municipal depot (right): asphalt.
- 18.5 At houses: straight ahead (Rue des Craies; sign 'welcome pilgrims').
- 19.1 **Saint-Parize-le-Châtel** (*left: wooden cross*), end of the road: keep right (= D133), slightly descending.
A little further on: ignore a side road on the right and continue straight on.
- 19.2 Side road: turn left, Rue de la Fontaine.
- 19.3 Washing place (left): go diagonally opposite a grassy road, slightly uphill, to the church.
- 19.4 Church of Saint-Parize (*a visit to the crypt under the church is recommended*).
With your back to the porch: turn left (Rue de l'Eglise).
- 19.6 Cross a priority road and continue diagonally to the right, towards Moiry/Magny-Cours (Rue de l'Ouche).
- 19.9 End of the road: turn left (Route de Rond de Bord).
- 22.3 Along the Route de Rond de Bord. [12a]



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Les Pommais

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Saint-Parize
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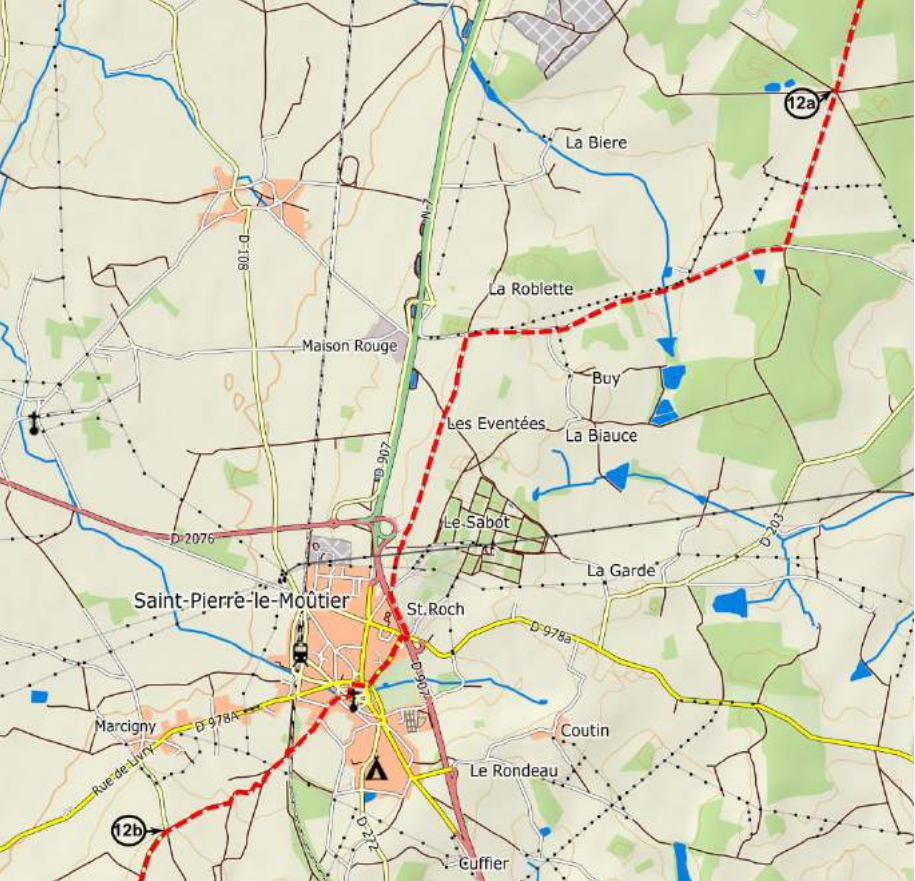
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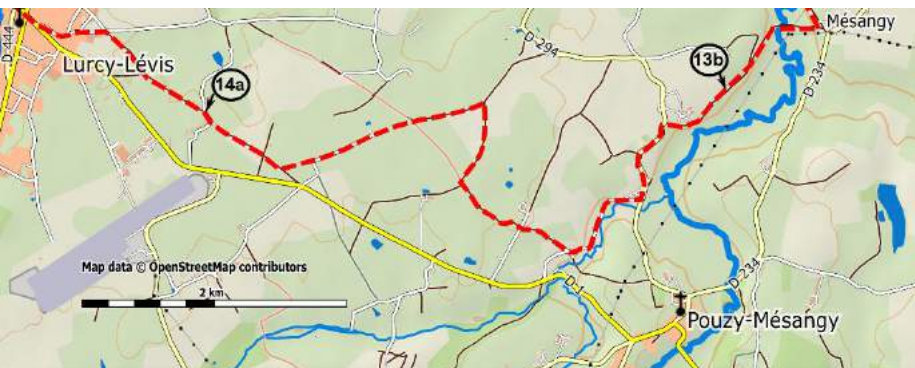
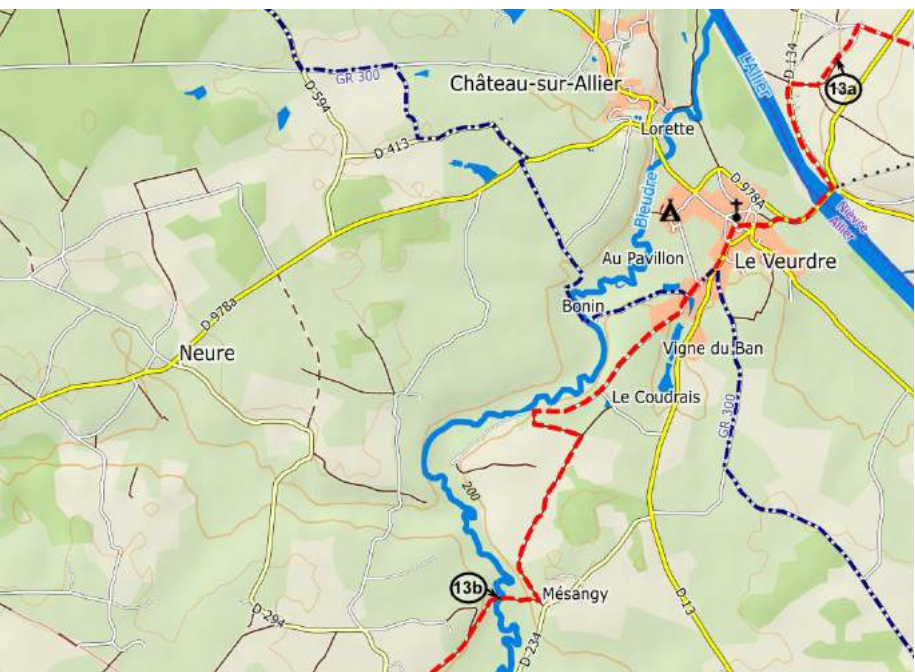
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- 22.3 Along the Route de Rond de Bord. **[12a]**
- 23.6 End of road: turn right.
- 25.2 Exit to Buy (left, dead end): ignore and continue.
- 25.8 Crossing: turn left, direction Moulin les Éventées.
- 26.6 Along Moulin des Eventées (*restored mill, XIXth century*).
- 27.4 Along water tower.
- 28.0 Arrival on the priority road: straight ahead, then bend to the left and continue parallel to the highway.
- 28.5 Arrival on the priority road (= D978a): turn right, pass under highway. Immediately afterwards: turn left (= D431), direction 'centre ville'.
- 29.0 Junction (cross): turn right (Place de la République) and then left, direction Moulins (Rue de Paris).
After 100 m: turn right, via the Rue Nationale.
- 29.3 **Saint-Pierre-le-Moùtier**: church.
Past the church: turn left and immediately right, via Rue François Dumontel (against the one-way traffic).
Next: Rue du Puizat, then Rue du Crot Patin.
- 29.6 Washing area: further on at the end of asphalt.
- 30.0 Railway: through the small tunnel (Pont des ânes), then turn left.
- 30.4 Past a slight bend to the left: turn right (*right angle*).
After 50m: bend to the left.
- 30.7 Fork: keep right, ascending.
- 31.4 Arrival on asphalt road (= D268) **[12b]**: follow this to the left, immediately after that: bend to the right.
- 32.7 Crossing: turn right, via the C9, direction Livry.
- 33.8 Arrival on dual carriageway (= D978a): follow this to the left.
- 34.0 **Livry**, church: continue, straight ahead.
- 34.4 Before the end of the village: turn left, via the C7, direction Taloux, uphill.
- 35.5 After highest point: turn sharp right, via a paved road through the field (*view of the valley of the Allier*).
- 36.2 Arriving at the D978a: cross it (*carefully!*) and continue towards Chambon.
- 36.5 Junction: turn left, via the Rue des Vignes du Puits.
After 200m **[13a]**, paved road becomes grass path between hedges.



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- 36.5 [13a] Grass path between hedges.
37.0 Keep right twice, descending.
37.3 Arrival on asphalt road (= D134): turn left (further on, right: the Allier).
38.2 Bridge over the Allier (= D978a): turn right, over the river.
>>> (*border between the departments of Nièvre and Allier*).
38.7 Junction: keep left (= D13), direction 'Toutes directions'.
39.0 Intersection: leave the D13 and go straight on, via Rue Bichon.
39.1 **Le Veudre**, church: turn left (against the one-way traffic), via Rue de Bourbon.
39.3 Crossing: straight on, via the D13, direction Bourbon-l'Arch.
39.5 Ignore a side road on the left. Immediately afterwards: leave the D13 and go diagonally right, towards the campsite.
39.7 Along the campsite entrance (on the right): continue, straight ahead.
40.9 Along the country house (*Le Coudray, XVIth century*): continue, straight on.
41.5 In the descent to the river: turn left, via a steeply rising grass path.
41.6 Turn left, path between hedges.
42.1 End of path: turn right. Follow this path until Mésangy. (*After 300m, in the forest (left): the devil's hole ('trou du diable')*).
43.4 **Mésangy**. Immediately past the sign 'Stop after 80m' (cross): turn sharply right, via a path, descending (*on the bend: Fontaine de Mésangy*).
43.7 Fork (at sign 'privé'): keep left.
43.8 Small bridge over the Bieudre [13b] continue (the two paths then meet again), along the Moulin d'Affouard (*left, water mill*).
44.7 Grand Beaumont: follow the paved road below the hamlet (*on the right: chapel*).
45.0 Arrival on asphalt road (= D294, cross): follow it to the left. Walk through Petit Beaumont.
45.7 Fork at the end of the hamlet (before a bridge): turn right.
46.5 Crossing (La Veille Forge): turn right. After the house (right) follow the grass path.
47.0 Cross the small road and turn right after ± 450m.
48.3 Crossing: turn left.
49.1 Cross Chambrun, straight ahead.
49.6 Take a grass path, straight ahead.
49.8 T-junction: turn right
49.9 Crossing: straight ahead.
50.4 Near house: path turns into asphalt road.
Fork (cross): keep right.
50.5 Before the small lake [14a]: turn diagonally to the left, via a grass path.



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50.5 Before the small lake **[14a]**, grass path between hedges.

51.0 Fork: keep right.

51.4 Arrival on asphalt road: turn left (Rue de Ferrière).

52.0 End of the road on the village street (= D1): turn right, to church.

52.1 **Lurcy-Lévis**: church.

Continue straight on via Place de la Liberté, Place de la République and Rue du Capitaine Lafond (against one-way traffic).

52.4 Crossroads with stop lines: turn left, via the D64, direction Valigny, Ainay-le-Château.

Follow the D64 to a water reservoir.

55.9 To the left of the road is a peculiar low building, behind which is a small hill with a dome (= water reservoir).

200m further on, at a side road (right), direction Bourbin: turn left, via a grassy path lined by bushes. **[14b]**.

56.0 Crossing of paths: continue, straight ahead.

56.4 Fork: keep right, via a path that turns to the right.

56.5 Ignore side paths to the right and then to the left: continue, slightly uphill.

56.9 Turn right, via a grass path.

57.0 Arrival on a paved path (house): turn left, uphill.

After 50m, arriving at a road: turn left.

57.2 Crossing: straight ahead, direction la Creuzerie

58.2 Junction at La Croix Charny): keep right, then go straight on 2x at the crossroads.

60.7 Crossing at Les Cachers: turn right **[14c]**.

62.3 Arrival on the priority road (= D64): turn left.

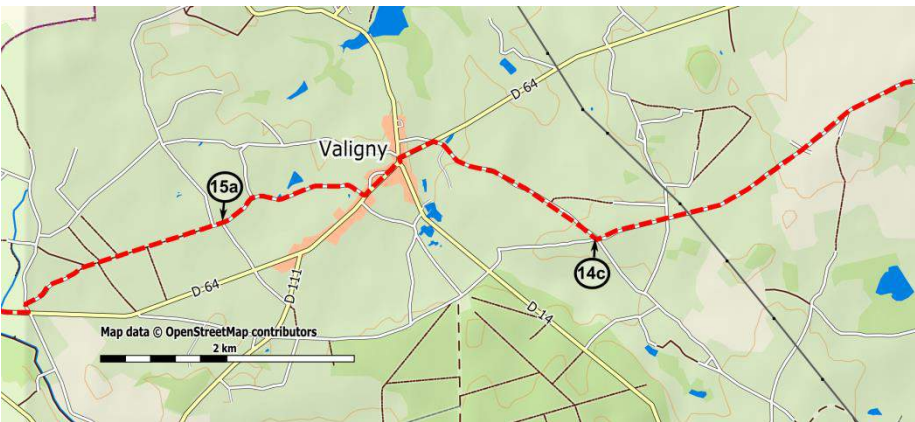
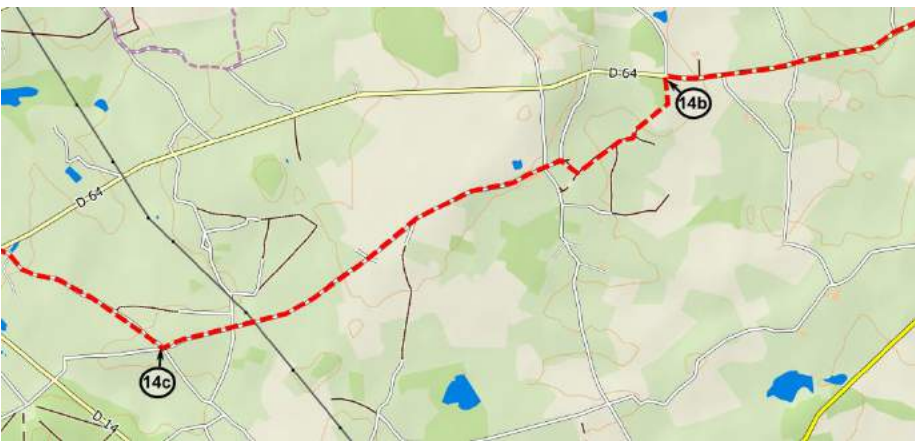
62.4 **Valigny**: church. cross the crossroads and go straight on, via the D64, direction Isle-et-Bardais, Ainay-le-Château.

63.1 Beyond the Mairie: leave the D64 and turn right (*right angle*) (Chemin du Plaid à Villebon).

64.1 At the fork: diagonally left.

64.4 Crossroads: straight on (Chemin du Plaid à Villebon).

64.5 In a right-angled bend to the right **[15a]**: straight ahead, via a grass path.



64.5 [15a] Grass path straight ahead, ignore side paths.

65.6 Near houses (**Le Rocquet**): path becomes asphalt. Continue straight ahead.

66.1 Arrival on the priority road («Stop»): turn left.

66.2 Arrival on the priority road (two lane = D64): turn right.

67.0 **Bardais**: church - follow the D64 until the reservoir of Vézien.

70.2 Highest point: view of the reservoir (left).

Continue until just past the lake and then turn left, via a small asphalt road [15b] (solid oak), in the direction of **Vézien**, along the dam.

71.2 End of the road: turn right.


71.4 Farm (= **Pontcharraud**): turn left.

72.0 Fork: keep left.

72.8 At the first houses: turn right.

73.0 Arrival on the priority road (= D64): turn left (Rue des Récollets).

73.2 **Ainay-le-Château**.

 - pilgrim hostel of the 'Voie de Vézelay', Rue des Récollets 22).

73.3 Arrival on the D953 (Place Victor Hugo):

>>> (Connection with the variant via Augy.)

Keep to the right. After 100m: pass under the fortified gate and continue via Rue de l'Horloge.

After 150m: turn left, via the Rue des Maures, to the church *). Back through the Rue des Maures. Then turn left, via the Rue du Pont, descending.

74.1 After the bridge over the Sologne, at a fork: turn left, via the D28, direction Braize, Meaulne.

74.3 Chapel of Saint Roch (right).

75.6 Crossing: leave the D28 and turn right, direction Le Crochet, les Brosses.

>>> (Border between the Allier and Cher departments).

77.0 Ferme du **Crochet** (farm, sign dead end): before the buildings turn sharp left, via a dirt road.

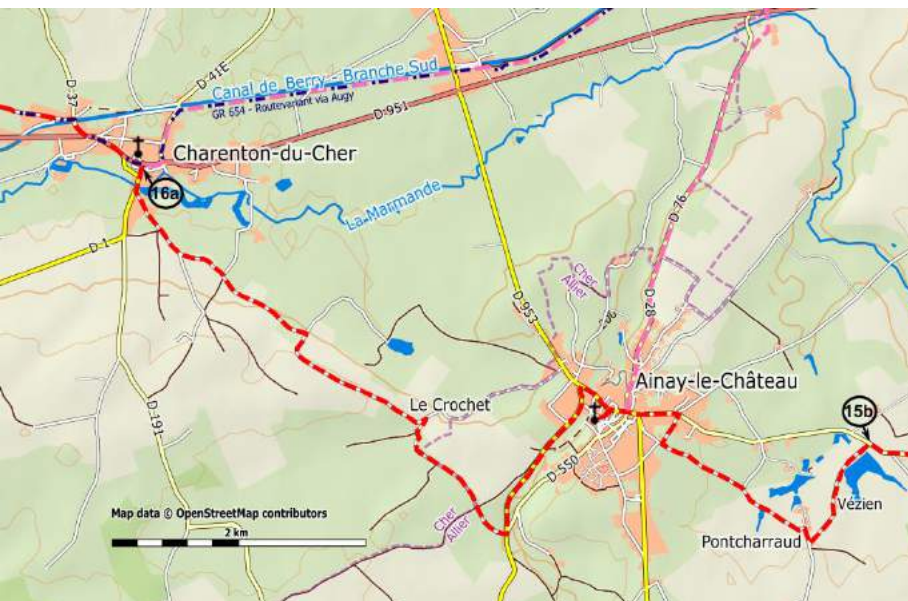
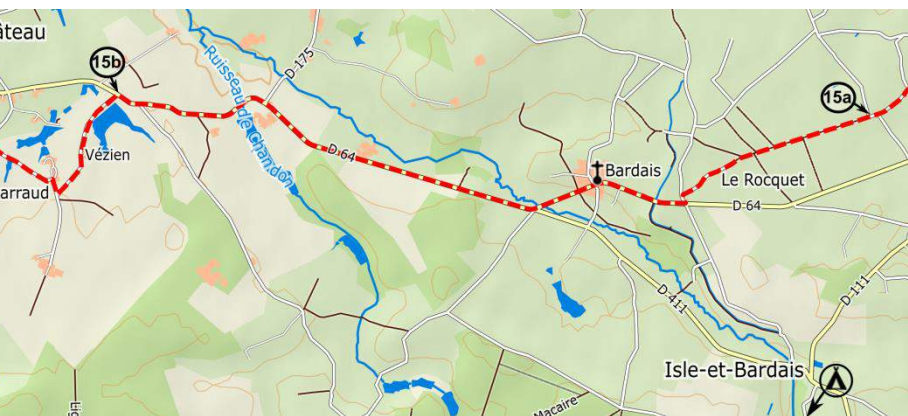
78.4 Right turn: descend to an asphalt road and follow it to the left.


80.3 Arrival on a wider asphalt road (= D1): follow it to the right, pass the bridge over the Marmande and continue straight on.

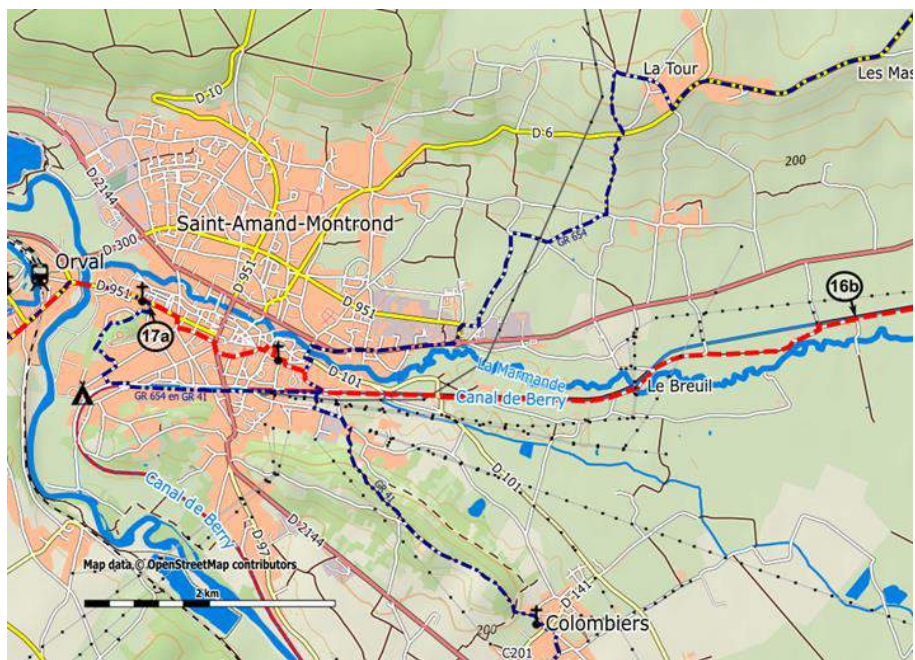
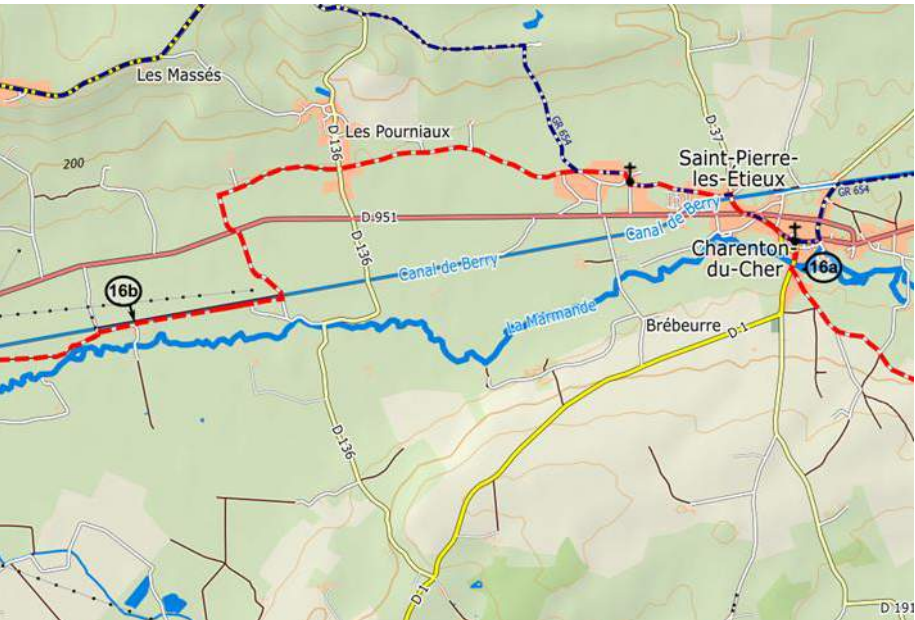
80.4 **Charenton-du-Cher**.

*) **Tip** to save a few hundred meters via a nice passage: Walk opposite the church entrance into Rue de la Cure and down the stairs. At the end left, right and left again over the pedestrian bridge and left on the D28 you will rejoin the route (Km 73.3).

79.5 One way traffic sign: leave the D1 and go straight on. First side road on the right [16a]: ignore and continue, straight ahead.
(Or follow that side road (Rue de la Chapelle) to the right, before the chapel of Notre-Dame de Grâce (right), portal of the old abbey of Bellavaux with statue of the Virgin Mary to which miracles are attributed).



- 80.5 Along the Rue de la Chapelle [16a]
- 80.6 Before the church square: arriving at the Rue Nationale (= D951): turn left. Note, the marking makes a loop here: to the church, then left (Rue de la Cure) and bends back to Rue Nationale. Follow it to the right.
- 81.0 Junction: turn right, via the D37, direction Arfeuilles.
- 81.3 Bridge over Canal de Berry.
Immediately afterwards: exit the D37 and turn left, via Rue de l'Usine.
- 81.5 Ignore a side road to the left and continue straight ahead against the one-way traffic.
- 82.1 Crossroads («Stop»): turn right, over a bridge, to the church.
- 82.3 **Saint-Pierre-les-Étieux**: before the church, turn left, direction Les Vivons, Mairie. Follow this road to the end, ignoring side roads.
- 82.8 Along the cemetery (*water point*).
- 84.7 End of road on asphalt road (*near a transformer house*): cross the road and continue straight on, via an unpaved road.
- 85.4 End of small road on asphalt road: follow it to the left (= straight ahead). Then follow the road to the left.
- 85.9 Arrival on the priority road (= D951; *Attention: heavy traffic*): turn left and then immediately right, direction Les Places.
- 86.5 Bridge over Canal de Berry.
Immediately afterwards: turn right, via a path along the canal.
- 88.0 At riding school: continue straight, via asphalt road [16b].
- 88.3 End of the road: turn left and immediately turn right.
- 88.4 In hamlet (= Moulin de Gâteau), at the end of the asphalt: straight on, via a path.
- 89.1 House: at the end of the path, continue straight on via asphalt road, which continues further along the canal.
- 90.0 Bridge over the **Marmande**. After more than 150m the asphalt road turns to the left, away from the canal. Leave the road here and continue along the path along the canal. Further on, asphalt again, or keep following the path on the dike.
- 91.2 Lock: cross an asphalt road (= D101) and continue left of the canal.
- 92.1 Bridge: turn right on an asphalt road, cross the canal. (*From this bridge, to the bridge over the Cher at Orval, the municipality has marked the pilgrim's way with scallops, on standing stones on the sidewalk*).
After the bridge: diagonally left, via the Rue des Fromentaux (it curves first after 150m to the right and then to the left).
- 92.5 End of the priority road: turn left, via Rue Grenouillère. After 100m: turn right, through pedestrian lock and small alley (= Saint Joseph).
- 92.7 **Saint-Amand-Montrond**: church of Saint-Amand. [17a]
 - pilgrim hostel of the 'Voie de Vézelay' in Bouzais, at 5km).



1.3 Saint-Amand-Montrond > Gargilesse: 101,6 km

Km 0.0 **Saint-Amand-Montrond**: church Saint-Amand [17a]. Turn left (Rue Porte Verte), then left again, via Rue Saint-Jean.

At the end: turn right, via Rue Hôtel-Dieu. Ignore a side street on the right and then turn left, via Le Cours Manuel, past the Saint-Vicq museum (on the right).

End of road: turn right (Rue Benjamin Constant).

0.5 At a bend to the right: turn left, via the Rue du Dr Coulon, direction Centre hospitalier.

1.0 End of the square: turn right (Rue Godin des Odonnais).

1.2 Crossing (traffic lights): turn left, via Avenue Jean Jaurès.

1.5 (Right: *Rue Bernard Rey, after 50m: Saint-Roch church (XVIIIth century), statue*).

2.0 Leave Saint-Amand, via the bridge over the Cher to Orval.

2.1 **Orval**, roundabout: turn left onto the D951, direction Orval Centre.

2.4 Railway crossing: straight ahead. After 150m, at the roundabout: straight on, via the D951, direction le Châtelet, rising.

2.9 Second side road: turn right (Impasse du Lavoir). After 20m: turn left (Chemin de la Croix du Sault).

3.3 Crossing («Stop»): straight ahead; further on: end of asphalt, then paved.

4.3 Ignore side road (left).

5.0 End of road on asphalt road (= D137): straight ahead, towards the church.

5.1 **Bouzais** (🏠🚰📶 - *pilgrim hostel of the 'Voie de Vézelay'*): straight ahead.

5.3 Fork: turn right and pass the bridge over the Loubière. At the end of the bridge, before the cemetery (*water tap*): turn right (Rue du Gué Rond).
Next fork: turn left, via a road that further on bends to the left.

6.1 End of road: turn right.

6.7 Bridge over the A71 autoroute: straight on, past **Les Vernes**.

8.0 Exit to Rateau (right): straight ahead.

9.5 Side road to Orcenais (right) [17b], **La Reuille**: straight on.

10.0 Fork: turn right, direction Fonstreux, Charron, le Champ de Beau.

10.7 **Charron** (= *the round pasture: an old fief of the Abbey of Noirlac*) (*beautiful barn*). Leave the road and turn left, via a small road through the forest (ahead: grassy).

11.9 Fork (before a field): turn left.

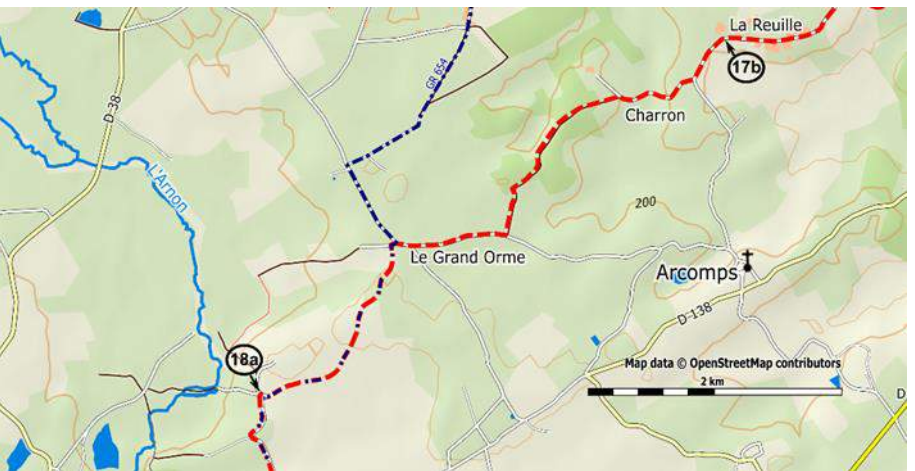
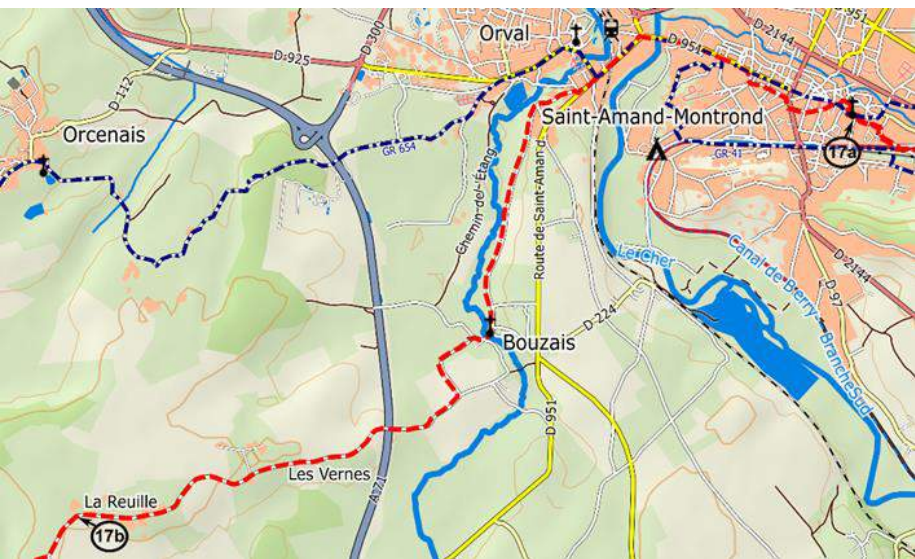
12.2 Arrival on an asphalt road: turn right.

13.0 End of the road at **Le Grand Orme**: keep right, direction Marçais.

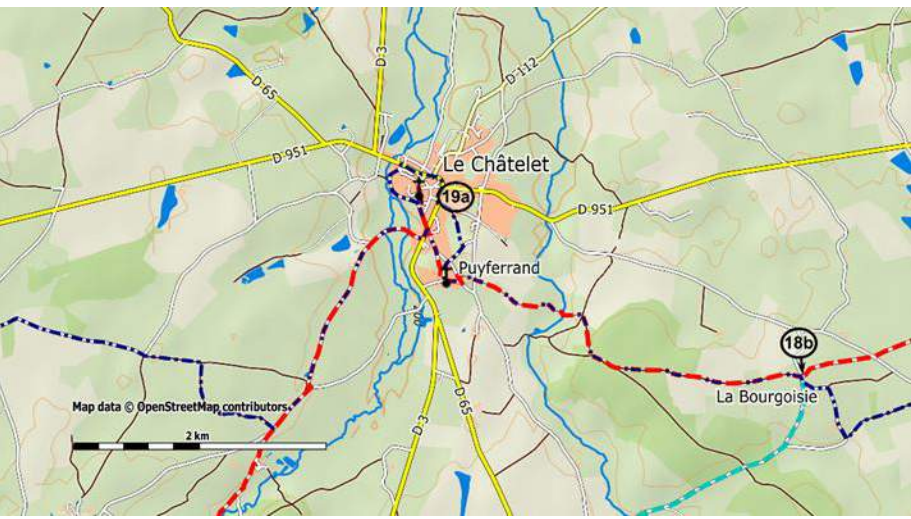
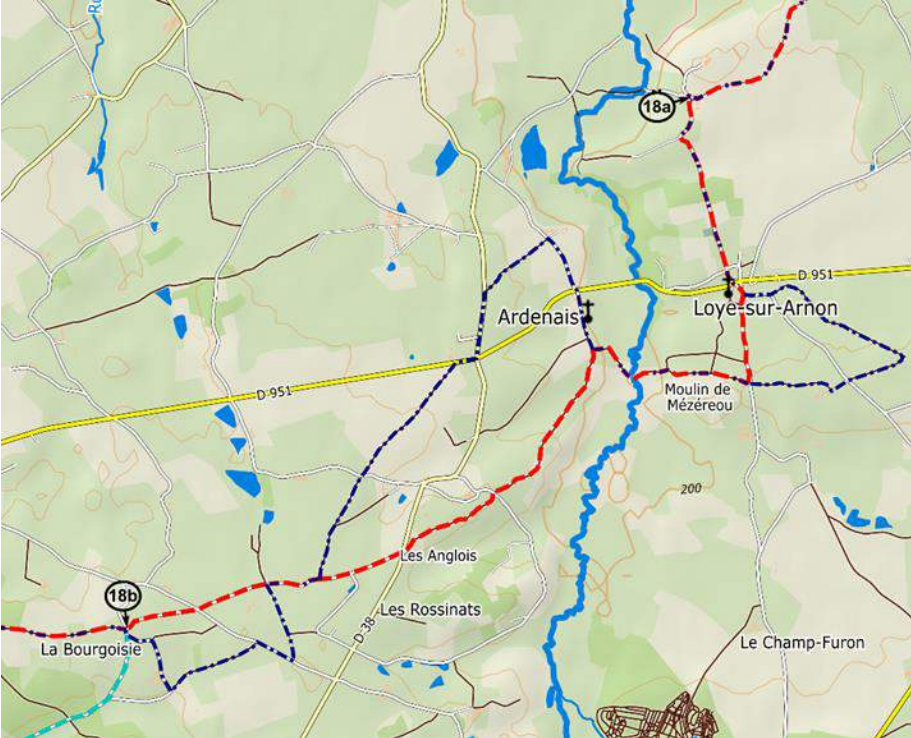
13.1 Junction: turn left, direction Le Petit Bonnefond. After 50m: turn left again, via a gravel road. Then straight ahead.

14.8 Exit (right): straight ahead.

15.0 Junction at Planche: turn sharp left, via an asphalt road. [18a]



- 15.0 Crossing (La Planche) [18a].
- 15.4 Junction (les Petites Maisons): turn left, descending.
- 16.7 **Loye-sur-Arnon**: church. Crossing with the D951: straight ahead, via the street past the Café/Restaurant.
- 16.8 Bridge: continued. After 50m, at the fork (cross): keep right.
- 17.4 Side road (to Mézereau, right): ignore and continue.
- 17.6 Crossing (La Croix des Bourses): turn right, via a gravel road, direction **Moulin** (= mill) **de Mézereau**.
- 18.4 Mill: straight on, via a bridge (or the ford) over a branch of the Arnon. Straight ahead on a grassy road.
- 18.6 Bridge (and ford) over a branch of the Arnon: continue, between undergrowth. After 50m, arrive on a wider road: turn right (*view of the church of Ardenais*).
Further on, the small road bends to the left, rising.
- 19.0 End of the road: turn left. (Then continue straight ahead until km 25.2).
- 20.4 Crossing with asphalt road (La Grange Rouge): straight ahead, via grassy road.
- 21.1 Start of asphalt (**Les Anglois**): straight ahead.
- 21.3 Crossing with major road (= D38): straight ahead.
- 23.1 Crossing: straight ahead.
- 23.8 Crossing (**La Bourgeoisie**) [18b]: straight on, via a gravel road (further through a forest). *A 2 km shorter variant to Saint Jeanorin starts at the intersection (see box on page 48).*
- 25.2 Confluence of paths (lone oak in the middle): keep right.
- 25.4 Fork: keep right.
- 25.5 End of forest (*view of the church of Puyferrand, left*).
- 25.8 Crossing: straight ahead, via a sunken road (hardly visible in the vegetation), descending, into the forest.
- 25.9 Bridge over the Cheminon: continue via the sunken road (vegetation), ascending. (*View of the church tower of Puyferrand*).
- 26.7 Crossing with asphalt road: cross and continue, via a grassy road, towards the church.
- 26.8 Arrival on asphalt road: turn left. After 50m: turn right and then after 150m turn right again, always following the wall.
- 27.1 Church of **Puyferrand**: continuation. After 40m: turn left, via a road that immediately turns to the right, descending (Rue Sainte Laurette).
- 27.5 Crossing (oblique) with an asphalt road (= D3): cross and continue straight ahead, direction Église. Ignore the first side road on the right.
- 27.7 Second side road: turn right and then left, via Rue du Champ de Foire.
- 27.9 **Le Châtelet**: church, Then back to the intersection with the D3. [19a]



28.2 To the D3. **[19a]**

28.3 Crossing: turn right, via the D3.

28.4 Side road: turn right, direction Vieille Forêt, La Montée Rouge. Pass two bridges.

28.8 Junction (cross): straight ahead, uphill.

30.2 End of road (left after bend; Bellevue): turn right.

30.8 Junction (cross): keep left (= follow road) towards St-Jeanvrin.

31.4 **Les Archers**: continue, straight on, ignoring side roads (left).

31.7 Side road (left): ignore, continue straight on.

32.4 Side road (left, direction Le Vernier): ignore, continue straight.

33.3 Five-fork (cross, Les Loges) **[19b]**: straight on, direction St-Jeanvrin.

34.8 Side road (right, direction Charasse): ignore, continue straight ahead..

34.9 **Saint-Jeanvrin**: church (*arrival of the direct variant from Saint-Aman. See box below*).

Crossing: turn right, past the town hall (right) and continue.

37.1 Sept-Fonds (after bridge over stream), crossing: turn left.

39.2 End of the road (at Le Pied du Montet): turn left. Then straight on to the church. **[20a]**

Direct variant to Saint-Jeanvrin, avoiding Le Châtelet (unmarked route):

23.8 Crossing (**La Bourgeoisie**): turn left, then straight ahead, descending.

Keep following this asphalt road until the end at km 29.0

25.6 Ignore the side road (left) to Les Guignards.

25.8 Bridge.

26.2 Crossing ('Stop'): straight ahead.

26.9 Crossing with dual carriageway (= D65): straight ahead, direction La Foule.

29.0 At the end of the two-lane road (= D3): turn left (attention; after 50m: bridge).

29.9 Junction: leave the D3 and turn right, direction La Forêt, La Maison du Bois.

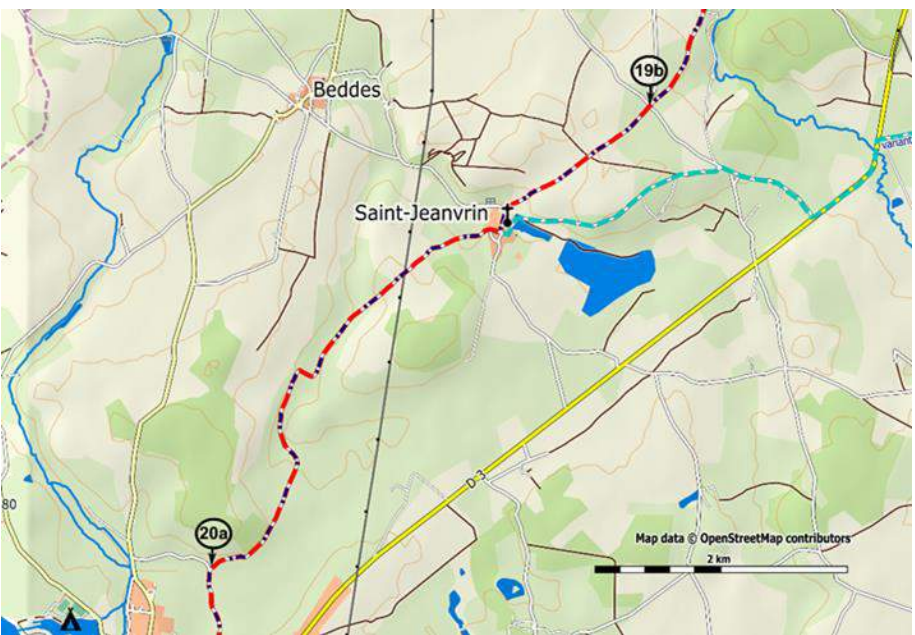
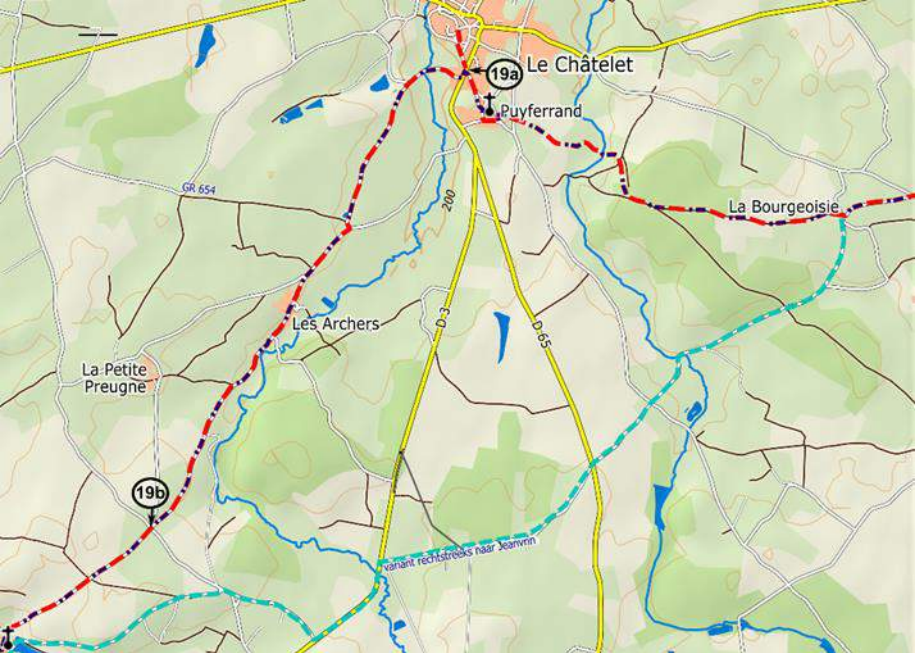
30.7 Ignore two side roads (left). After 100m: turn left, direction La Maison du Bois, Saint-Jeanvrin.

31.2 Side road (left) to La Maison du Bois: ignore, continue straight.

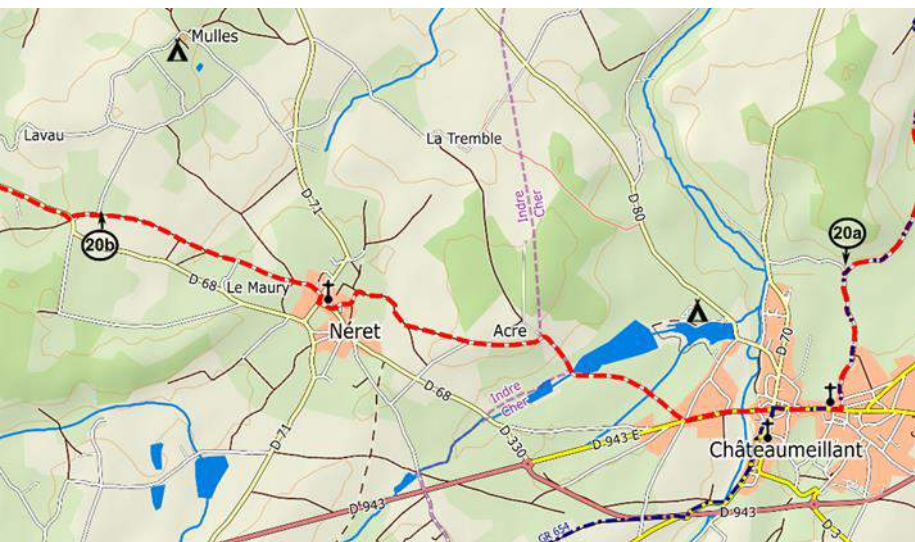
31.8 Along a lake (left, down; 'Le Grand Étang').

32.9 **Saint-Jeanvrin**: church - crossing ('Stop'): straight on.

Continue at main route Km 34.9.



- 39.2 Continue towards the church. **[20a]**
- 39.9 Châteaumeillant sign (C5): straight ahead (Rue de l'Eglise).
- 40.3 End of the road: turn right (= D943E, Rue de la Libération).
- 40.5 **Châteaumeillant**, church: continue straight ahead.
- 41.0 Place Saint-Blaise: diagonally left, via the D943E, direction La Châtre.
Then diagonally right (Rue Etienne Berger).
- 41.8 Five-fork: leave the D943E and turn diagonally right, direction Acre, descending.
- 42.8 Along a small lake (on the right): continue, straight ahead..
- >>> (*Border of the Cher and Indre departments*).
- 43.2 Sign exit (right): ignore, straight ahead.
- 43.4 **Domaine d'Acre**: straight ahead.
- 43.8 Paratroopers memorial (left bend): leave the road and go straight ahead, via a grassy track. (*View of the church of Néret*).
- 44.4 Side road (left): ignore and continue straight.
- 44.8 Arrival on asphalt (at Ferrières): straight ahead.
Along the cemetery (*water tap*).
- 45.1 Square: turn right (=D68), to the church.
- 45.2 **Néret**: church. End of D68 on D71: turn right, via the D71.
- 45.3 Side road: turn left. After 50m: straight ahead, via an unpaved path.
- 45.6 Fork: keep left, along the cross, via a grassy road.
- 46.0 Small road to the left (direction **Le Maury**): ignore, straight on.
- 46.3 After a small bridge: ignore a side road (left, to La Pérelle).
- 46.5 Second side road (left, to La Pérelle): ignore, straight on, via a little used road, overgrown with grass.
- 47.2 End of small road on asphalt road: straight ahead. **[20b]**
- 47.3 Washing place (*right, image of Joan of Arc as a shepherdess*).
- 47.4 End of road on asphalt road (= D68): turn right.
Keep following the D68 until km 50.2.
- 49.2 Crossing (at L'Orme Guérin): straight on.
- 50.0 **Fontenay**, intersection with the D73: straight ahead, direction Thevet.
- 50.2 Leave the D68 and turn left onto a gravel road that immediately turns right.
- 51.0 Crossing of paths: straight ahead, uphill.
- 51.5 Arrival on asphalt road: turn left, then straight on until km 54.7.
- 52.2 Crossing: straight ahead, via a gravel road.
- 53.2 Bridge (after a side road to the right: ignore): straight on.
- 53.5 Arrival on asphalt road: straight ahead. **[21a]**



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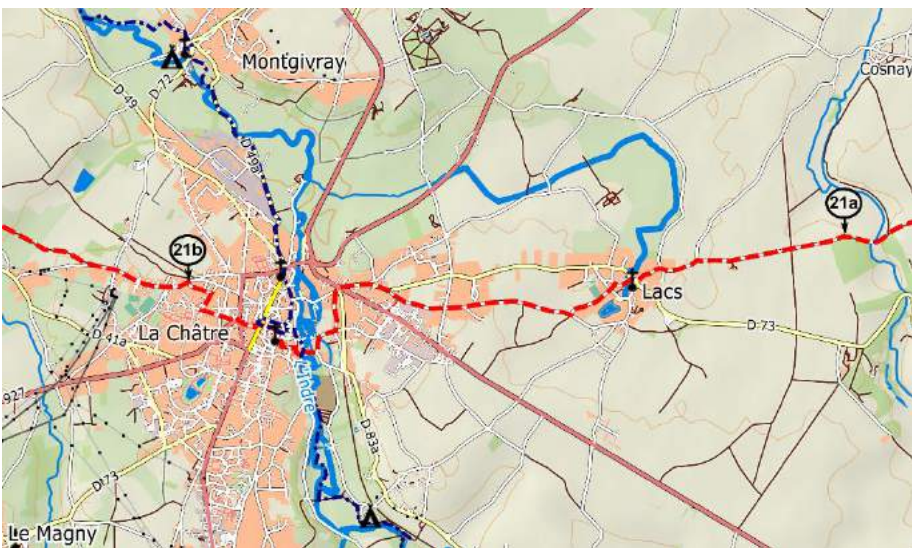
- 53.5 On asphalt road: straight ahead. **[21a]**
- 54.7 End of road on asphalt road: diagonally left.
- 55.0 Fork: keep left.
- 55.3 **Lacs**: church (on the D73): opposite of it, take the Rue Saint-Martin.
- 55.5 Side road: turn left. After 50m, at the intersection: straight on, past a football field and a residential area.
- 55.9 End of road on asphalt road: turn right.
- 57.0 Crossing: straight on, through the industrial area.
- 57.5 End of the road on the priority road (= D73, Rue de la Croix Félix): keep left, descending.
- 57.9 Roundabout (junction with the D943): turn right onto the 2nd street on the right and then immediately turn left (Chemin des Envergeons).
- 58.2 At the end: turn right and then straight on (so leave the Chemin des Envergeons). After 150m, bridge over a canal: straight on.
- 58.5 End of road on asphalt road: turn right, via Rue Jules Néraud.
- 58.6 Bridge over the Indre. Then: turn left, via Rue du Moulin Borgnon.
After 30m: turn right, via a staircase, ascending.
Then right along the cross.
- 58.7 End: turn left, via the Rue de l'Abbaye. Ignore a side road (left) and continue. After bend to the right: turn left.
- 58.9 Place du Dr. Vergne, after 20m: turn right, via an alley (= Rue des Bœufs). At the end: turn left, past the church to the front.
- 59.0 **La Châtre**: church. Opposite: continue via Rue Emile Accolas to the Hôtel de Ville (= town hall). Turn left there, via Avenue George Sand, which immediately bends to the right.
- 59.5 Roundabout (Place Jean-Louis Boncoeur) straight on and immediately right, direction Lycée. After 100m, at the intersection ('stop'): straight ahead.
- 59.7 Junction: turn right, via Rue F. Chopin.
- 59.9 Swimming pool (left). Then: turn left, via Rue Barbadault.
- 60.1 End of the main road: turn left (Rue des Prés Burat). **[21b]**
Leave La Chatre.
- 60.8 Crossing: straight on, via the Route du Colombier.
- 61.0 Turn diagonally right, via an unpaved road (along sturdy oaks).
- 61.8 Unpaved changes to asphalt: straight ahead.
- 61.9 Arrival on a slightly wider asphalt road: straight ahead.
- 63.1 Water tower: turn left and immediately right, via a grassy road (past waste containers).
- 64.1 Crossing: straight on, piece of asphalt, after the farm unpaved again (*red-white marking GR654*).
- 64.6 Crossing of dirt roads: turn left (*follow the red and white marking GR 654 until after Sarzay on the corner of the cemetery = km 67.3*).

65.6 Arrival at **Petit Chenil**. turn right and then immediately left, via a small street.

Bridge: cross the Couarde and continue via the grassy road.

65.8 Arrival on an asphalt road: turn right.

66.2 End of the road on the priority road (= D51): turn left **[22a]**



66.2 D51 **[22a]** (*view of Sarzay Castle, left*).

66.9 **Sarzay** village entrance. Fork (junction D41): keep left.

67.2 Center village: ignore side streets (right), straight on.

67.3 After the cemetery and before the D51/D41 fork: via the parking lot, take a grassy road to the right (*a crucifix in front of you*).

From here follow the blue-yellow marking of the Voie de Vézelay again.

67.4 Crossing with the D51 (cross): straight on, via the grassy road.

69.0 Take the bridge on the right (or the ford through) the Vauvre.

After 50m: arrival on the D51a (at Vignonnet, cross): turn left.

69.1 Side road: turn right, then ignore side roads.

69.8 End of road (fork) on asphalt road: turn left.

70.0 Bellevue exit (left): ignore, straight ahead.

70.7 Arrival on the priority road (= D19, **Montabin**): turn left. (marking GR).

70.9 Fork: leave the D19 and turn right, direction GAEC de l'Abbé.

71.9 End of road on asphalt road: sharp left (sign walking route).

72.1 **Varennés**: (former abbey): continue, via the bridge over the Gourdon.

72.2 Junction (cross): keep right, direction Le Beau.

After 50m, at the 2nd fork: straight ahead.

After 200m: turn sharp left, via a gravel road, steeply rising.

73.1 Arrival on an asphalt road: turn right.

After a few meters: turn left, via a grass path, descending.

73.8 Le Sachet farm (asphalt) **[22b]**: straight ahead, up.

73.9 In a bend to the left: turn right, via a paved road.

74.4 Crossing: straight ahead, via the grass path.

74.9 Graspad turns into a gravel road.

75.0 Bridge (or ford): cross the stream Aubord.

75.2 Le Pritmoux: straight ahead via asphalt road.

75.4 End of road on asphalt road (near Les Entes): turn right.

75.6 End of road on asphalt road (= D51): turn left.

(Start of the marking on the ground with bronze shells (logo of the Voie de Vézelay), placed by the municipality of Neuvy-Saint-Sépulchre, at the initiative of the Amis et Pèlerins de Saint-Jacques de la Voie de Vézelay).

75.9 Crossing (cross): straight ahead.

77.0 Crossing (cross): straight ahead.

77.2 End of D51 on D38 (= Rue du Maréchal Joffre): turn left.

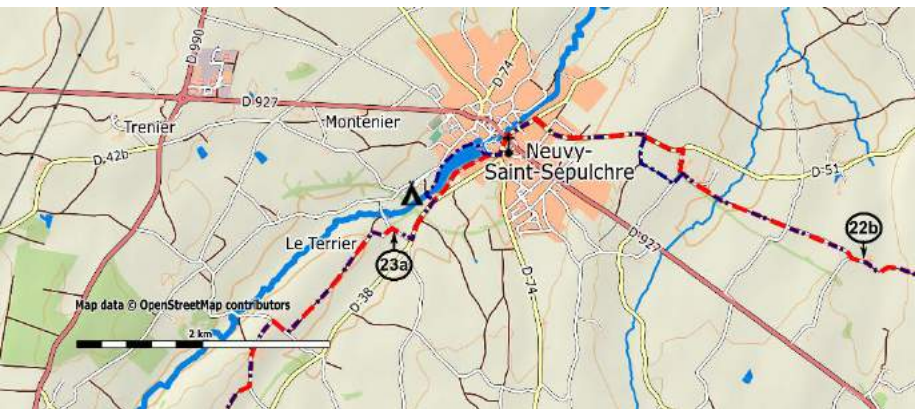
77.5 Crossing D38 / D927. **Neuvy-Saint-Sépulchre**, basilica.

Continue on the D38 (Rue du Maréchal Foch), direction Cluis, Aigurande.

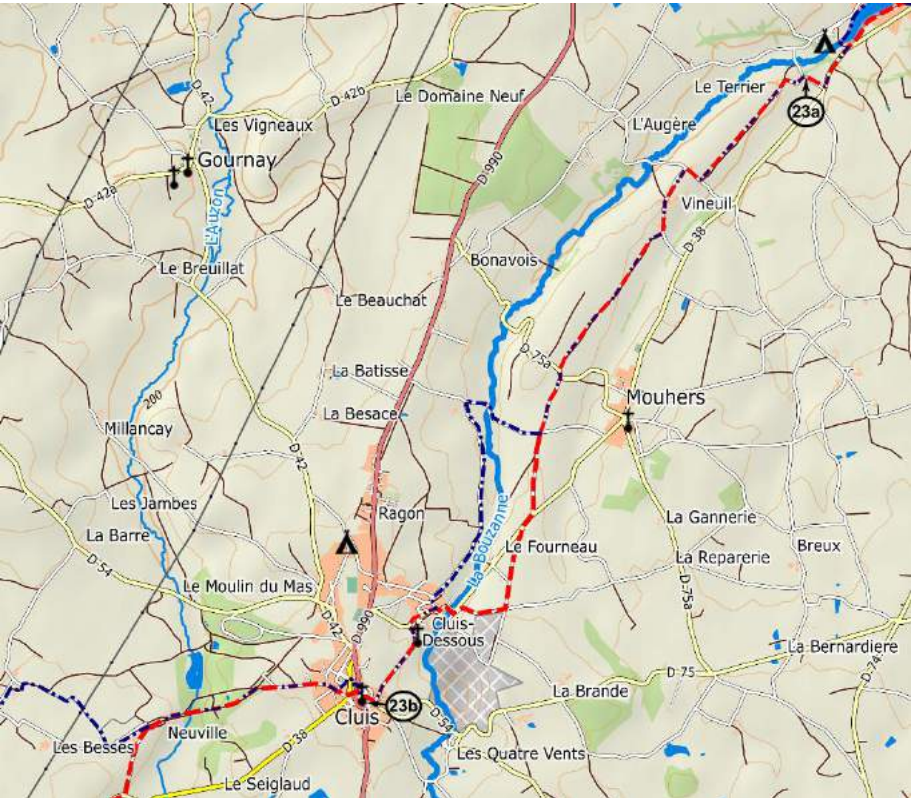
77.6 Side road (just before a fork): turn right, direction 'Centre de loisirs' (= recreation centre).

After 75m: diagonally left, via a paved road along a lake. (*End marking bronze shells*).

- 78.4 End of small road on asphalt road (= D38): follow this to the right.
 78.8 Just before a side road on the left: leave the D38 and turn right, towards
Le Terrier (sign walking route).
 79.0 Bridge, after which a fork: keep left, following the dead-end road. [23a]



- 79.0 After the bridge and fork, follow a dead end road. [23a]
- 79.3 End of asphalt: continue via a grassy road (difficult if it has rained a lot).
- 80.2 Arrival at a road (cross): turn right, uphill.
- 80.4 Arrival on asphalt road: keep left.
- 80.9 After (Grand) **Vineuil**: diagonally right, via a gravel road.
- 82.4 End of gravel road on asphalt road (= D75A, cross, near Boulimbert): keep left. After 50m, in a bend to the left: turn right.
- 83.0 Crossing (cross): straight ahead (*View of Mouhers*).
- 83.6 Arrival on priority road (= D38): diagonally right.
- 83.7 Side road: leave the D38 and go diagonally left, towards La Grange.
- 84.2 Crossing (cross): straight ahead.
- 84.5 Second crossing (cross): turn right, descending.
- 84.9 Sharp right, back to the D38: left, over the bridge, up.
- 85.3 Ruins of the castle of **Cluis-Dessous**.
- 85.4 In a bend to the right: leave the D38 and turn left, passing a chapel (*Notre-Dame de la Trinité*).
- 86.2 Arriving on the D54: turn right (Rue du Château), direction Orsennes.
Second street: turn right.
Then: turn left, Rue de l'Eglise.
- 86.3 **Cluis**: church. [23b] Pass the church.
- 86.4 Crossing: cross and straight on, direction Maison Médicale.
- 86.5 Arriving on the D38: keep left, direction Orsennes.
Immediately after: turn right, Rue Berton.
After 200m, at the fork: keep left.
- 87.1 In a bend to the right: straight on, via a gravel road, to a former railway viaduct (marking GR).
- 87.3 Junction: turn left.
- 87.5 Viaduct of Cluis: cross (*beautiful view*).
- 88.0 End of the viaduct: descend the slope to the left, via a path (blue marking), before the bridge.
- 88.1 Arrival on the road: turn right, uphill. After 50m, at a crossroads: turn left and walk through the hamlet of **Neuville**.
- 88.7 Arrival on a priority road (= D38): turn right, uphill.
- 90.9 Sign '**Hallé**': straight ahead.
- 91.2 Crossing at chapel: diagonally left, cross and continue (Route des vieux Puits), direction Frûlon.
- 91.5 Fork: diagonally right, via the Route du Lavoir (= D30E) (at the villa «Mon rêve»). [24a]



91.5 Villa «Mon rêve». [24a]

91.7 Along pond/washing place: continue on D30E.

93.7 Crossing with priority road (= D45): straight ahead, direction Pommiers.

94.6 **Pommiers**: end of road (Rue des Chaumes) on priority road (= D48). (Church at 100m, right). Take the D48 to the left.

94.8 End of village: turn right, via the D45, direction Gargillesse.

95.5 Junction: leave the D45 and turn right, direction **Longirard**, La Motte, Château Gaillard.

96.6 In a bend to the left: straight on, via a gravel road.

After 20m, when the gravel road turns to the right: go straight ahead, via a grass path. (Difficult to pass if it has rained heavily).

<< See also variant in box >>

97.6 Side road (left): ignore and continue straight, descending.

97.7 Arrival on an asphalt road (= D48) (attention!): turn left.

98.2 In the second bend to the right: leave the D48 and turn left (sign walking route), descending via a dirt road. [24b].

Continue straight ahead, following the bottom of the valley and then ascending.

99.6 Small road becomes gravel road: straight ahead.

99.8 Fork: turn left.

99.9 Arrival on an asphalt road: straight ahead.

100.1 **Les Minières**.

101.5 Crossing with the D40: straight on, direction town hall.

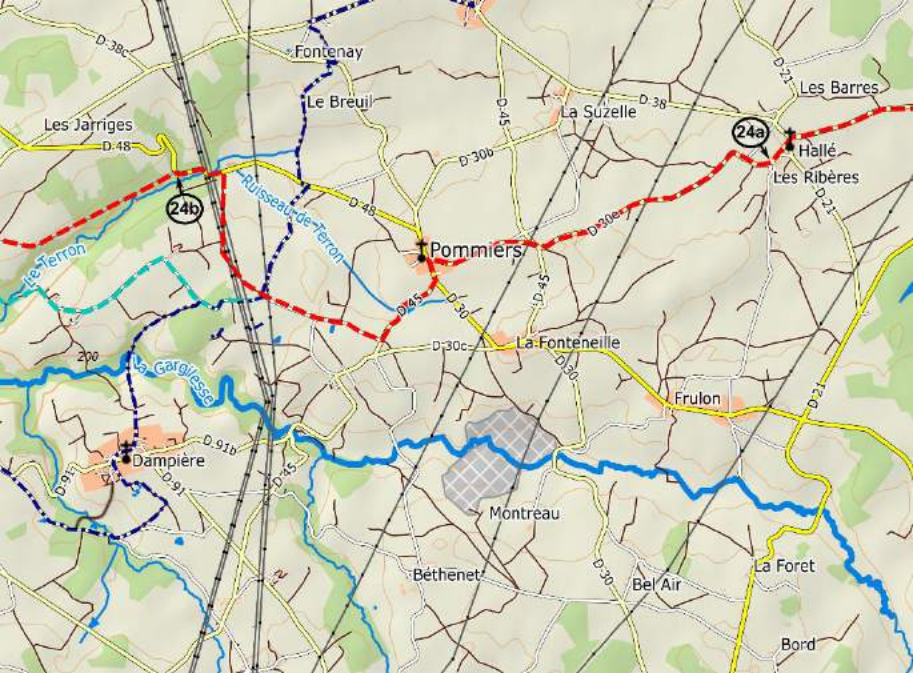
101.6 **Gargillesse**: church (left, at 50m, above the castle).

Continue from here at page 108: 1.4 Gargillesse - Crozant

Km 96.6 Following the road you can walk through Longirard, La Motte and Château Gaillard; after 3.2km you will come to a concrete ford over the Terron – impossible to cross if there is a lot of water – after which you walk up to Les Minières, 300m further on at Km 100.1; turn left here.

Please pass on your remarks etc. via

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1. Vézelay > Crozant via Bourges (*northern variant*)

1.1 Vézelay > La Charité-sur-Loire: 80 km

Km 0.0 **Vézelay**. From the basilica [1a], descend via the St-Pierre and St-Etienne streets to the former city gate (= Porte du Barle).

>> *Then follow the yellow-blue marking of this route!*

0.6 End of road on asphalt road (= D951): turn left.

0.7 First side road: turn right, direction l'Etang (*signposted 'Bourges' pilgrim road*).

>> *Note: the variant via Nevers continues straight ahead!*

1.5 Immediately after the exit to the campsite (*left: cross*): turn right (= Chemin de la Justice). (*Nice view of Vézelay*).

2.0 **La Justice**: continue.

2.6 Water tower: end of asphalt. Continue via unpaved road (*old Roman road*), through the forest. Continue along a fence (right).

3.4 Turn right, via a path. Keep following the fence.

3.5 Boundary stone.

3.7 End of path on road: turn left (leave the fence).

3.8 Junction: straight ahead.

4.2 Crossing: continue straight ahead, via a grassy road (often overgrown).

4.7 Second crossing: continue, again straight ahead.

5.1 Cross a road [1b] (right: sign 'Forêt domaniale du Vézélien-Canton des Ferrières') and continue via a grassy road, 10m further on, partly overgrown, descending.

5.6 End of grassy road on a larger forest road ('*voie romaine*' sign = Roman road); on the right a barrier and an open space (excavation of a gallo-roman villa): turn left. After 50m (sign 'Temple / voie romaine'): continue via the gravel road (*old Roman road*).

6.0 In the right-angle bend of the gravel road: continue via a wide, unpaved road opposite.

>>> (*border of the departments of Yonne and Nièvre*).

6.6 End of unpaved road on a gravel road: turn left.

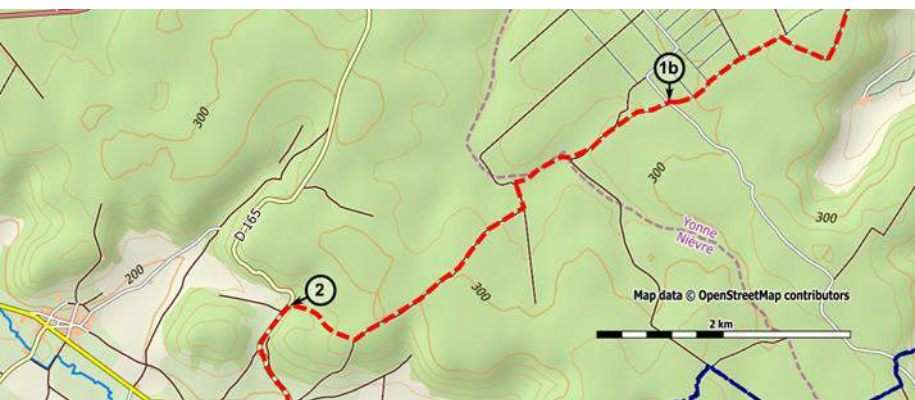
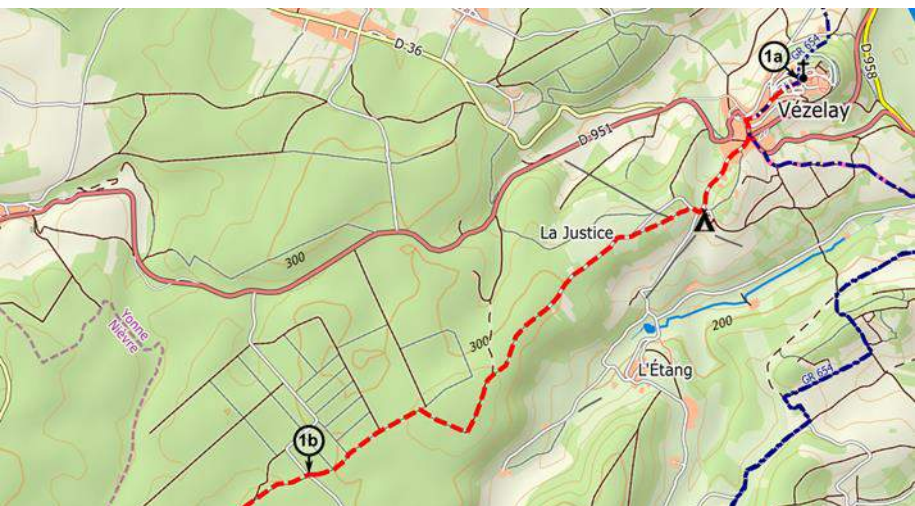
6.8 Sign 'Forêt domaniale de Maulay'. Just before: turn right via an unpaved road through the forest.

7.2 Ignore two small roads on the right and continue straight ahead.

7.7 Junction: keep following the small road, to the right.

8.6 Cross another road diagonally and continue, descending, always straight ahead, through the forest.

9.4 End of road on asphalt road (= D165) [2]: turn left (Route de Chamoux).



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- 9.4 D165 (Route de Chamoux) [2]: follow this road to La Maison-Dieu.
- 10.0 **La Maison-Dieu:** church (⚡).
- 10.1 Cross the D42 and continue via the D165, direction Metz-le-Comte.
- 10.9 Bridge over the Armanche. Cross. In the bend: continue straight ahead, via a small road, ascending.
- 11.1 End of asphalt: continue straight ahead, via an unpaved road through the fields, ascending (*left: the hill of Metz-le-Comte*).
- 12.1 Cross an asphalt road (= D280) and continue via a small asphalt road, straight on, descending.
- 12.6 Vauprevoir (farm, on the right): keep following the asphalt road, to the left.
- 13.1 Turn right, via an unpaved road, through the fields (the GR654 connects).
- 14.2 After a considerable descent; cross an asphalt road (= D985; *attention!*) and continue straight ahead, at first via an unpaved road, then via an asphalt road, still descending.
- 14.7 Cross the bridges over the Yonne (2x) and the Canal du Nivernais (⚡) and continue.
- 15.2 Asnois: square: continue straight ahead, still ascending, via the D185, direction Ouagne.
- 15.5 Continue straight ahead. (The GR turns left, via the Rue de l'église).
- >>> *For the variant via (the pilgrim hostel in) Tannay: from here follow the GR654 (red-white markings) to Thurigny. See the following box.*

Variant via Tannay


- 15.5 Turn left, following the sign 'Eglise'. Just before the church of Saint-Loup: turn left, descending via an unpaved road. At the canal (= Canal du Nivernais): turn right, via the towpath (now: cycle route).
- 18.0 At a double lock: turn right, via an asphalt road (= D165). After the railway crossing: turn diagonally left, via an unpaved road, up.
- (Attention: sometimes, like here, along the GR there are yellow-blue signs saying 'Chemin de St Jacques de Compostelle, GR 654, Voie de Vézelay'. These therefore relate to the GR mentioned, not to the Vézelay Route).
- 20.0 **Tannay**, church.
(In Tannay follow the signs 'Accueil pèlerins' to the pilgrim hostel).
- >>>> *To be continued in the box on the next text page.*

15.9 Memorial for the fallen soldiers: again straight ahead, via the D185, direction Saligny.

16.3 On the D34: turn left and immediately right, via the D185, direction Ouagne, Asnois-Gare and Saligny.

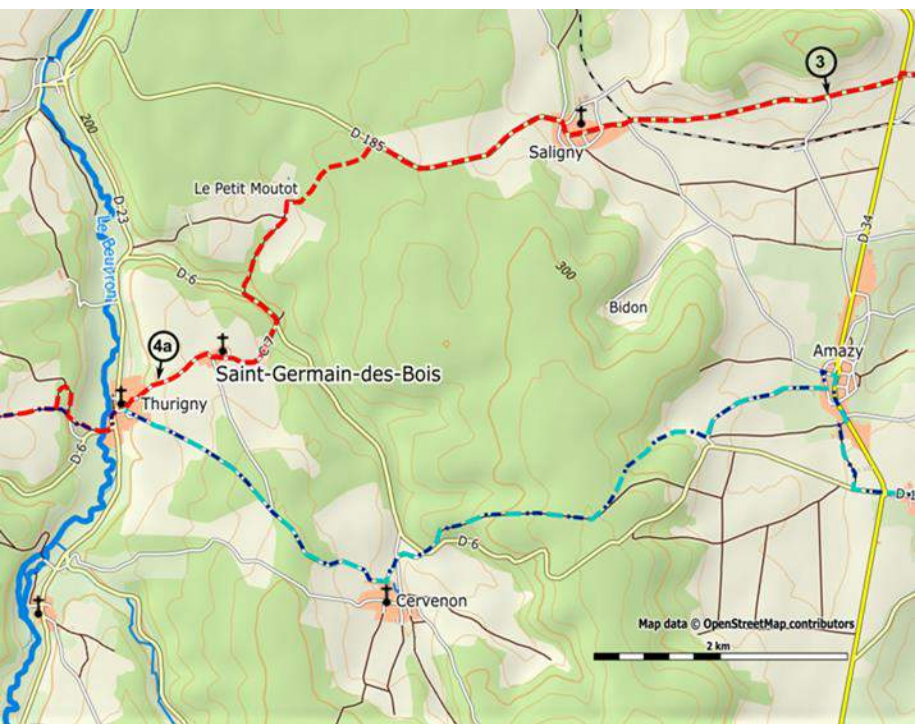
16.9 Ignore Asnois-Gare (left, former railway station). [3]



- 16.9 Ignore Asnois-Gare. [3]
18.5 Railway crossing.
19.0 Saligny, chapel: continue straight ahead, via the D185.
20.9 Almost at the end of fields (right): turn left, via a large gravel road through the forest. Follow the white shells (left).
21.8 **Le Petit Moutot** farm: follow the gravel road, descending (*view of the Saint-Germain church*).
22.6 End of gravel road on asphalt road (= D6): turn left.
23.0 First side road: turn right, ascending (= C7).
23.6 **Saint-Germain-des-Bois**: church (*right*).
23.7 End of road (road cross, ): turn right, towards Thurigny.
24.0 Reservoir (left), and wayside cross (right) [4a].

Sequel variant via Tannay

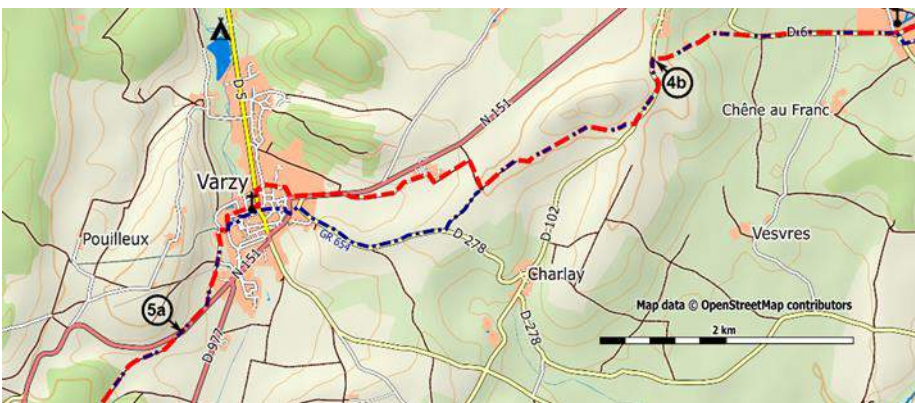
- 20.0 Tannay. At the church: continue via the D119, direction Clamecy.
20.7 Cross the D34 and continue, via the D6. After 250m: turn right, via the unpaved road.
End of the road (shortly after a bend to the right) on a broad asphalt road (Grande Rue = D34): turn left.
22.0 Before the church of **Amazy** (visit recommended!): turn left, via the C1, direction Saligny. Shortly thereafter: turn left again.
*First side road: turn right (a little further on it turns into a wide path, through the fields).
Just before the D6: turn right, via a smaller path, along the edge of a forest (left). Continue through the forest, first ascending, then descending.*
24.5 **Cervenon**. At the first houses: turn right, via the C1 to Thurigny, first ascending then descending.
In Thurigny: connection to Km 24.7 of the mainroute.



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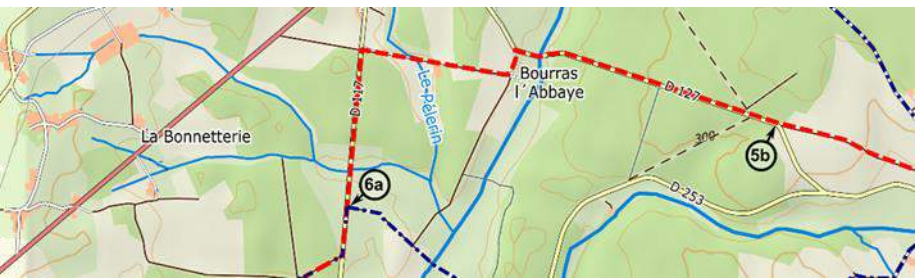
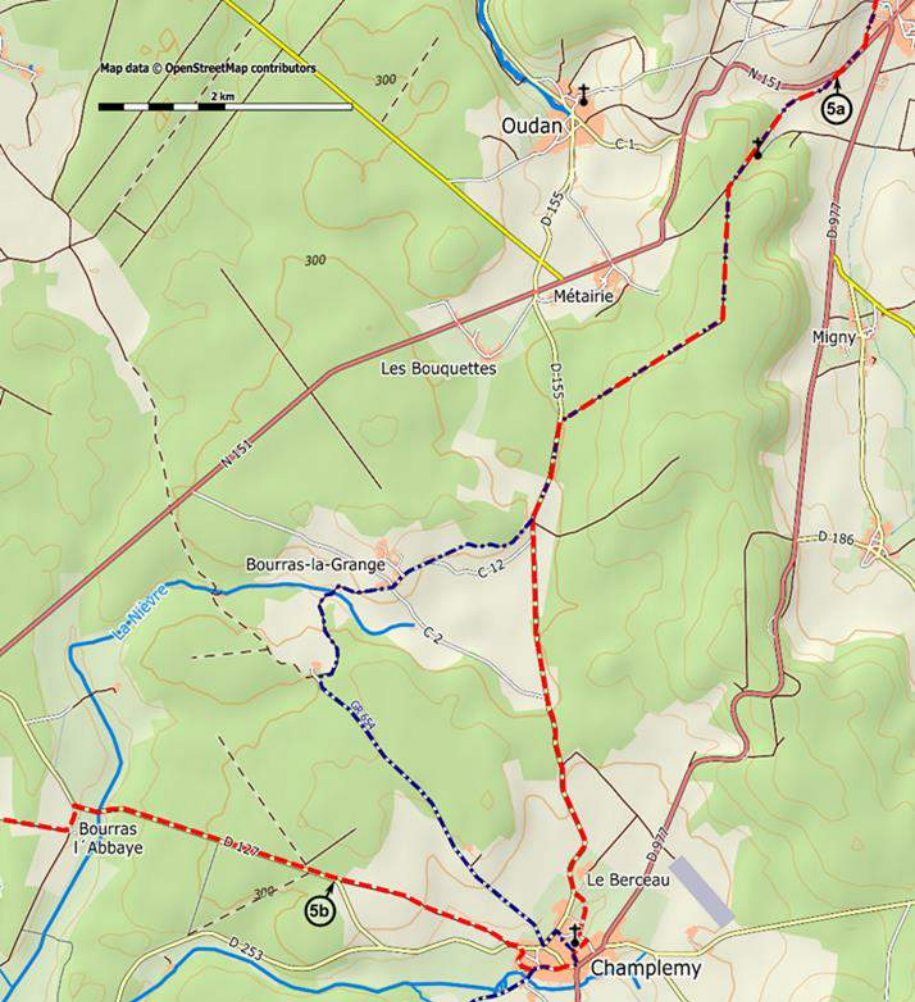
- 24.1 Along a road cross. **[4a]**
- 24.7 **Thurigny**, end of the road on the D6: turn left and immediately afterwards, at the corner of the lavoir: turn right. (The GR 654 reconnects.)
- 24.8 End of the road on asphalt road (= again the D6, direction Cuncy): turn right.
- 24.9 Bridge over the Beuvron.
Thereafter: turn right, via an unpaved road, ascending.
- 25.0 At power pylon: cross an asphalt road and continue, ascending sharply (sometimes through nettles). *Alternative: turn right, via the asphalt road, which makes a large loop to the left.*
- 25.1 End of path on a road (= *the mentioned alternative*): continue, always straight ahead, through fields, woods, and fields.
Half paved turns into unpaved.
- 26.4 Cross a parcel of forest: always straight ahead, through fields.
- 27.5 Ignore an unpaved road (left). Continue, straight ahead, descending.
- 27.8 End of unpaved road on asphalt road (= again the D6): turn right, to Cuncy. (*The GR654 loops before the village and reconnects at the church.*)
- 29.0 **Cuncy-lès-Varzy**: church, continue via the D6, direction Varzy.
- 30.0 Before a bend to the right: turn left and immediately right, via an unpaved road, at first parallel to the D6, ascending.
- 31.0 End of road on asphalt road (= D102) **[4b]**: turn left
- 31.6 Second unpaved side road: turn right, ascending, left around the hill (= Mont Charlay).
- 32.5 Ignore a side road (left) and continue, keeping to the right.
- 32.6 Crossing: turn left, follow the ridge (parallel to the N151, below).
- 33.0 First side path: turn right (leave the GR), descending, towards an agricultural school.
- 33.2 First side path: turn left (small grass road), past the fence of the school and then past the school.
- 34.3 Continue via a gravel road.
- 34.1 End of gravel road on busy asphalt road (= N151; *attention*): turn left, via a footpath through the roadside (*After 20m, at the right, is the road to the campsite*).
- 34.7 Crossing: turn right, via a beautiful avenue with linden trees (along the Boulevard d'Auxerre), descending.
- 35.1 Crossing ('Stop'): turn left (Rue du 8 mai 1945).
- 35.3 **Varzy**: church. Continue via Rue Saint-Pierre and Rue du Chapitre. (The GR654 reconnects.)
- 35.6 First side road: turn right, pass under the railway bridge (Chemin des Lilas). Thereafter: turn left, ascending.

- 35.9 End of the road: continue straight ahead, via a gravel road that turns into a grassy road.
- 36.3 End of road on busy asphalt road (= N151; *attention!*): Turn right, ascending.
- 36.6 First side road (sign 'Centre de stockage'): turn left diagonally [5a], descending.



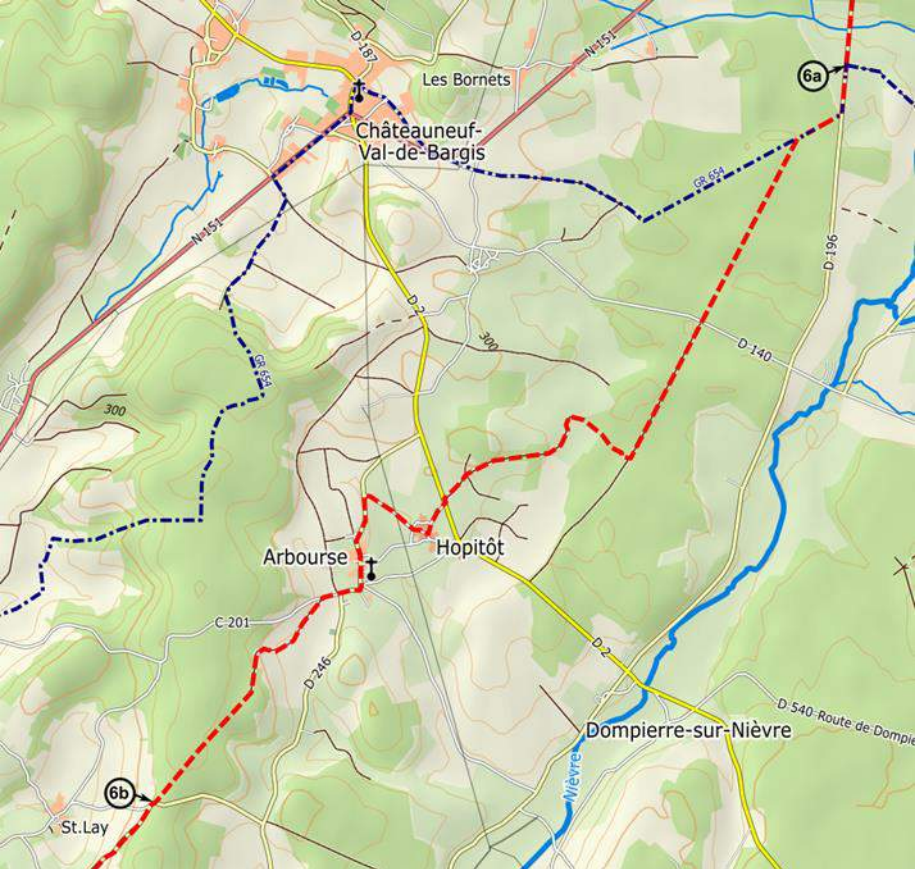
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- 36.6 Side road towards 'Centre de stockage' (= waste station) [5a].
- 37.0 Waste station (left) and end of asphalt: continue via the unpaved road.
- 37.5 Turn left. After 100m: Saint-Lazare chapel. Continue straight ahead.
- 37.9 End of path: left, via a large lane (= Route des Ronceaux).
- 40.5 End of large lane on asphalt road (= D155): turn left.
- 41.0 Leave the GR654 and continue via the D155, to Champlemy.
- 41.5 Turnoff: continue via the D155.
- 44.4 Le Berceau: turn left, and then immediately right.
Continue towards the church.
- 44.8 End of road: turn left.
- 44.9 At the church: turn right, up two steps and continue via the grassy road.
- 45.1 **Champlemy**: church. Continue via the small road opposite. (The GR connects again.)
- 45.2 End of road: turn right (D127) towards La Vènerie.
- 45.3 Fork: keep left (= C9 Rue de la Poste), direction Poste.
- 45.5 Second side road: turn right (Rue de la Grande Fontaine; leave the GR654).
End of the road: turn left.
- 45.6 End of road on asphalt road (= D127): turn left.
- 45.9 Diagonally to the right, via an unpaved road, through fields.
- 47.4 Back on the D127: straight ahead. [5b]
- 49.6 Turn left to the former abbey (Abbaye) of **Bourras**.
- 49.9 First side road: turn right (*private road, allowed for pilgrims*).
- 50.7 Bridge over the stream Le Pèlerin (= pilgrim).
- 51.1 End of road on asphalt road (= D117): turn left.
- 52.4 Turnoff to La Rolande [6a]: continue straight ahead.



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- 52.4 Turnoff to La Rolande [6a]: continue straight ahead.
- 52.8 First side road to the right: enter the forest.
- 53.0 Barrier: continue.
- 53.2 Crossing of six roads (Rond-Point des Pieds Nus): take the 2nd large lane on the left (Allée de la grande ligne) and leave the GR.
- 54.1 Crossing of six roads (Rond-Point du Pont): straight ahead.
- 54.8 Cross an asphalt road (= D140) and continue via a lane through the forest.
- 55.8 Crossing: continue straight ahead via a small grass road.
- 56.0 End of the lane: turn right, under trees.
- 56.4 In a bend to the left: continue more or less parallel to the edge of the forest.
- 56.6 The road turns to the right and leaves the forest: continue straight through the fields. At a crossing, the road turns left, into a small forest.
- 57.8 End of road on asphalt road (= D2): turn left and then immediately right, to l'Hôpitalot.
- 58.0 Turn right. After 70m at a crossing: straight ahead.
- 58.6 End of road on asphalt road (= D246): turn left, to:
- 59.0 **Arbourse**, continue via the D246, crossing the village.
- 59.7 At the end, at a turnoff around a well: straight ahead, via the C201, direction Chasnay.
- 59.8 First side road (unpaved): turn diagonally left, past a waste station. Continue straight ahead, first through fields, then through forest, ascending.
- 61.2 Crossing: continue straight ahead, descending shortly thereafter.
- 61.8 Cross a road and continue via a path. (*Attention! Around a hole.*)
- 62.0 End of path on a larger road: turn left towards the road.
- 62.1 End of road on asphalt road [6b]: turn right, then immediately keep to the left (*so do not descend steeply towards Saint-Lay*).
- Descend gradually, in between vineyards.
- 62.8 Cross a road and continue, through the forest.
- 63.3 End of road on asphalt road (= D196): turn left. Continue straight ahead.
- 63.5 **Mauvrain**. [7a]



- 63.5 Cross **Mauvrain [7a]**. Continue via the D196, direction Murlin.
- 64.8 End of the D196 on the D38: turn right, direction La Charité.
- 64.9 First side road (*after sawmill, at sign 'Mairie'*): turn left.
- 65.1 Place de la Mairie (*left: church, town hall*).
- Thereafter: straight ahead, direction Raveau.
- Continue straight ahead, through the forest.
- 67.2 Etang (= pond) of Candie (*left*): continue, through the forest.
- 67.9 End of asphalt: continue via the gravel road.
- 68.5 Cross an asphalt road (= Route de la Réserve) and continue via the gravel road, descending.
- 68.9 Cross a large forest lane and continue.
- 70.0 Cross a forest road (= Route du Bois de Berlière **[7b]**): and continue.
<< Here begins a slightly longer variant to Raveau, passing several options for accommodation. See box >>
- 70.4 Cross a forest road (= Sommière du Pré Bourreau) and continue.
- 70.9 Cross a larger forest road (= Route de Dourdon) and continue.
- 72.3 Cross an asphalt road diagonally (near a forester house) and continue via an asphalt road, direction Raveau.
- 74.0 End of road on asphalt road (= D138): turn left, towards the church.
- 74.1 End of the D138 on the D179.
Raveau: church. Turn right, direction La Charité. (The GR 654 reconnects.)
- 74.4 Crossing: turn left (C4) and immediately right, via a small road past the cemetery.
- 74.7 End of asphalt: continue straight ahead, via a small grass road.
- 75.7 Cross a road and continue straight on.
- 76.9 Slope N7: turn left, along the bottom of the slope.
- 77.3 End of road on asphalt road (= D245): turn right, pass under the N7.
- 77.9 Ignore the turnoff left **[8]**: straight ahead.

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- 70.0 At the crossing **[7b]** turn left (= Route du Bois de Berlière).
- 70.6 Cross another forest road (= Route de la Bertherie) and continue.
- 71.7 End of the road: turn right, via the GR 654.
- 72.2 La Vache 'Bois-Dieu' (1.7 km).
- 72.9 Cross an asphalt road (= D138). Continue via the GR.
- 73.5 End of road on asphalt road: turn right.
- 74.1 End of road on asphalt road (= D138): turn left, towards the church.
- 74.3 Raveau, connection to the main route at Km 74.1



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77.9 Ignore turnoff left [8]: straight ahead.

78.6 Cross another road and continue, to La Charité, (Rue Francis Bar).

79.0 Crossing: continue to the right, via Rue Francis Bar.

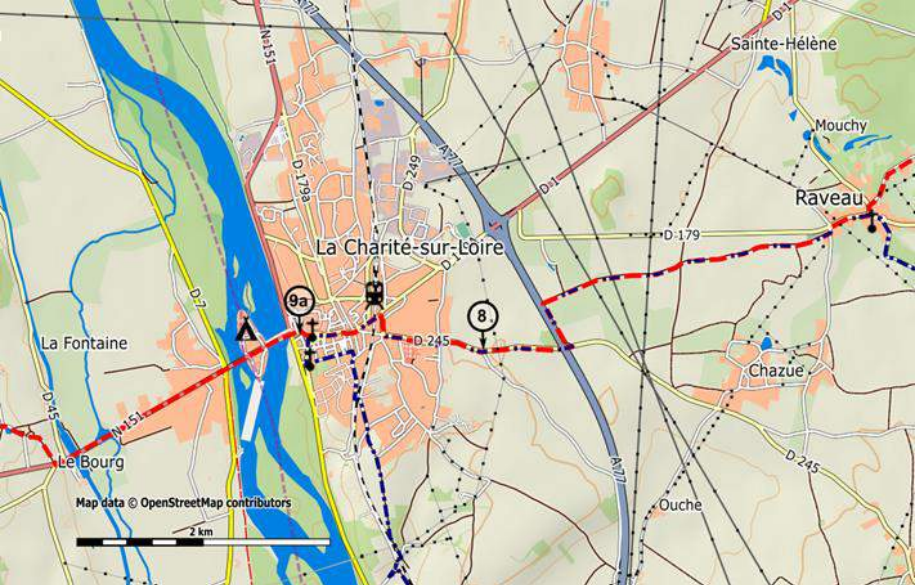
79.2 In the bend to the right: turn left, via the pedestrian tunnel under the railway.

79.3 End of path: straight ahead (Avenue Gambetta). Continue straight ahead, descending (Avenue Gambetta, Rue Camille Barrère, Grande Rue). (On the way: leave the GR654).

80.0 Crossing of five roads [9a]: first side road to the right.

La Charité-sur-Loire: Notre Dame church.

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1.2 La Charité-sur-Loire > Bourges: 62,0 km

Km 0.0 La Charité-sur-Loire: Notre Dame church [9a]. Turn left through the gate and straight ahead via the Rue du Pont. Continue straight ahead, crossing the Loire (path on the side of the bridge), the island with the suburb, and the 2nd bridge (= N151).

>>> (*border of the departments of Nièvre and Cher*).

0.6 End of bridge: cross the D7 / D45E and continue, via a footpath along the N151 (left).

2.0 Bridge over a canal (= Canal Latéral á la Loire): continue via the N151 (left bank, *pay attention!*), ascending.

2.4 (After a forest): turn right, direction La Domaine de la Chapelle.

2.8 In a bend to the right (a reservoir on the left): straight ahead, via a small unpaved road between trees.

3.9 End of road on asphalt road: turn left (Route de Jarjay = D198).

4.5 **l'Etang**. End of the D198 on the main road (= N151).

Just before: turn right, via a small road, between houses, then through woods, then through fields.

6.6 End of road (last part: asphalt) [9b]: straight ahead, to **La Tuilerie**.

7.0 La Tuilerie: straight ahead.

7.5 Crossing: turn left (direction Sancergues).

8.6 End of road on main road (= N151): cross (*pay attention!*) and turn right, via a footpath.

Cross **Saint-Germain-des-Champs** and continue.

9.4 Bridge over the Vauvise: enter Sancergues via the Grande Rue.

9.6 **Sancergues**: church. Continue via the N151.

9.9 Turn left, via the D6, direction Garigny.

10.2 First side road: turn right.

10.3 Second side road: turn left (Rue de Tannois), past the college.

10.5 End of asphalt: continue via the small unpaved road, through fields.

11.2 Junction: turn diagonally to the right (= direction a water tower).

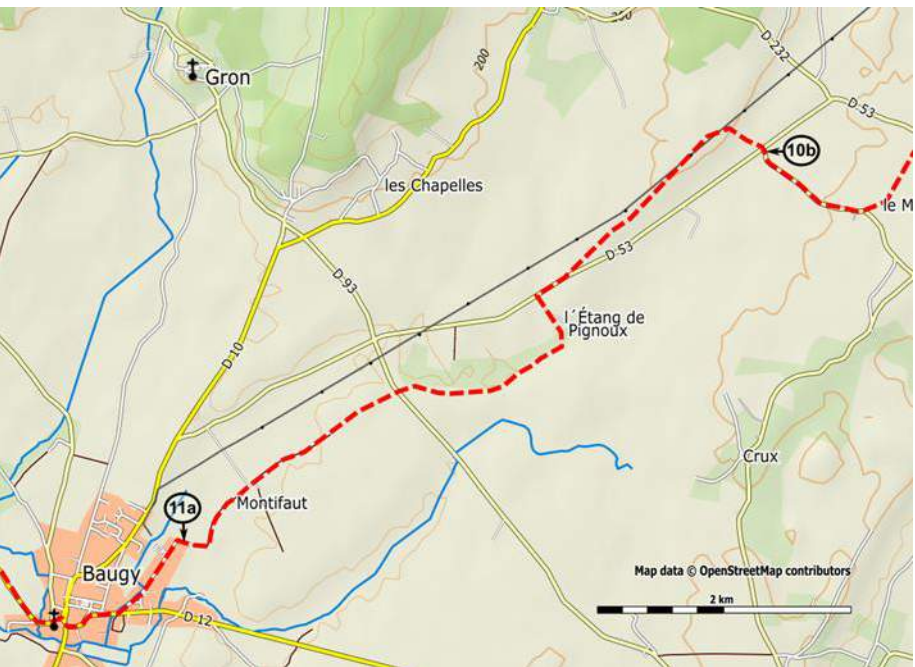
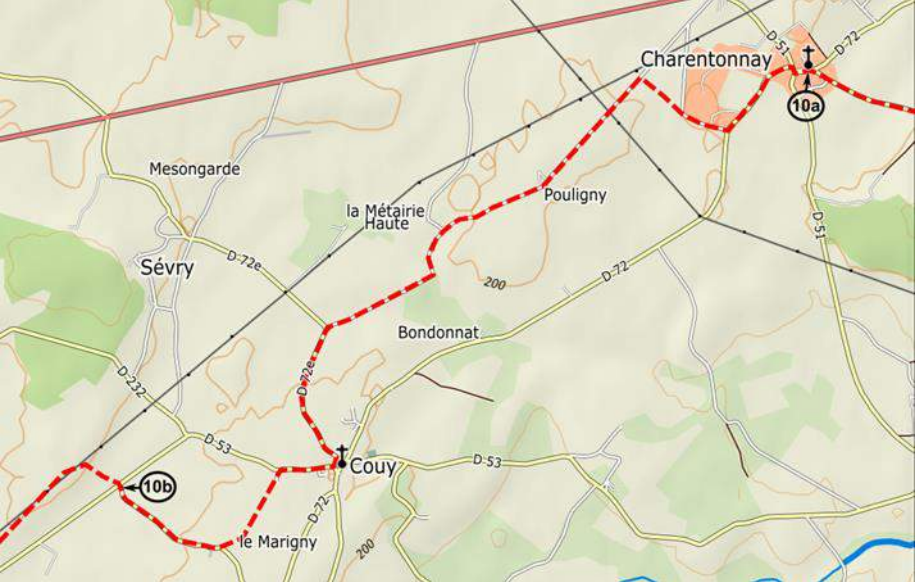
11.4 Junction: follow the small road that turns to the left.

12.0 Les Petites Maisons: end of road on asphalt road (= D25): turn right.

13.2 **Charentonnay**: church [10a].



- 13.2 **Charentonnay**: church [10a] continue.
- 13.8 End of the road near wayside cross and Mairie: turn right, via the D51.
After 20m: turn left, via the D72, direction Couy.
- 14.7 Turn right (sign '3 Brioux').
- 15.0 End of asphalt: continue straight ahead, via a small, unpaved road.
- 15.5 End of road on asphalt road: turn left.
- 17.9 Bridge over stream: continue.
- 18.9 End of road on asphalt road (= D72 E; wayside cross): turn left, towards Couy.
- 20.0 **Couy**: church. Turn right and then right again, via the D53, direction Baugy.
- 20.6 Turn left, towards a road cross.
End of asphalt: straight ahead, via a small grassy road, to the right past a house.
- 21.4 **Le Marigny**. End of road on asphalt: turn right.
- 22.4 Cross an asphalt road (= D53) [10b] and continue via a small grass road, ascending.
- 22.7 End of road: turn left. Follow the ridge through fields.
- 23.9 Cross another road and continue.
- 24.5 End of road on asphalt road (= again the D53): turn right.
- 24.8 First side road: turn left, direction l'Etang de Pignoux.
- 25.0 **l'Etang de Pignoux**. Before the farm: leave the asphalt and continue straight ahead via a small, unpaved road.
After 50m, after a bridge: turn right. Continue straight ahead, between fences and hedges.
- 26.7 Cross an asphalt road (= D93) and continue.
- 28.1 **Montifault** farm: continue straight ahead.
- 28.9 Arrival on asphalt [11a] (near factory): follow the road.



28.9 Asphalt along factory [**11a**]: follow the road (= Chemin de Montifault).

29.7 End of road on asphalt road (= D12): turn right diagonally.

30.1 End of D12 on D10 (near City Hall): turn right.

Baugy.

30.2 Turn left, again via the D12.

Follow this to Villabon (*attention: busy road*).

35.0 **Villabon**: church [**11b**].

Continue via the D12, direction Bourges.

35.4 Croix Saint-Abdon (sign): turn right diagonally (= Rue de Brécy, thereafter unpaved), towards the forest.

36.1 Forest entrance (= Forêt communale de Villabon): continue.

37.0 End of road at the end of the forest: turn left.

37.4 End of road on asphalt road (= D12): turn right.

38.6 Crossing: turn right, via the D157, direction Brécy.

39.6 Cross the N151 and continue, via the D152 to Brécy (*watch the traffic*).

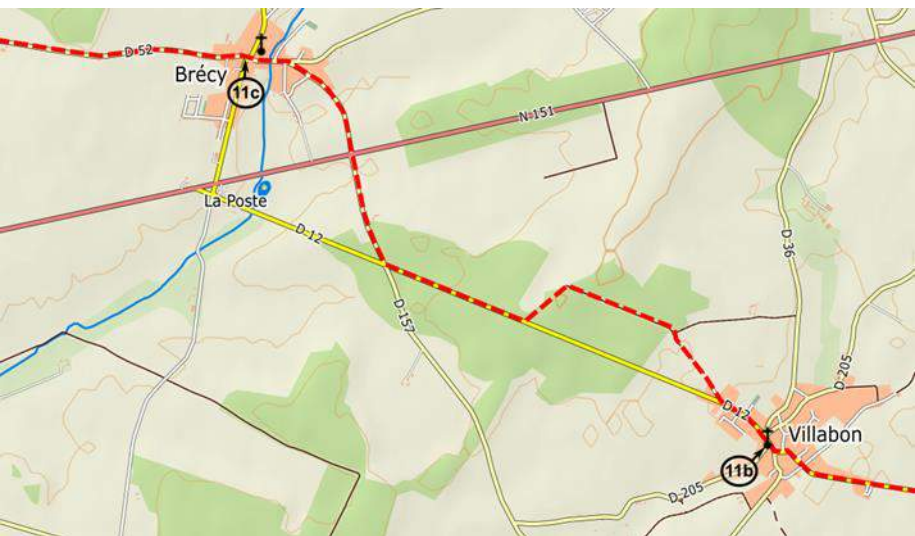
40.8 **Brécy**: church.

40.9 Cross the D12 [**11c**] and continue, via the D52 to Sainte-Solange.

46.6 **Sainte-Solange**.

Crossing near the church: turn diagonally left, via the D46, direction Vignoux.

46.7 At junction [**12a**]: keep right, via the D155, direction Saint-Germain-du-Puy.



- 46.7 D155 [12a] direction **Saint-Germain-du-Puy**.
- 48.6 In a slight bend: turn diagonally to the right. After 20m: turn right, via a small grass road, descending towards trees, through fields.
- 48.9 Pass a stream (*ford or bridge*).
- 49.0 Junction: keep to the right (little used road).
- 49.4 End of road: turn right, via a small, grass road, ascending, through fields.
- 49.9 End of road: turn left (*old Roman road*).
- 50.4 Cross an asphalt road and continue (*left: the Saint-Etienne cathedral on the horizon*).
- 51.5 Pass under a high-voltage line: continue straight ahead.
- 53.2 Cross an asphalt road (= D955) [12b] (*watch out!*) and continue via a small road (opposite, slightly to the left) in the same direction.
- 53.5 Wooden bridge over stream: continue straight ahead, again via the old Roman road.
- 54.0 *View of Bourges and the cathedral.*
- 54.4 Half paved road turns into asphalt: continue.
- 54.8 Cross an asphalt road (= D151; *pay attention!*) and continue, via a small unpaved road.
- 55.0 Turn right, via a half-paved road along the ring road (= D400).
- 55.9 End of road on asphalt road (= D33): turn left, over the ring road.
Thereafter: turn left, again along the D400.
- 56.8 Turn right. (*This is the old Roman road again.*)
- 57.7 At the first houses: from here asphalt (= Rue de Turly).
Continue straight ahead.
- 60.1 End of road at roundabout: continue (almost) straight ahead (Avenue Arnaud de Vogüé), descending.
- 60.4 End of road on major road (= N151).
Cross and continue via the footbridge over the railway tracks. [13]

0.0 For the Monastery of l'Annonciade (†): continue, on the north side of the railroad. At a large crossing: continue (Rue du Général Challe). At the station: turn left, via the footbridge over the railway tracks. Turn right, via the roundabout, towards Vierzon, along the railroad (right).

1.7 Cross the D2076 and continue, direction Berry-Bouy (= D60).

2.5 Railroad crossing: turn right diagonally, across the tracks (= Avenue Henri Debord = D104).

3.5 Roundabout: continue (Route de Vouzeron = D104).

3.9 Roundabout (with futuristic water tower): the monastery (left).

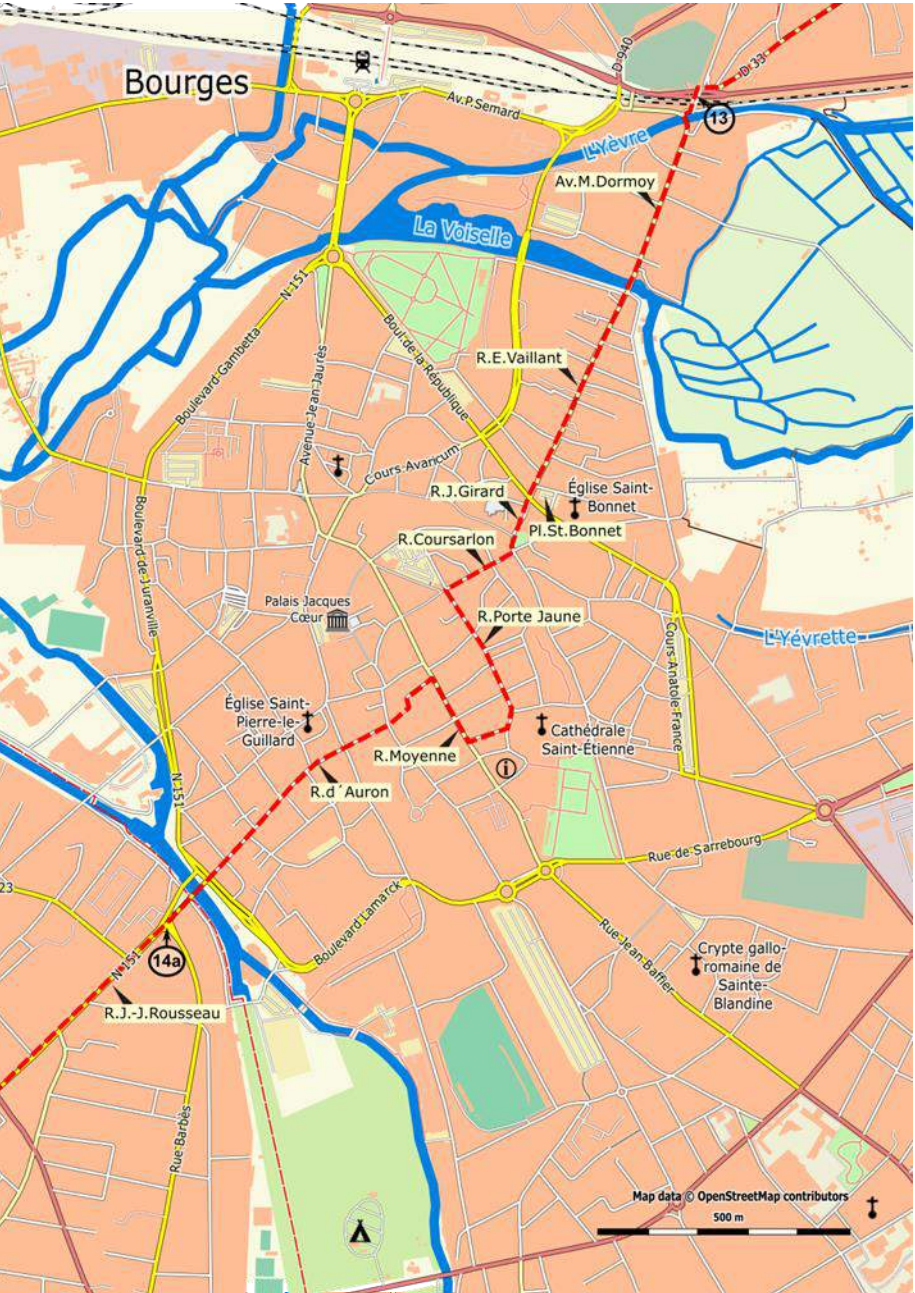


- 60.4 Foot bridge crossing the railway tracks. [13]
- 60.6 After the bridge: continue straight ahead via Avenue Marx Dormoy.
- 60.9 Bridge over the Voiselle: continue straight (= Rue Edouard Vaillant).
- 61.3 Cross a large road (Boulevard de la République / Boulevard Clemenceau) (*Left: the Saint-Bonnet church, with a statue of Saint James*) and continue, via Rue Jean Girard.
- 61.4 Place Gordaine (*end of old Roman road*).
Thereafter: turn right (Rue Coursarlon, pedestrian zone).
- 61.6 At the end: turn left (Rue Porte Jaune), towards the cathedral.
- 62.0 **Bourges**: Saint-Etienne cathedral (facade).

1.3 Bourges > Gargilesse: 125,5 km

- Km 0.0 Bourges, central portal of the cathedral: take the street opposite, diagonally to the left (Rue du Guichet).
- 0.1 End of the street: turn right (Rue Moyenne).
- 0.3 Opposite the post office: turn left (Cour des Jacobins, thereafter: covered shopping gallery with two stairs).
- 0.5 After the 2nd staircase: cross a street and continue (Rue d'Auron), always straight on, descending.
- 0.9 Cross a boulevard and continue, via the bridge over the Auron, again straight ahead.
- 1.1 Again straight ahead (Rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau). [14a]

Bourges



La Voiselle

L'Yèvre

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Boulevard Gambetta

Boulevard de la République

Boulevard de la Juranville

Boulevard Lamarck

Rue Barbès

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Cours Anatole France

Rue de Sarrebourg

Rue Jean Barlier

Église Saint-Bonnet

Pl. St. Bonnet

Cathédrale Saint-Étienne

Église Saint-Pierre-le-Guillard

Crypte gallo-romaine de Sainte-Blandine

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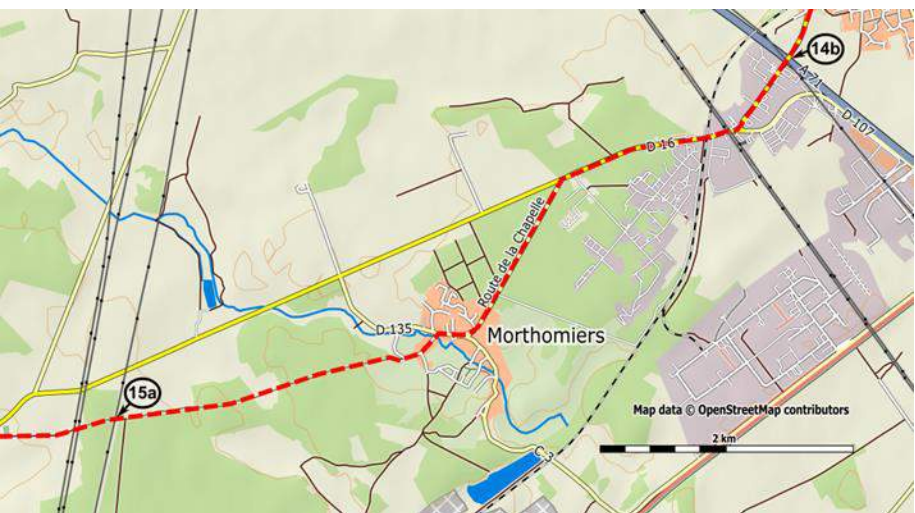
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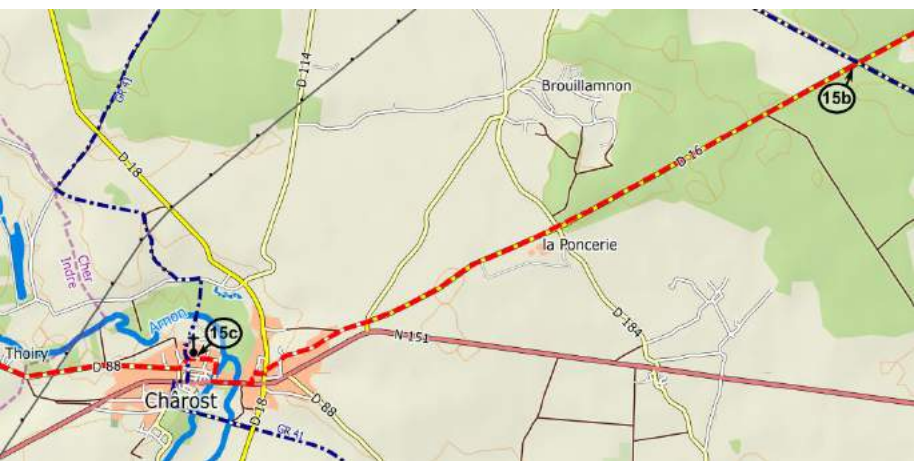
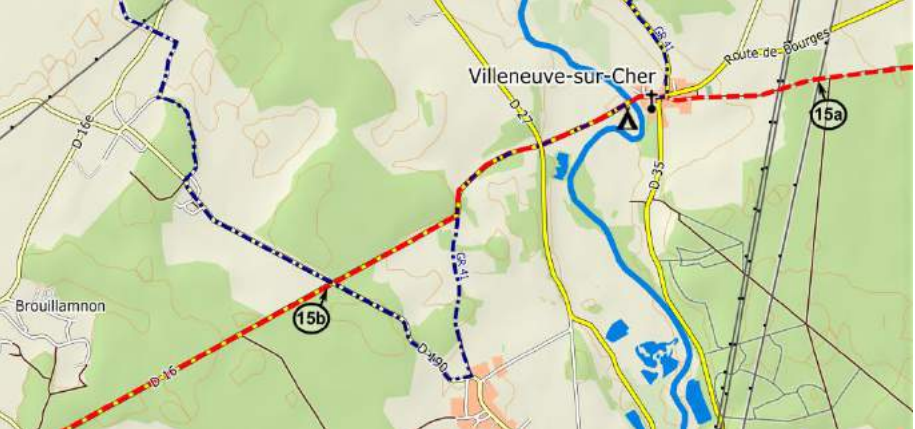
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- 1.1 Again straight ahead (Rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau). **[14a]**
- 1.6 Cross the Boulevard de l'Avenir and continue (Avenue Marcel Haegelen), ascending.
- 2.6 At the entrance of the cemetery: continue, keeping diagonally to the right (Chemin de Villeneuve).
- 5.1 'Dead-end road' sign: continue straight on (Chemin de Villeneuve). You are leaving Bourges.
- 5.8 Bridge over the ring road. Thereafter: continue straight ahead, via a gravel road, towards the church tower of La Chapelle-Saint-Ursin.
- 6.0 Marking 'green meridian' (*'la méridienne verte'*).
- 6.6 Sign 'Stop': turn right (Rue du Picot).
- 7.2 End of the road: turn left (Rue des Vignes).
- 7.4 Crossing (traffic lights): turn right (Rue Parmentier).
After 50m: continue diagonally left, towards the church.
- 7.6 **La Chapelle-Saint-Ursin**: Opposite the church: continue, via the D16, towards Morthomiers.
- 9.0 Bridge: cross the A71 **[14b]**. Continue straight ahead (= Avenue Louis Billant), through an industrial area.
- 9.7 Crossing. Just before: diagonally to the right, cutting off a corner.
Keep following the D16.
- 9.9 Railway crossing: continue straight ahead,
- 11.2 Turnoff: turn left, via the D135, to Morthomiers.
- 12.6 **Morthomiers**. Roundabout: straight ahead, descending.
- 12.7 Mini roundabout (at the monument for the fallen soldiers): turn right (= still the D135).
- 12.9 Junction: turn left (Rue du Bourg).
- 13.1 Junction: straight ahead.
- 13.3 Asphalt turns into unpaved: continue, towards the forest. Then continue straight ahead, through the forest, through fields, again through forest, along a forest edge, again through forest.
- 15.2 Pass under high-voltage lines **[15a]**. Again straight ahead.



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- 15.2 Pass under high-voltage lines [15a] and thereafter once more.
Continue straight ahead, through fields, towards the church tower of Villeneuve.
- 15.8 Cemetery: unpaved turns into asphalt.
Continue straight ahead (Chemin du Montet).
- 16.1 End of road on asphalt road (= D16).
Villeneuve-sur-Cher: church (at 50m).
Turn left, then straight on (= D16), direction Chârost.
- 16.3 Bridge over the Cher (*attention: can be busy*).
Then continue straight ahead, via the D16.
- 19.5 Junction with the D190: continue straight ahead, via the D16. [15b]
- 24.1 Crossing (the D16E comes from the right, the D16 goes to the left):
continue, always straight ahead, to Chârost.
- 24.9 Junction (after a new residential area): keep to the right (= Rue de Castelneau), descending again.
- 25.1 End of road on asphalt road (= D18): turn left and immediately right (Chemin des Grulérons).
End of the road: turn left, via a gravel road and a path between houses.
- 25.3 End of path on busy asphalt road (= N151): turn right.
- 25.6 Second bridge over (a narrow branch of) the Arnon.
Just before: turn right (= Rue du Moulin), direction Maison Nathan.
- 25.8 Cross the Rue des Écoles / Rue du Gué Saint Michel and continue (Rue de l'Abbé Trouzier).
- 26.0 **Chârost**: church [15c].
From the church: cross the Place de la Mairie diagonally and turn right, via the Rue Bethune Chârost (= D88). Follow the D88 and the D2 to Saint-Georges-sur-Arnon.
- >>> (*border of the departments of Cher and Indre*).
- 28.3 **Saint-Georges-sur-Arnon**: church.
- 28.4 The D9a comes from the left: continue straight ahead, via the D2.
- 28.7 Junction: keep left, via the D34, direction Sainte-Lizaigne, slightly descending.
- 29.0 In the 'valley': turn left, via a small, unpaved road, through fields.
- 31.2 End of road: turn left. [16a]



31.2 End of road: turn left **[16a]**, via a bridge over the former railway line.

31.4 Turn right, via a small road through fields.

Continue straight towards a small forest, in the distance.

33.1 At the small forest: continue straight ahead, along the forest.

33.3 Crossing: turn left, via a small grass road, along the forest.

Pass between the houses of **Le Petit Chenevière**. (*Watch the dogs*).

33.8 Cross a small road and continue via the grassy road, through fields.

34.9 End of grass road: turn left.

35.1 Cross a large asphalt road (= N151; *attention!*) and continue, via a small asphalt road, to Pied Girard.

35.4 **Pied-Girard** (*farm*), end of asphalt: continue, via a small gravel road, ascending.

35.5 Follow the small road to the right. (⚡)

36.3 Crossing: turn left (*for variant via shopping center: see the box below*).

37.0 End of road on asphalt road: turn right.

38.1 Cross a busy asphalt road (= N151, roundabout) and continue (= Rue Georges Brassens, between the 'Centre commercial' (right) and the 'Formapole Pepsi' (left).

(*Start of the marking on the ground, with bronze shells, until point Km 39.8*).

38.5 Roundabout: continue straight ahead, along a wall.

38.8 End of the road on the square (= Place de la Chaume) **[16b]**: turn right and immediately left (Rue Saint-Lazare).

38.9 First side road: turn left (Place de la Croix-de-Pierre or Place de la Libération). End of the square: turn right (Rue de la République).

39.1 **Issoudun**: church of Saint-Cyr.

Continue straight ahead, passing under a city gate. Again straight ahead, via Place de la Poste and Rue Pierre Semard, descending.

Crossing: turn left diagonally (Rue du Puits-y-Tasse), descending.

At the roundabout (*tower and gate of Saint-Jacques*): straight ahead, via the Rue des Ponts.

39.4 Cross two bridges over the Théols. **[17a]**

36.3 Variant (*via shopping center*)

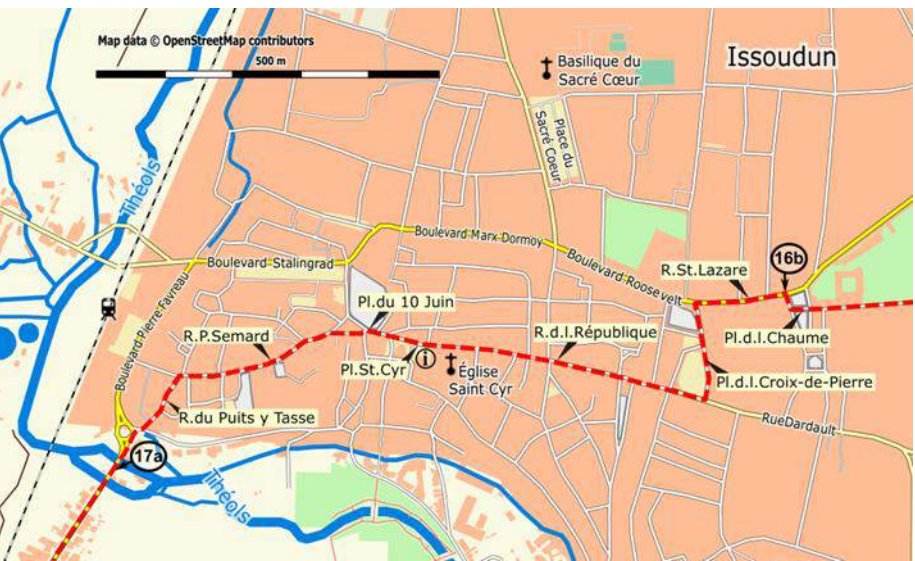
Continue straight ahead, to the center. End of road at wasteland: cross it (a few meters).

Shopping center 'De Coinchette' [Bakery-Pastry shop-Snack bar and seating area 'l'Atelier de Miche', Intersport, etc.].


Continue (Rue des Coinchette). End of the road on a busy ring road (= N151, near Intersport).

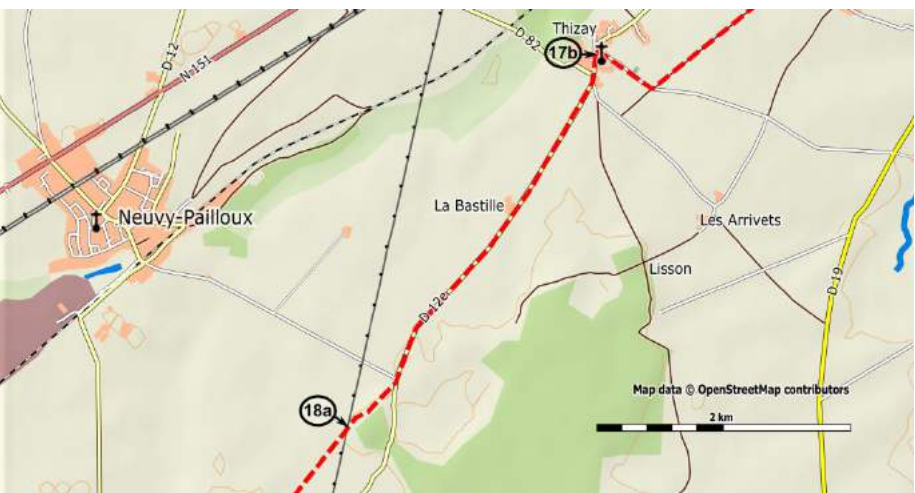
Cross it and turn left via the sidewalk to the roundabout of km 38.1.

Turn right, via the Rue Georges Brassens.



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- 39.4 Cross bridges over the Théols [17a] and continue straight ahead, via Rue des Alouettes.
- 39.8 At the roundabout: turn right (N151) and turn left (Rue de Chantejot, further on: Chemin de Jean Varenne), past a residential area and then - slightly swinging - along the railway line.
- 41.4 Follow the road turning left.
- 41.9 End of road on asphalt road (= D82): turn right.
- 43.6 Ignore the turnoff to La Sarrauderie (right). Continue straight ahead.
- 45.0 In a bend to the right: straight ahead, via a small, unpaved road.
- 46.0 Cross an asphalt road and continue.
- 47.9 Crossing with an asphalt road: turn right.
- 48.4 **Thizay**: church  (Place de l'église): turn left. [17b]
- 48.6 Crossing near the Mairie: straight ahead, via the Rue de la Forêt (= D12E, direction Sainte-Fauste).
- 51.7 At the turnoff to **Neuvy-Pailloux**: continue straight ahead.
After 15 m: turn diagonally to the right, via a small grass road between trees.
- 52.2 Pass under a high-voltage line (*wayside cross*). [18a]



- 52.2 Pass under a high-voltage line. **[18a]** Continue straight ahead.
- 53.6 **La Tripterie** (farm): first turn right around the farm, then turn left, via a small asphalt road (buildings on your right), continue straight ahead.
- 54.0 End of road on asphalt road (= D12): turn right.
Sainte-Fauste: church. Leave the village, straight ahead (= D12).
- 54.4 Bridge over stream.
- 54.6 In the bend to the right: turn left and immediately left again, towards La Bidauderie.
- 55.5 La Bidauderie (farm): straight ahead.
End of asphalt, straight ahead, descending.
- 55.8 Bridge and crossing: turn right, via a small road that turns left, rising.
Continue along the edge of the forest.
- 56.7 After the forest, at a fork: turn right, towards a house with a red roof, in the distance.
- 57.4 Crossing: turn right, again through fields.
- 57.8 End of road on large gravel road: turn right, along the edge of the forest.
- 58.5 Near a farm: gravel turns into asphalt, continue.
- 58.7 Follow the bend to the left.
After 150m, near a group of trees **[18b]**:
- 60.1 **Diors**. End of the road on busy asphalt road (= D925, *attention!*, near the *Notre Dame des Ailes chapel*): turn right, via the footpath on the left. (↗)
- 60.3 At the barrier: continue diagonally left via a gravel road.
- 60.6 End of gravel road near a residential area.
Continue straight ahead, via an asphalt road (Rue des Aubiers).
- 61.0 End of road on asphalt road: turn left (= Rue des Châtaigniers).
- 61.6 **Fourches**. Near the school and town hall: turn right (Rue des Ecoles).
- 61.8 Mini roundabout: continue straight ahead (= again Rue des Ecoles).
- 61.9 In the bend to the right: turn diagonally left via a new road (*future residential area*), thereafter unpaved.
- 62.2 At a junction, in the middle of fields: keep to the right.
- 63.2 Near a farm (Les Loges de Montvril): continue via a paved road that turns right.
- 63.4 End of road on busy asphalt road (= the D925): turn left (*attention!*),
Always straight ahead.
- 65.2 Roundabout: continue straight ahead, via a cycle path along the D925.
(*On both sides: former military camp*).
- 66.4 End of former military camp at roundabout. **[19a]**



66.4 End of former military camp, at roundabout **[19a]**.

Turn right, again past the former camp (Chemin de Beaumont).

66.6 End of former camp: straight ahead, cross the bridge.

66.9 Crossing: continue straight ahead, via a gravel road.

67.1 Cross a railroad (*attention!*).

Thereafter: turn left, via a small grass road, along the railroad.

67.2 After 100m: follow the small road to the right, through fields.

67.3 Junction, turn left.

67.8 Montboury farm. After the last building: continue straight ahead (*In the distance, the tower of the Déols abbey*).

End of the semi-paved road: turn right (= Rue de Beaumont).

68.3 Les Etollières: at the T-junction: turn right.

After 100m: continue through a bend to the left.

69.3 Roundabout: turn left, via the bridge over the D920 / N151 and continue, via the 2nd roundabout, towards Déols center (= Route d'Issoudun).

71.0 **Déols**: Saint-Etienne church (*right, at 100 m*).

Continue straight ahead, via the Route d'Issoudun.

71.4 Remains of the Notre-Dame de Déols Abbey.

End of Route d'Issoudun: turn left (= Avenue du Général de Gaulle), to Châteauroux.

71.8 Bridge over the Indre (*marking on the ground, with bronze shells; campsite to the right*): continue straight ahead (Avenue Marcel Lemoine).

72.7 Lyceum Jean Giraudoux (*right*) **[19b]**.

73.0 Roundabout and square / parking lots (= Place de la Fayette): straight ahead. At the end of the square / roundabout: turn left (Rue Saint-Luc).

73.4 **Chateauroux**: Saint-André church (Place Voltaire).

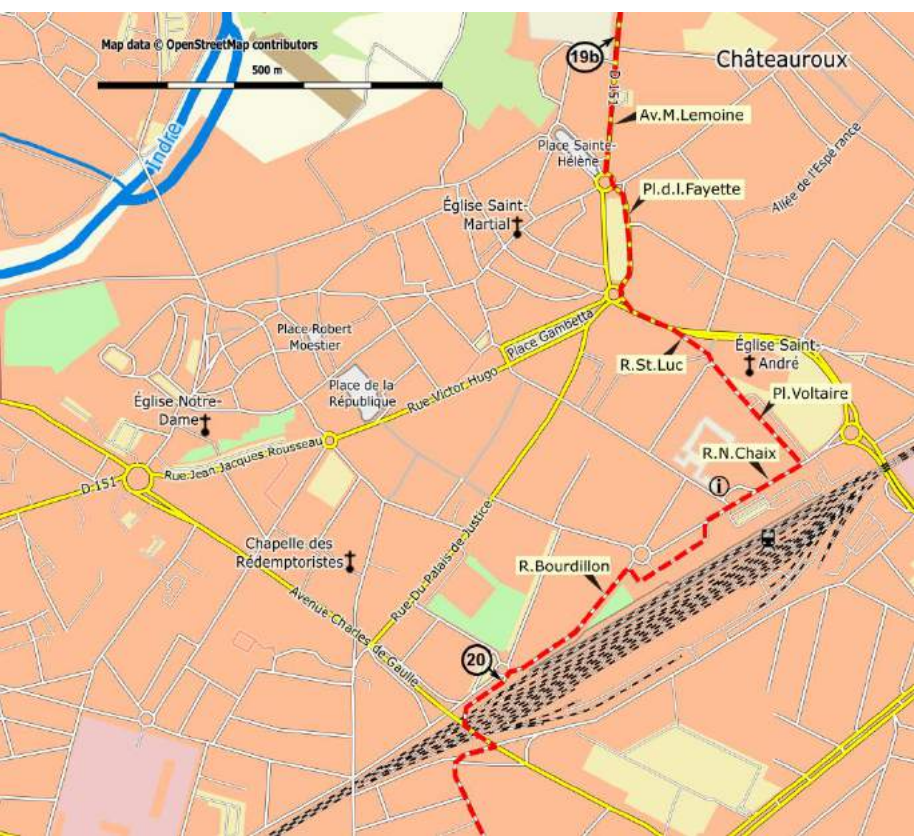
Continue to the right, past the church (= Place Voltaire).

At the end: turn right (= Rue Napoléon Chaix).

73.7 Train and bus station: continue straight ahead (Rue Bourdillon).

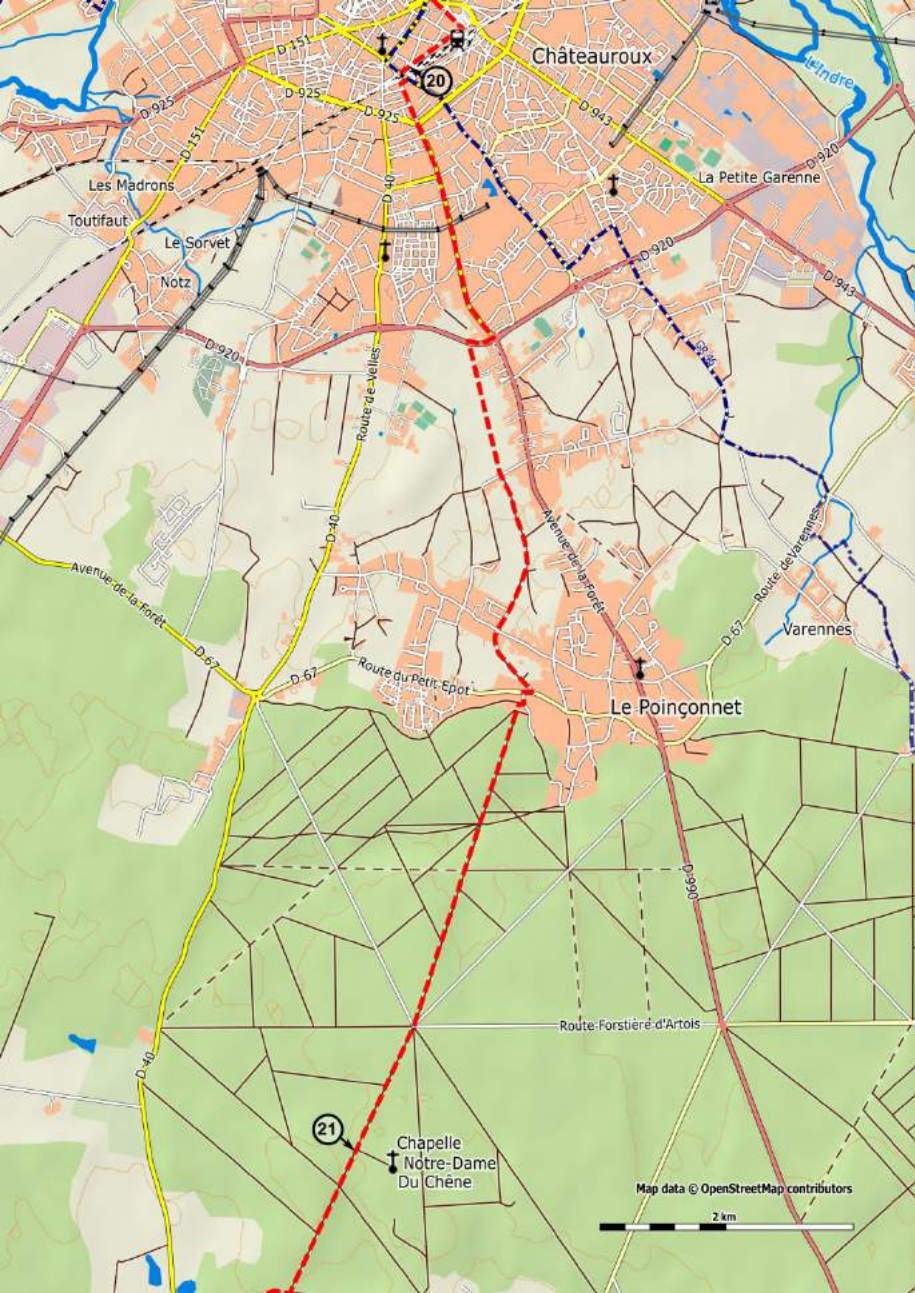
73.9 Roundabout: straight ahead (Rue Bourdillon).

74.2 Second roundabout **[20]**.



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- 74.2 Second roundabout [20]: turn diagonally left, ascending. End of the road: turn left, cross the railway (= Avenue Charles de Gaulle).
- 74.3 Before the end of the bridge: cross (*pedestrian crossing*) and turn right (Rue Pierre Gaultier), descending. After 50m: turn left (Avenue de Verdun; against the one-way traffic). Continue straight ahead.
- 76.4 End of Avenue de Verdun at the roundabout (just before, right: hotel Kyriad).
In fact, you have to continue across the road (to the right), but it is not safe to cross here. So, go left at the roundabout: via the cycle path, a pedestrian tunnel, then turn right and cross again (*pedestrian crossing*). Continue via the cycle path. After 250m, after billboards and a fence: turn left, via a small grass road.
- 76.6 Leave the ring road and take the grassy path to the left, along ditches and hedges (= CR15 from Châteauroux to Corbilly).
- 77.6 Cross an asphalt road and continue, via a small road between houses and then fields.
- 78.1 Cross a ditch (easy).
- 78.3 Junction (on the corner of a fence): keep to the right.
- 78.6 Arrive on asphalt, at the corner of a residential area: continue (Allée des Vignes).
- 78.8 Cross an asphalt road and continue (Allée des Chintes).
After 150 m: asphalt turns into grass road, continue.
- 79.3 Back on asphalt: continue.
- 79.4 End of road on asphalt road (Route du Petit Epot = D67): turn right, via bicycle path.
After 70m: turn left (Allée de la Barrière d'Arnault).
- 79.7 Ignore a side road on the right.
- 79.8 Turn right, via a grass road (barrier).
- 79.8 Opposite a forester's house (right, a bit further on): turn left, via the wide Allée de l'Epot, always straight ahead. (*Attention! For the sake of environmental protection there is no waymarking in this forest.*
[Note: "In recent years, a number of pilgrims have signaled that this forest, in particular near the Notre-Dame du Chêne chapel, is apparently a meeting place for homosexuals and transvestites. The slow-moving cars in the otherwise silent forest gave some pilgrims an uneasy feeling. There are, however, no reports of specific nuisance or inconvenience."])
- 82.5 Carrefour des Druides: continue straight ahead (= Route de Beauregard), direction Notre-Dame du Chêne.
- 83.6 At turnoff [21] to the **Notre Dame du Chêne** chapel (left, after 300m): continue straight ahead. (A)



Châteauroux

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Les Madrons

Toutifaut

Le Sorvet

Notz

Avenue de la forêt

Route de Vellies

Route du Petit Epot

Avenue des Forêts

Route des Varennes

Varennes

Le Poinçonnet

Route Forstière d'Artois

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Chapelle
Notre-Dame
Du Chêne

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2 km

83.6 Straight ahead [21].

83.9 'Carrefour du pèlerin' (= *crossing of the pilgrim*): continue straight ahead (sign on the left: '**Beauregard**').

84.9 Rotonde (= roundabout) du Pin: turn right, via a gravel road (Route du Chemin Noir).

86.0 End of gravel road on asphalt road (= D40; pond to the right): turn left (*watch the traffic*).

87.6 Bridge over the Bouzanne: continue.

87.8 At turnoff: turn left, direction Arthon (D14).

88.2 Turn right, via an unpaved road, direction Grand Pont.

88.3 **Grand Pont** farm (right): continue straight ahead.

88.9 Ignore the gravel road to the water tower (right): continue straight ahead.

89.1 At the next turnoff: turn right, via a small unpaved road.

89.5 Pass the metal gate and continue straight ahead.

90.5 Fence: continue the small road to the left (small lake on the right, large lake on the left).

90.7 Arrival on asphalt. Go straight on until the D21. Take this right.

91.0 Pass the pilgrimage hostel (refuge) of the Association.

91.2 **Velles**: church (Place de Verdun). Continue via the D40.

92.7 **Vauzelles**. Continue.

93.0 Turn left, via the C6, direction Les Loges.

93.7 Etang (= pond / lake) the Madagascar (left).

94.1 **Les Sapins** farm (left). 20m before that: turn right, via an unpaved road.

94.4 **Bellevue** farm (right): unpaved road turns into asphalt road, continue.

94.5 End of road on asphalt road: turn right (= Chaussée de César). Always straight ahead.

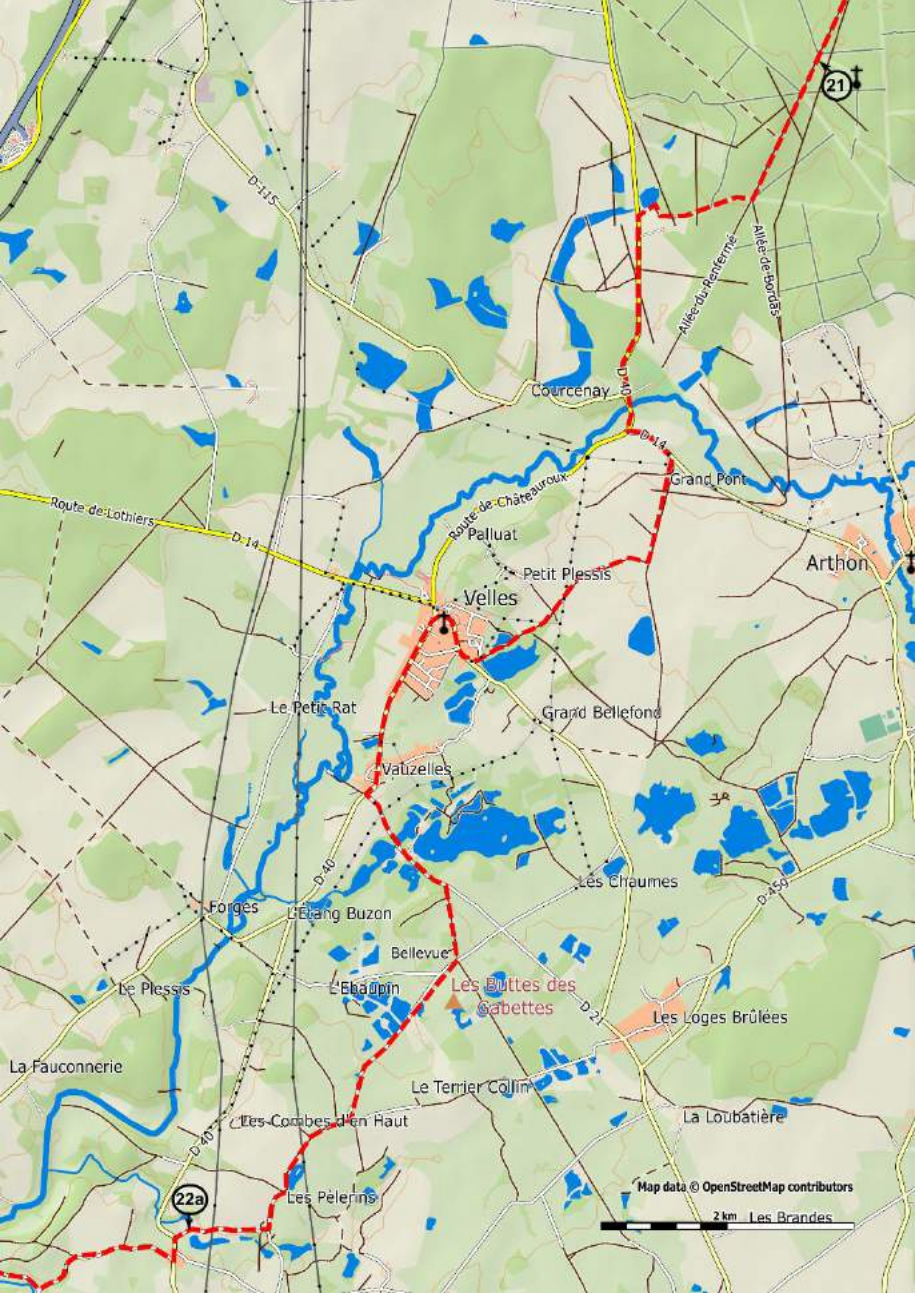
95.7 Asphalt turns into gravel: continue.

96.1 In a right-angle bend to the left: turn right, via a small unpaved road, always straight ahead.

96.7 End of road near house (**Les Pèlerins** = the pilgrims): turn right, via asphalt road.

96.9 Turnoff (incorrect sign: 'carrefour des pèlerins'): turn right, via a small asphalt road (ponds left).

97.5 Bridge. [22a]



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Route de Lothiers

D-115

D-14

Route de Châteauroux

Route de Palluat

Courcenay

Grand Pont

Arthon

Velles

Petit Plessis

Le Petit Rat

Grand Bellefond

Valizelles

Les Chaumes

Forges

L'Etang Buzon

Bellevue

Les Buttes des Gabettes

Les Loges Brûlées

Le Plessis

L'Ébaupin

30

D-459

La Fauconnerie

Le Terrier Collin

La Loubatière

Les Combes d'en Haut

22a

Les Pélerins

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2 km Les Brandes

97.5 Bridge [22a]: continue.

97.7 End of road on asphalt road (= D40): turn left, ascending.

Yvernaud. Continue.

97.9 First side road: turn right (Route de la Chaise, direction Vallée de la Bouzanne).

99.2 End of road: turn right.

99.6 Castle 'La Chaise Saint-Eloi' (*Museum of Saint-Eloi*): continue, ascending.

100.9 *In the distance, on the right, keep (XIIth century) of the castle of Mazières.*

101.9 Mazières Castle (right): continue.

103.0 End of the road on the D30: turn right, direction Tendu, along the wall of the castle of Les Sallerons (right).

103.7 First turnoff (at La Maison-Dieu; *right: keep and castle of Prunget XIIth century*): turn left, ascending.

103.8 Junction: turn left, ascending.

105.7 **Les Gabats [22b]**: continue, with a bend to the right (thereafter: once more), through forests and fields.

108.1 Cross a large asphalt road (= D137; *attention*) and continue diagonally to the left, via a small asphalt road (Impasse du Haut des Courattes).

108.4 End of asphalt: turn right, along the fence along the D927 (not visible).

108.9 End of road: turn left, again along the D927.

109.5 End of road on asphalt road: turn left, pass under the bridge of the D927 (sign "Saint-Marcel").

Always straight ahead (= Rue St-Jacques).

110.0 *Chapelle Saint-Marcel-Saint-André (also called: "Chapelle Jaune" = yellow chapel)*. Continue.

110.2 End of the road: turn left (= Rue de Lorette).

At a fork: turn right diagonally (= Rue du Carroir, direction museum).

110.5 **Saint-Marcel**: church.

Walk left around the church and descend to the right (Avenue Sadi Carnot; direction cemetery).

110.9 End of Avenue on large asphalt road (= D927E): turn left, continue descending.

111.1 Bridge over railroad: continue straight ahead (= D927E = Rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau, further on: Rue Gambetta).

112.3 Place de la République (right: the Pont Neuf over the Creuse): cross the square, towards the church and continue diagonally to the right (Rue Grande).

112.5 **Argenton-sur-Creuse**: church Saint-Sauveur [23].



- 112.5 **Argenton-sur-Creuse**: Saint-Sauveur church. [23]
- 112.6 End of the street (*right: old bridge over the Creuse*): turn left (Rue d'Orjon and further on: Rue Joseph Barbotin).
- 113.0 Champ de Foire (= market area): straight ahead, pass under the railway bridge, along the Creuse.
- 113.3 Crossing: turn right, via the D48 (= Rue Croix de l'Aumay), direction Gargillese.
- 113.9 Junction, diagonally left, (= Rue de Chemin Vert), direction Château du Courbat.
- 115.0 Chemin Vert sports fields (right): continue.
- 115.3 End of road on asphalt road: turn right (= Rue du Corbat), direction Château du **Courbat**.
- 115.8 At a bend to the right, before the Château (*town hall*): turn left (direction a hiking route = 'sentier' and shooting range = 'stand de tir').
- 116.1 End of asphalt: continue straight ahead.
After 50m, at the junction: turn right, towards the shooting range.
- 116.6 End of road on asphalt road: turn left, following the hiking route.
- 116.8 Turnoff: turn right, via an unpaved road, parallel to the hiking route (barrier) (*former railway*).
- 117.1 Municipal boundary (barrier and sign): cross an unpaved road and continue straight ahead, via the hiking route.
- 118.1 Arrival on asphalt: continue straight ahead (= Rue de la Gare).
- 118.4 Cross an asphalt road and continue (Avenue des Marronniers).
- 118.7 Crossing: continue straight ahead (Rue Basse), descending.
- 119.2 Side road (near brick wall, right): turn right, direction **Le Bourgoin**.
After 50m: turn left, via a half-paved road (Allée Saint-Antoine).
(*After 20m, left: source of Saint-Antoine*).
- 119.3 The road turns to the right, crosses a stream: continue, ascending, then follow the curve to the left.
- 119.6 At the corner of the fence: turn right, via a small grassy road (somewhat overgrown), descending.
- 119.8 End of road on asphalt road (= D48): turn left.
- 120.5 Turnoff, take diagonally to the right, via a small asphalt road (dead end), direction Barrage (= dam) de la Roche Bat l'Aigüe.
- 121.0 **Moulin du Loup**: continue.
- 121.3 Le Grand Moulin: continue.
- 121.8 **Le Moulin de la Dine Jacques** (⚡): continue.
- 122.1 Barrage de la Roche Bat l'Aigüe.
End of asphalt road: turn left, follow the fence, along the stream (sign 'cascade' = waterfall). (*Attention: tricky passage, like a mountain path*).
After 50m: take the stairs and then 'climb' between the rocks.

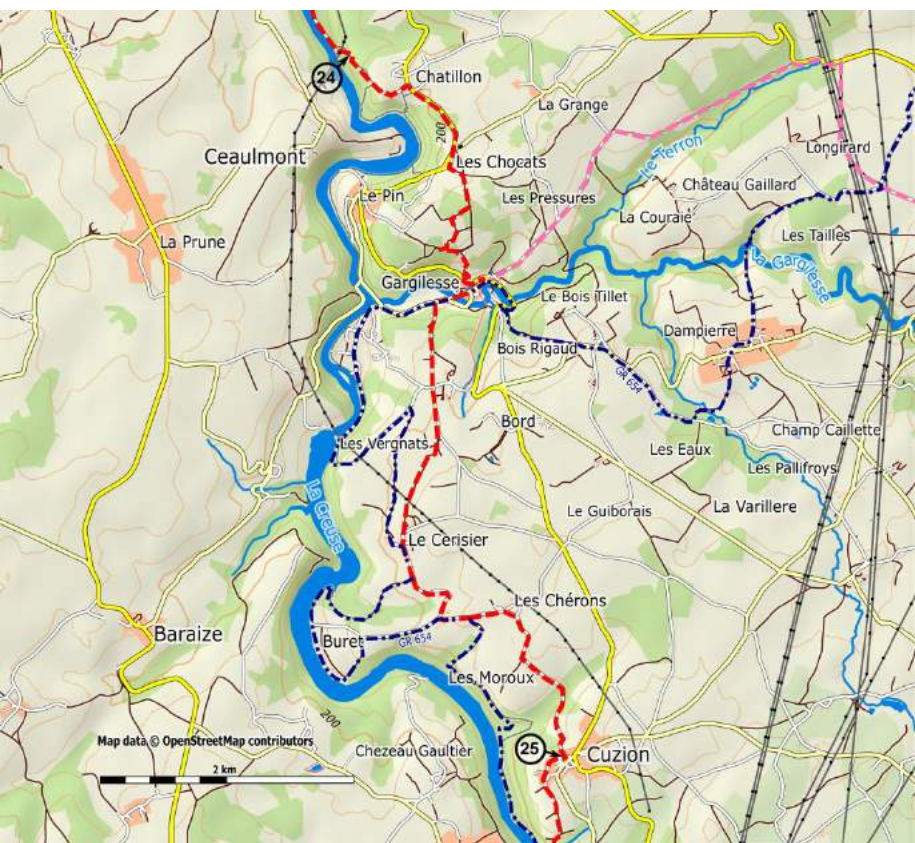
122.2 Back along the stream (waterfall). After 50m: leave the stream and ascend, via a hairpin bend to the right. [24]



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- 122.3 Ascend, via a hairpin bend to the right [24].
- 122.3 Arrive at the 'top': ignore a small road on the right (towards the view of the dam) and continue, gradually ascending, via a rocky path through the forest.
- 122.7 Follow the small road, turning to the left.
- 122.9 Arrive on asphalt: straight ahead.
- 123.1 End of road on asphalt road (= D40, in **Châtillon**): turn right.
- 123.8 Ignore the turnoff left (D38).
After 30m, turn diagonally to the left, ascending, to **Les Chocats**.
After 100m: turn left, via the gravel road, ascending.
- 124.0 Crossing: turn right.
After 200m: follow the bend to the right.
- 124.5 Turn left, descending, via a (thereafter: winding) road, between the vineyards.
- 125.0 Crossing: turn sharply left, via a larger path.
- 125.1 Junction: keep to the right, via a small grass road (little used), descending considerably.
- 125.3 Arrive on asphalt: straight ahead, descending.
After 50m: end of the road on the asphalt road (= D40): turn sharply left.
- 125.4 At the corner of hotel Les Artistes: turn right, then right again (= D39), descending further.
- 125.5 Place du château, **Gargillesse**: church (left, at 50m, above the castle).

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1.4 Gargillesse > Crozant: 18,8 km

In Gargillesse the northern variant (via Bourges) and the southern variant (via Nevers) converge. So from Gargillesse there is one, common main route.

Km 0.0 **Gargillesse [1]**, Place du château: descend to the left, via the D39.

After 50m: turn right, descending, past the town hall and post office.

0.2 Bridge over the Gargillesse: cross over.

After 50m: intersection with the D39, at cemetery: turn left, uphill.

0.9 Crossing ('Stop'): straight ahead.

1.3 In a left bend: leave the road and go straight on via a gravel path, through fields and meadows, between hedges.

1.6 Gravel path becomes track, between hedges and fences (sometimes overgrown).

1.9 Track becomes wider cart track, between meadows and vineyards.

2.0 End of the path on the asphalt road (**Le Cerisier**): keep right (Rue Griotte).

2.1 In a bend to the right: turn left, direction Les Chérons (Route du lac).

3.0 **Les Chérons**: ignore the Route du Lac (dead end, right) and turn left.

3.8 Junction: turn right, via the Rue du Carroir.

Follow the road until Cuzion.

3.9 Branching left: ignore and continue.

4.7 Bridge: continued, ascending.

5.2 **Cuzion** (Chemin du Gorgeat), end of the road: turn left (Rue du Moulin de Châteaubrun).

5.3 End of road on priority road (= D45 Rue du Château de Châteaubrun, cross): sharp right, towards and past the church.

5.4 Crossing: straight ahead.

5.5 Side road: turn right, via Rue de la Peureyre (⚡).

5.6 Place de la Peureyre, at the end: left. Junction: left, descending (forbidden to all vehicles), first gravel, then grass road (*right: view of the Châteaubrun tower*).

5.8 Side road (right): ignore.

6.3 Gravel road (left): ignore and turn right. Junction (*right: Roche Sainte, viewpoint*): turn left, descending, through the forest [*difficult to access in the rain*].

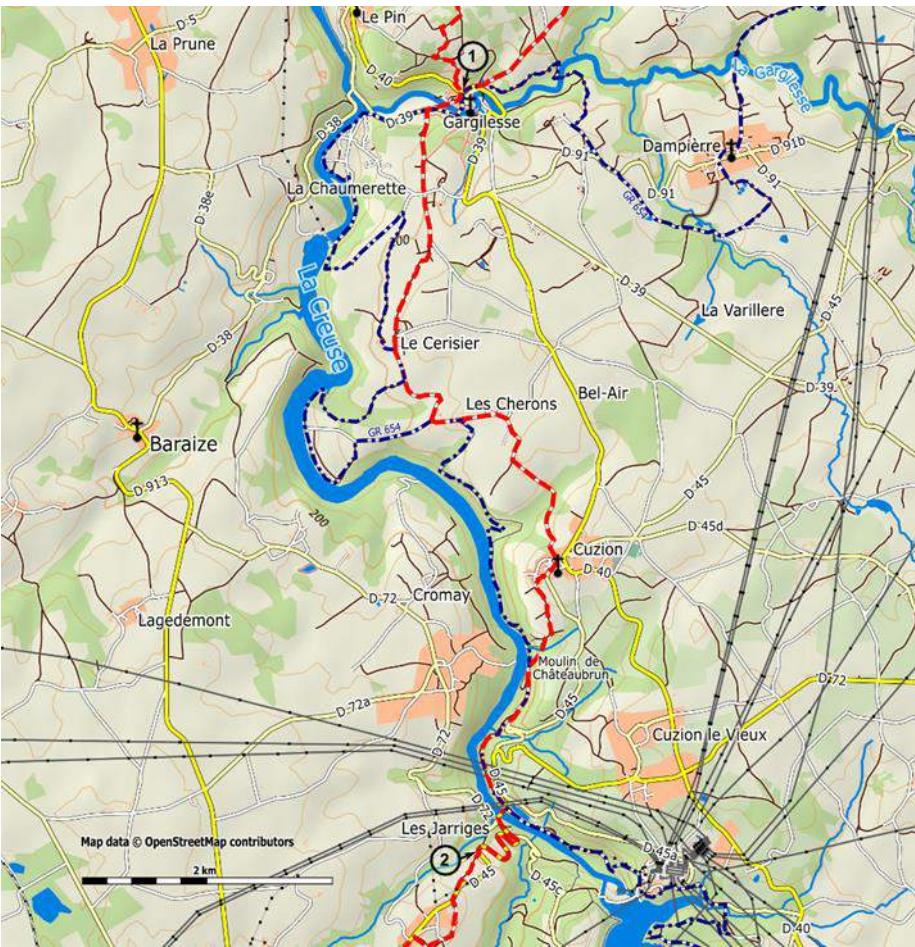
6.6 Arriving on the banks of the Creuse: turn left, cross the stream.

6.7 **Moulin de Châteaubrun**: ignore the ascending road on the left and continue straight ahead, via a gravel road and then a path through undergrowth, past bungalows (on the right).

7.0 Arrival on a gravel road (DFCI): turn right.

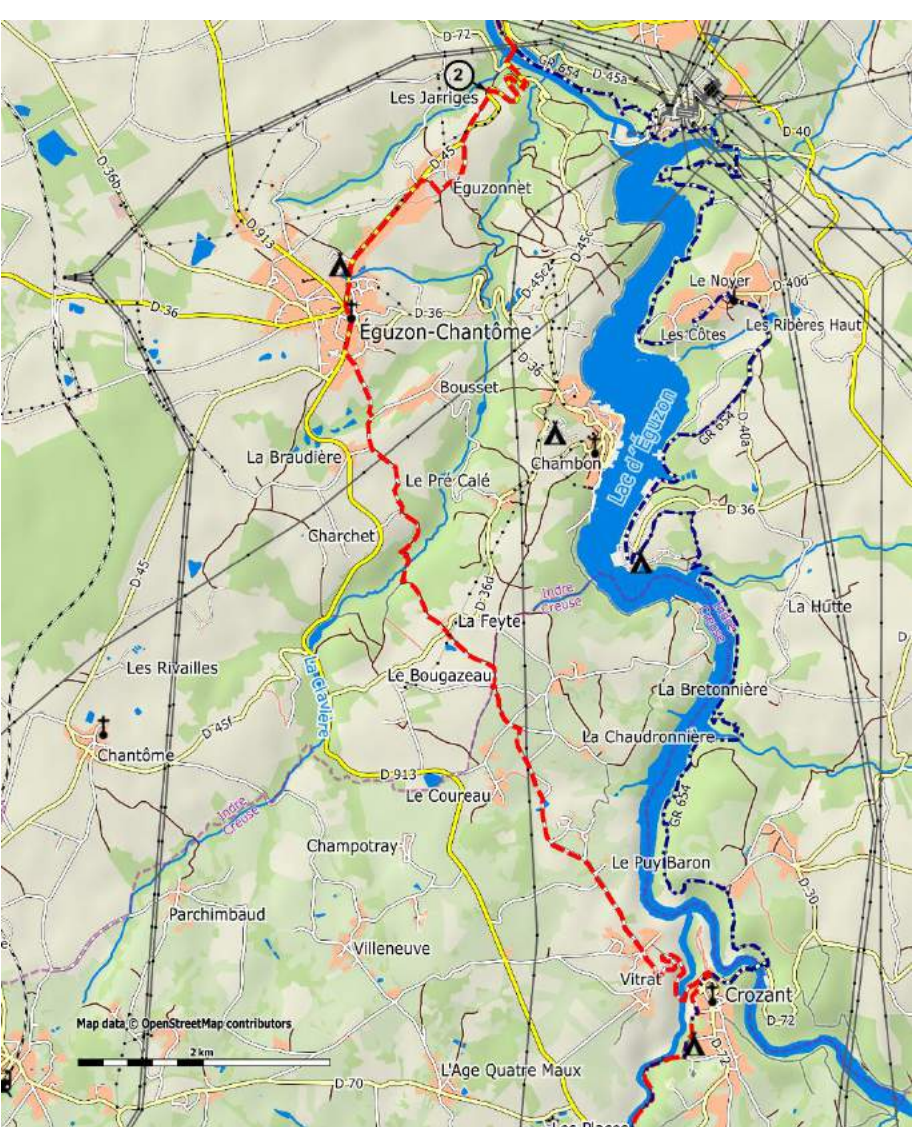
7.3 Turn right, follow a grassy path along the Creuse, until the end.

- 7.8 Arriving on the D45, near a bridge (Pont des Piles): turn right, over the bridge. Fork: turn left, via the D45, direction Eguzon, uphill.
- 8.0 Side road (left, descending, D45E): ignore, straight on, via the D45, ascending.
- 8.9 Second left turn: leave the D45 and turn right, towards Les Vignauds (against the one-way traffic), ascending [2].



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- 8.9 [2] Direction Les Vignauds, ascending.
- 9.2 Éguzonnet: back on the D45 ('Stop'). Follow this to the right.
After 50m: turn left, via the Route du Ruisseau.
- 9.7 Side road: straight on, via the Chemin de la Fontaine.
After 125m: turn right, via a footpath.
- 10.0 Back on the D45: turn left.
- 10.9 **Éguzon**: church. Crossing: diagonally left, via the D913, direction Crozant.
- 11.0 After bend to the right, at intersection: straight on, via the D913, direction Crozant (Rue Camille Toussaints).
- 11.4 Salle des fêtes, just before: leave the D913 and go diagonally left, direction Bousset, Messant, straight ahead.
- 12.0 Fork (after bends and a small lake (left)): turn right, uphill.
- 12.3 Fork: keep left, via a paved road, direction Le Pré Calé, descending (pass under a high-voltage line).
- 12.6 **Le Pré Calé**: straight on, via the asphalt road.
- 13.0 In the bend to the right, with the hamlet of Charchet in sight: turn left, via a dirt road, descending.
- 13.4 Fork: keep left, descending.
- 13.5 Bridge over the Clavière (or ford (right)): continue the small road from the ford, ascending, through the forest.
- 13.6 Fork: keep left, ascending.
- 13.9 La Feyte, crossing with asphalt road (= D36D): cross and go straight on.
- 14.3 Fork: keep right.
- .>>> (border of the departments of Indre and Creuse).*
- 14.5 Crossing of paths: turn left.
After 10m: turn right, via a grass path, between two fences.
- 14.8 Crossing: turn right, via an asphalt road.
After 15 m: turn left. After 100m: turn right.
- 15.2 Arrival on asphalt road: turn right.
Keep following this road, ignoring side roads.
- 17.2 **Vitrat**, crossing: straight ahead (forbidden for buses). Keep following this road, steeply descending and winding.
- 18.3 Bridge over the Sédelle: continue, ascending, to Crozant.
- 18.6 Crozant sign. Along castle ruins.
At the end of the road on the D72: take a steep path diagonally to the right on the other side (or after 30m, left: stairs up).
After 50m: back on the D72. Cross over and take a flight of stairs up to the church.
- 18.8 **Crozant**: church.



2 - Crozant > La Coquille

2.1 - Crozant > La Souterraine: 24,5 km

Km 0.0 Crozant. [1]

From the front of the church (Route Isabelle d'Angoulême) walk left around the church and take a staircase down to the left.

On the "Promenade de George Sand": turn right. After 10m: turn left, via a path, descending.

On the D72: turn left. In the bend: continue straight ahead, via a grassy path.

2.0 On the D913: turn right, cross the bridge over the Sédelle and immediately thereafter: turn left, via the D72.

Keep following the D72 and pass the hamlets: **Grange du Bois** (grange = barn), Coublins, **Josnon, le Goux** and finally:

6.2 La Chapelle-Baloue.

Follow the D72, sharp left, ascending, direction Saint-Germain-Beaupré, past the church.

After 400 m, at the cemetery: turn right (C6) direction Puyrajas.

8.0 Ignore the turnoff to **Puyrajas** (dead end) and continue, direction of Bazelat.

8.8 At the next junction: turn left (leave **Mazerolles** to the right).

Ignore a road on the right.

9.6 At the T-junction: turn right. After 200m, at the crossing (**Chézeaupion**): turn (due south).

After 400m, at the T-junction: turn right and cross the hamlet of **Proge**.

The road turns to the left.

At the next junction: continue straight ahead (pass under the high voltage lines).

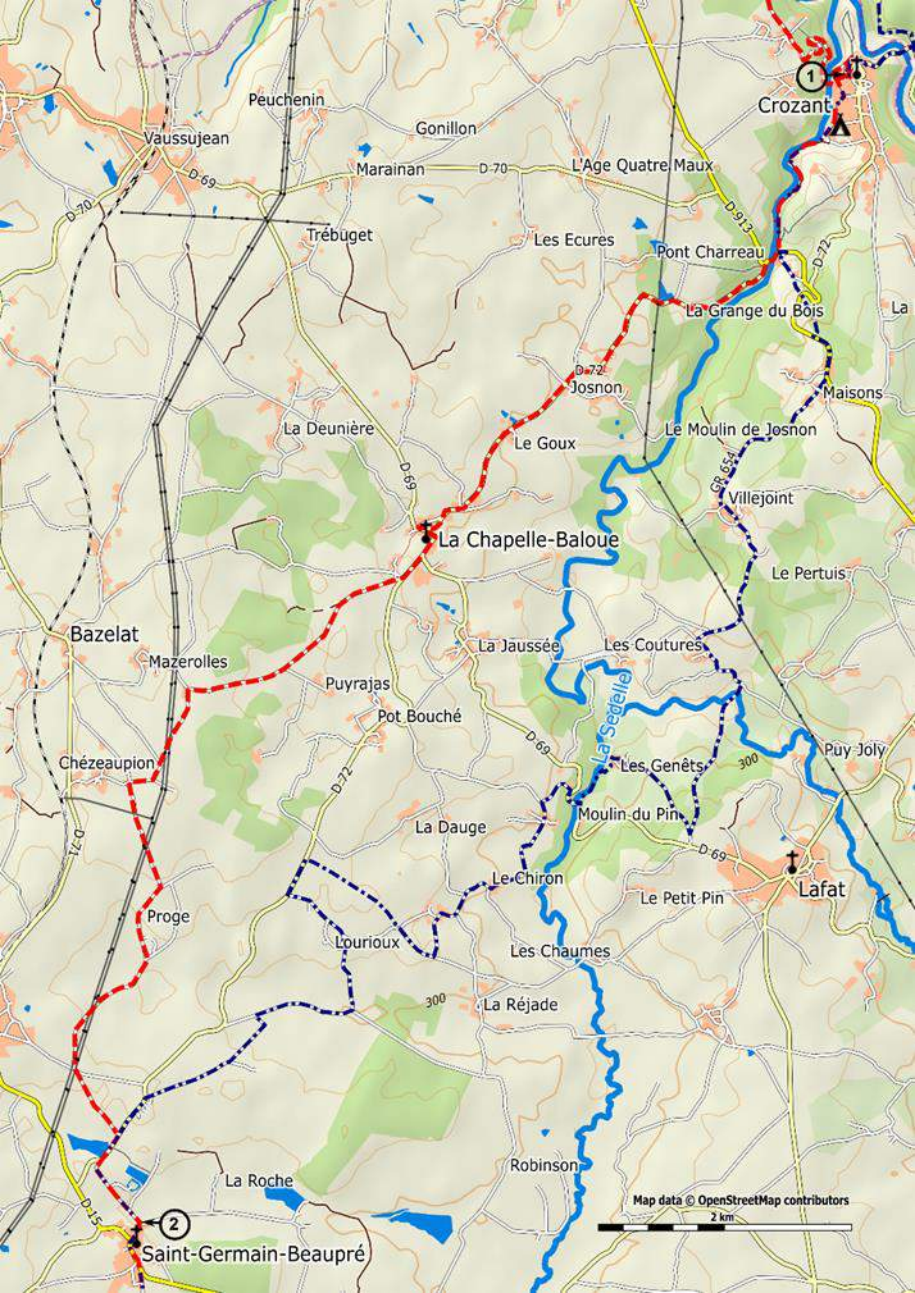
13.1 Return on the D72: turn right (marking GR).

Pass in front of a pond (🌿).

In the bend to the right: straight ahead, via a small road that bends to the left after 70m (château / castle).

At a T-junction (wayside cross): turn right.

14.2 Saint-Germain-Beaupré. [2]



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14.2 Saint-Germain-Beaupré . [2]

Walk straight past the church (Grande Rue).

At the end of the village (wayside cross): turn right, direction Le Boucheron.

15.5 At the end of the hamlet of **Le Boucheron**: turn left, direction La Chenedière.

After 400m: turn diagonally right, via a grassy road (marking GR).

After 500m, at the end of the path: turn right, via an asphalt road.

Arrive at the D72: turn diagonally left and cross the Sedelle.

18.7 **Saint-Agnant-de-Versillat**.

Straight ahead, crossing the village. Exit via the D72, direction La Souterraine.

19.3 At the cemetery ('lanterne des morts'): ascend, (almost) along the cemetery, parallel to the D72.

Just past the cemetery: turn right, via a onto the dirt road (*attention, hard to see!*).

Past a pond, at a crossing: straight ahead (leave the GR).

20.9 T-junction: turn right, via an asphalt road. After 50 m: turn left.

Cross the hamlet of **Les Chassagnes**. After 750m: bridge over the Sédelle.

23.9 Ignore the turnoff to Bousseresse (left).

T-junction with ring road: turn right, cross the bridge over the railway.

Before the Leclerc supermarket: turn left (Mermoz Avenue), then right (Rue Martin Nadaud).

At 'Stop': turn left (Boulevard Mestadier) and keep following it (*bronze shells on the pavement*).

24.5 **La Souterraine** (church).

2.2 - La Souterraine > Benevent l'Abbaye 21,5 km

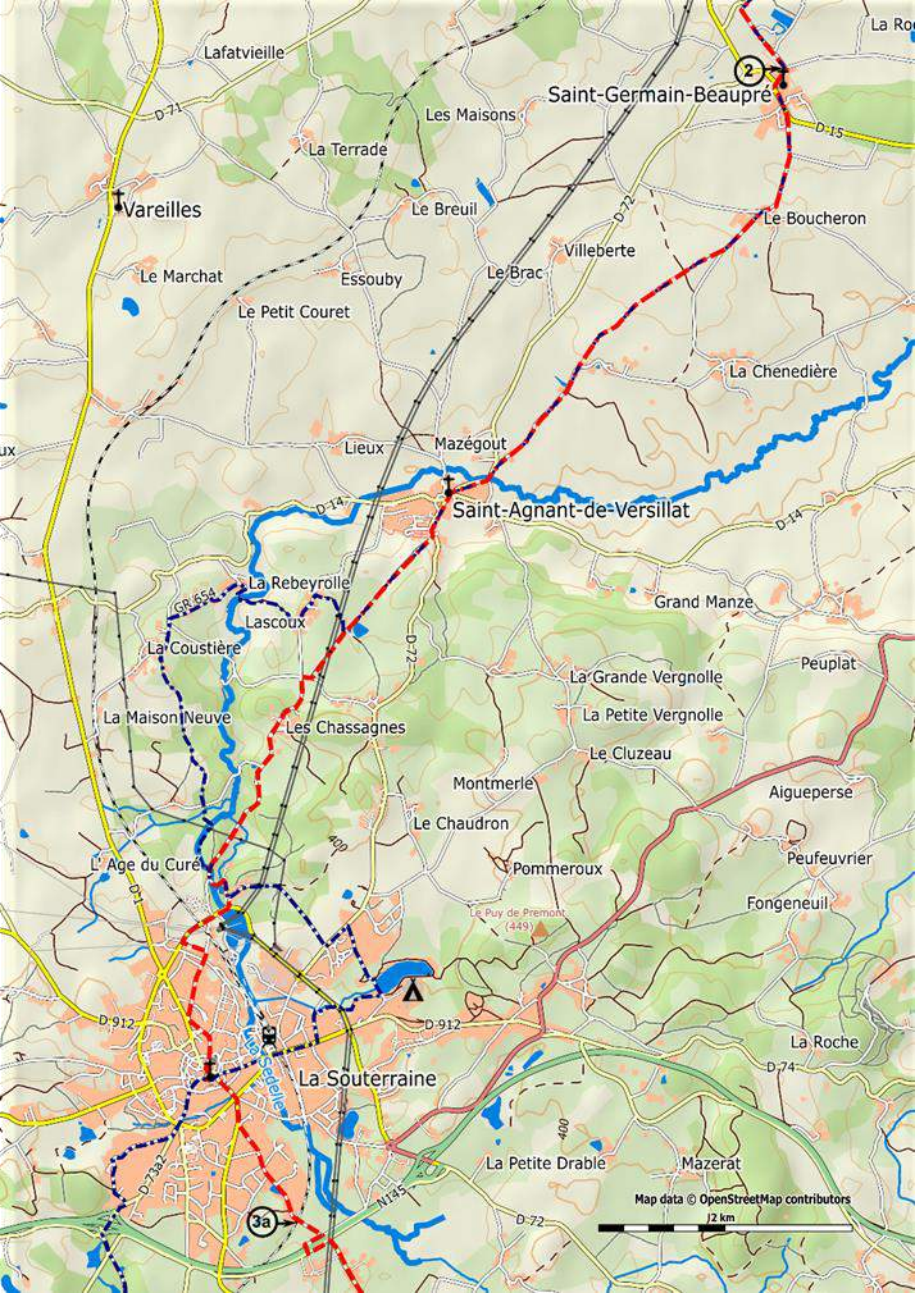
24.5 La Souterraine. Pass in front of the church and turn left, crossing the Place du Marché and straight ahead, passing under the Porte Saint Jean.

Turn right (Rue Saint Jacques) and immediately left (Rue de Bessereix, = D1), direction Fursac.

At the roundabout: straight ahead, via the D1, direction Fursac.

25.1 At the junction (chapel): turn diagonally left (Rue Auguste Coulon) and follow it until:

26.2 the bridge over the railway. [3a]



Lafatvieuille

Vareilles

Le Marchat

Le Petit Courret

La Terrasse

Le Breuil

Essouby

Le Brac

Villeberte

Saint-Germain-Beaupré

Le Boucheron

La Chenedière

Lieux

Mazégout

Saint-Agnant-de-Versillat

La Rebeyrolle

Lascoux

La Coustière

Grand Manze

La Maison Neuve

Les Chassagnes

La Grande Vergnolle

Peuplat

La Petite Vergnolle

Le Cluzeau

Montmerle

Aigueperse

Le Chaudron

Pommeroux

Peufeuvrier

L'Age du Curé

Le Puy de Premont (449)

Fongeneuil

D-912

D-912

La Souterraine

La Roche

D-74

3a

La Petite Drable

Mazerat

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12 km

26.2 Cross the bridge over the railway. [3a]

Before the four-lane road: turn right and left, passing under the road.

After the tunnel: turn left, then turn right, via the D10, direction Saint-Priest-la-Feuille (*careful!*).

After 2 km on this road:

28.5 **Sagnemoussouse**. Follow cross and exit the village via the D10.

31.0 **Saint-Priest-la-Feuille**.

Past the church: turn diagonally right, again via the D10, direction Chamborand.

31.8 At the junction: diagonally left, via the D10, direction Chamborand.

After 300m: turn right, via a small road, direction **Le Bec**.

32.8 T-junction: turn left and cross the hamlet of Le Bec.

After 200m, past the hamlet: turn right, via a small asphalt road (Laisse-Dire) that soon turns into a stoney road.

34.2 Junction: diagonally left, ascending, and then again left, via a small asphalt road.

On priority road (= D10): turn right.

35.0 Cross the bridge over the Gartempe [3b].

After 200m, at the crossing of five roads: leave the D10 and take the 2nd road on the right, direction **Puybeaumas**, ascending.

Ignore a road on the left and after 100m: go sharply left (marking GR) towards the houses of Puybeaumas.

Cross this hamlet, the asphalt gives way to stones.

At T-junction: turn left.

37.0 On asphalt road (= D10): turn right.

After 100m: turn left, descending.

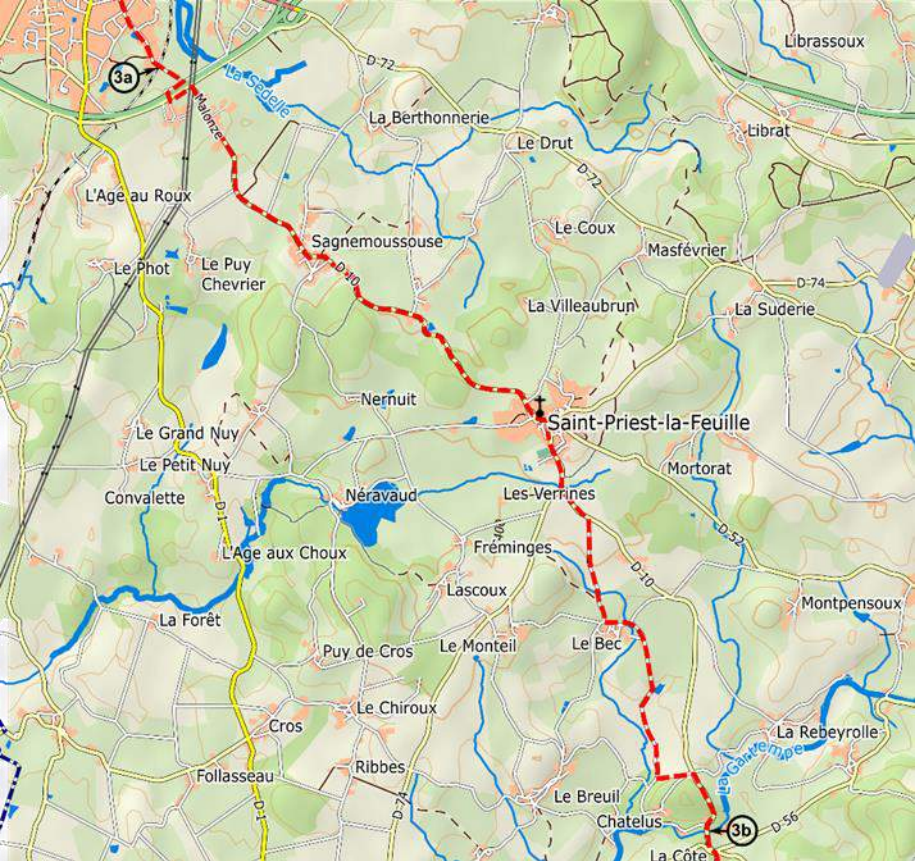
At fork: turn right, along a pond. Then straight ahead (asphalt).

38.1 At the cemetery: turn diagonally right, three times. 1st time on a small road along the cemetery. 2nd time on a slightly larger road (= D49). 3rd time on priority road ('Stop') (= D4) direction Fursac.

After 50m: turn left, via the D10, to the church of:

38.5 **Chamborand**. At the church: take the D10 diagonally left, direction Bénévent.

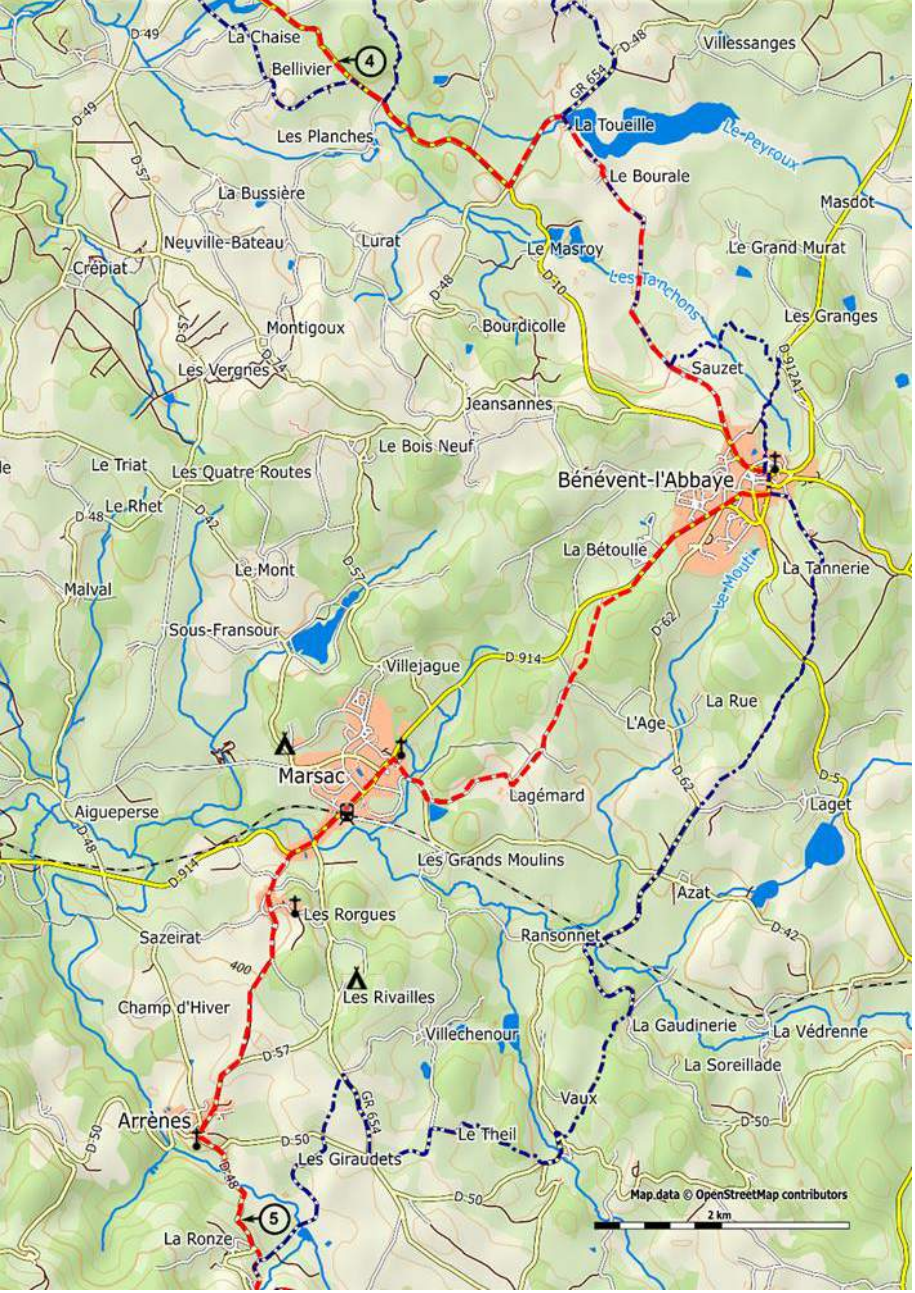
After more than 1 km: cross the hamlet of **Bellivier**. [4]



- 39.8 After **Bellivier [4]**: continue via the D10.
- 41.6 Crossing with the D48: turn left, direction Le Grand Bourg. After 750m, before the reservoir: turn right and cross the dam (marking GR).
- 43.0 In the hamlet of **Le Bourale**: take the second road on the left.
After 1.5 km the road is paved and you reach the hamlet of Sauzet.
- 44.7 In **Sauzet**: straight ahead (leave the GR).
- 45.6 On the D10: straight ahead. You pass the point where the route turns right, but first continue straight ahead, to the abbey of:
- 46.0 **Bénévent-l'Abbaye**.

2.3 - Bénévent > Châtelus-le-Marcheix: 19,4 km

- 46.0 Bénévent-l'Abbaye. From the church: return via the D10, direction Fursac. Turn left, direction college. Arrive at a square.
Pass the square to the right. Straight ahead past the soccer field.
At the end: turn left. After 60m: turn sharply right (Avenue R. Margot), direction Marsac.
- 46.6 At 'Stop': turn right, via the D914, direction Marsac.
Exit town and then ignore the turnoff to **La Bétouille** (right).
After 350m: leave the D914 to take a dirt road on the left, at first parallel to the D914, then ascends into a forest.
Crossing of paths: straight ahead.
- 48.6 At the asphalt road, turn left and then immediately right, direction Souliers, Lagémard.
Fork: continue direction **Lagémard**.
After 350m: turn right, via a wide stoney road that ends at the corner of a cemetery. Turn right, to
- 50.6 **Marsac**. At the crossing with the D914: turn left and follow the D914 direction Laurière, crossing the railway and passing a sewage treatment plant.
After 200 meters:
- 51.3 In the bend to the right: turn diagonally left, direction **Les Rorgues**.
First crossing: turn left. Second crossing: straight ahead (ascending).
Third crossing: turn left (still ascending).
At the sign 'chapel': continue straight ahead.
- 52.4 After the hamlet: turn right, via a path that first descends, then ascends to a forest and end on an asphalt road (= D57).
- 53.4 Turn right on the D57 and follow it to the church of
- 55.1 **Arrènes**. Turn left, via the D48, direction Saint-Goussaud.
On the D50 turnoff: keep following the D48. After 600m: [5].



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56.1 [5].

After 300m, at a crossing (**La Ronze**): turn diagonally left, via a small road that descends to the hamlet of **Abbaye**.

56.8 In the bend: leave the road (past a brook) and continue via a path (GR).

Crossing: continue straight ahead, in the forest. On the asphalt road: turn diagonally right.

58.0 Crossing (Champégau): continue via the path straight ahead (at the right-hand corner of a house).

59.0 On asphalt road (= D48): turn diagonally left.

59.5 **Saint-Goussaud**: (option: turn right and walk directly to point [6], via the GR654 - 9.5km).

Cross the village. Past the church: turn left, via the D48, direction Chatelus-le-Marcheix.

60.0 In the bend to the left at the turnoff to **Le Chatain**: continue straight ahead, via a dirt road (GR4), descending between undergrowth.

Junction: straight ahead.

60.6 Asphalt road (= D62): cross and continue via the path.

Crossing (asphalt): straight ahead.

61.7 Crossing (with the D48, on the right: **Villechabrolle**): straight ahead.

After 500m: back on the D48. Follow this 150m, then turn diagonally left, via a road entering the forest, ascending.

At crossings and junctions: keep following the road, marked with GR signs (= GR4).

65.4 On the D8: turn right (leave the GR).

(For *Châtelus-le-Marcheix* turn left).

2.4 - Châtelus > Saint-Leonard-de-Noblat: 29,5 km

65.4 **Châtelus-le-Marcheix**. Exit Châtelus via the D8, direction Les Billanges. Junction D8 / D48: keep following the D8.

66.8 Cross **Le Levadoux**, still following the D8.

67.9 **Villemaumy**: straight ahead.

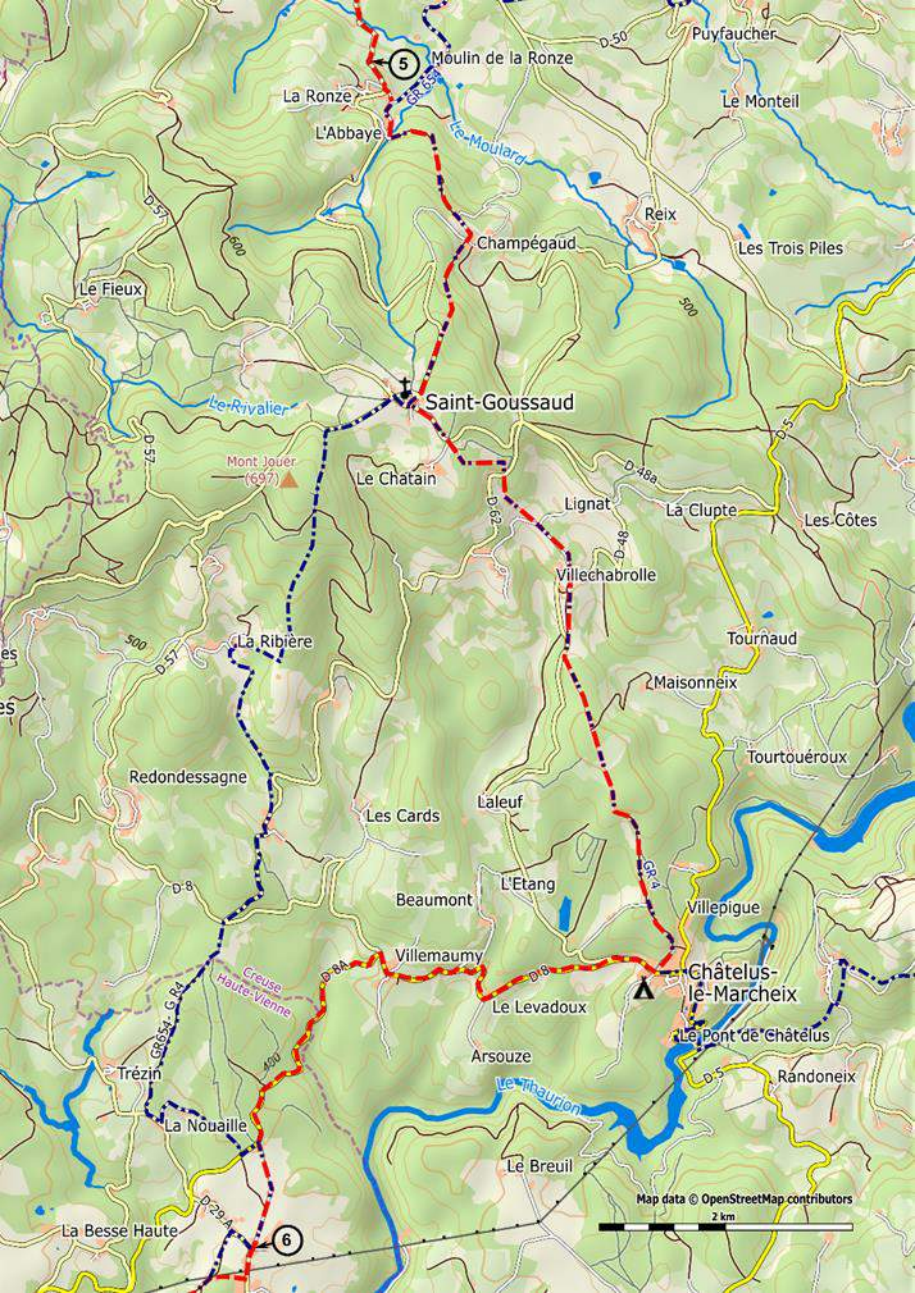
After 200m, junction D8 / D8a: turn left, via the D8a, direction les Billanges.

>>> (*border of the departments of Creuse and Haute-Vienne*).

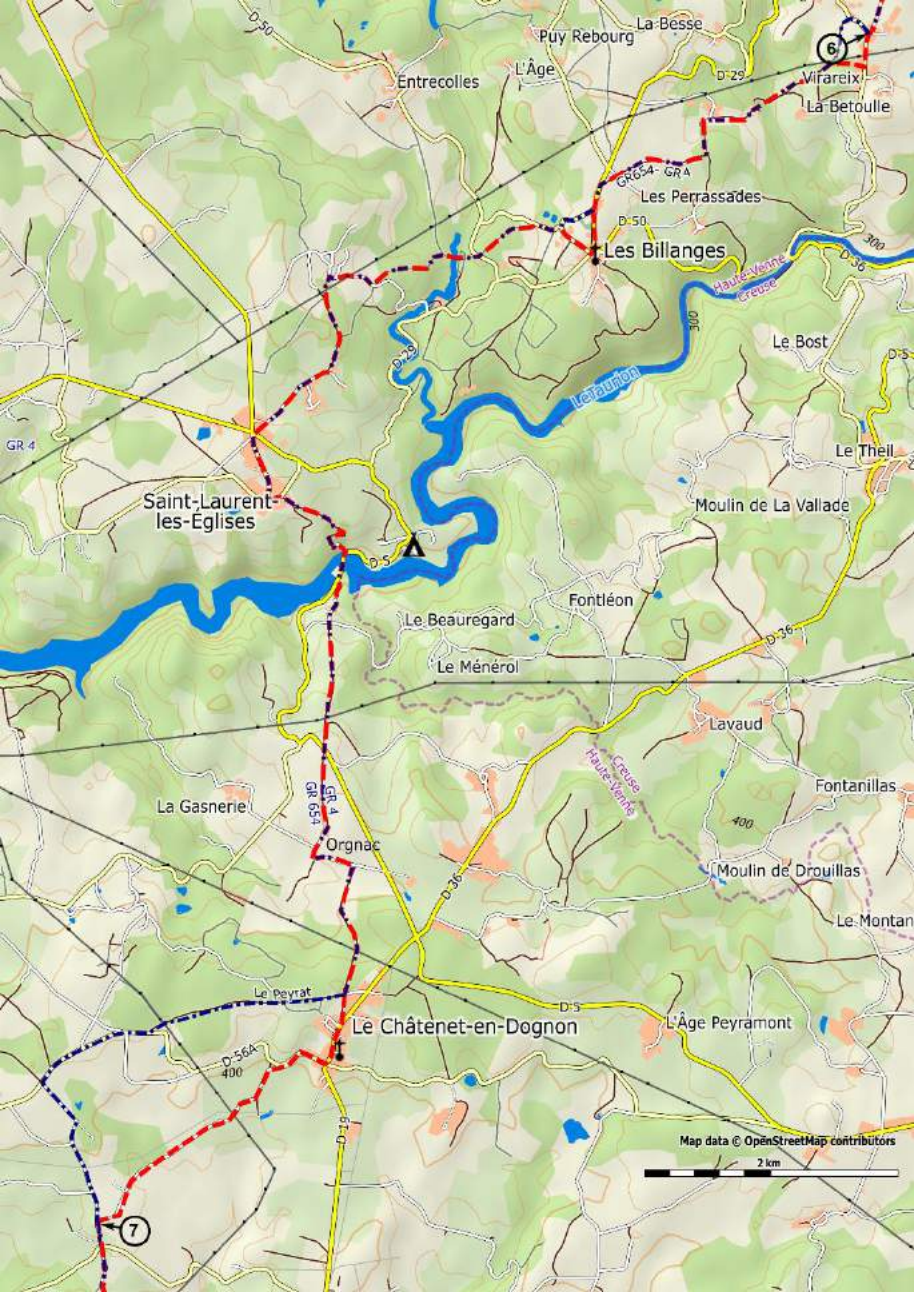
69.2 Departmental border: cross a stream. The road number changes to D29.

70.6 When leaving the forest: turn left, via a narrow path between the fields (*the GR654 reconnects; the waymarking is not too good*).

After 900m, arrival on the D29a: straight ahead [6].



- 71.5 [6] Continue straight through the hamlet of **Vivareix**. When leaving this hamlet: turn right, via a dirt road, turning between the houses. Pass several crossings and junctions and keep following the GR.
- 74.5 End of path on asphalt road (= D29): turn left, towards Les Billanges. After about 200 m, just before a small monument and an information panel: the GR turns right (*you can continue following the GR if you don't want to go to Les Billanges*), the Vézelay Route goes straight ahead, to the church of
- 74.9 **Les Billanges**. With your back to the church: take the asphalt road opposite (direction Entrecolles). After about 350m, at a fork: turn left. (*From here you follow the GR again.*) After more than 200m: turn diagonally left, via an unpaved road (pass a barrier). After more than 500m, arrive on an asphalt road (at Les Peux). Cross and continue straight ahead. At the next fork: keep right. A little further: ignore a small road from the left, keep to the right, cross a stream and continue straight ahead. After barely 200m: cross another stream. After 50m: turn right. After more than 500m, arrive on an asphalt road: follow it to the right (direction Auziat). After about 400m, at a washing place: turn left, via an unpaved road, always (more or less) straight ahead. After about 800m (just past a radio mast, right), arrive on an asphalt road: turn right. Continue to **Saint-Laurent-les-Églises**. Arrive on the D5: cross straight ahead and continue, diagonally left, via the D5a5. After more than 500m, at the church: turn left (direction Saint-Léonard de Noblat). After more than 100m, past the last houses: leave the D5a5 and turn diagonally right. After about 400m: turn right, via a small road that descends considerably, to the D5. Follow this to the right, via
- 79.7 Le Pont du Dognon. Cross the river Le Taurion and turn left, via a small, stoney path, ascending. Pass between the houses, cross a road (a little to the right) and keep following the GR.
- 81.4 Cross the D5 and continue straight ahead on the GR.
Hamlet of **Orgnac**: arrive on asphalt. Pass a holiday settlement. 100m past Orgnac: turn right (right angle), via a paved road, descending and then ascending through a forest, to arrive at
- 83.9 Cross of La Maléterie (restored): straight ahead, via a grass road (the GR turns to the right). On the D19: turn diagonally right.
- 84.2 **Le Châtenet-en-Dognon**. Follow the D19 past the church.
Crossroads: turn right, via the D56a. After 300m: turn left, passing La Chenaud (farm) then Lourdes (farm).
- 87.0 T-junction with a small road: turn left (the GR 654 reconnects). [7].



La Besse

Puy Rebourg

Entrecolles

L'Âge

Virareix

La Betoulle

Les Perrassades

Les Billanges

Le Bost

Le Theil

Moulin de La Vallade

Saint-Laurent-les-Eglises

Le Beauregard

Fontléon

Le Ménérol

Lavaud

Fontanillas

La Gasnerie

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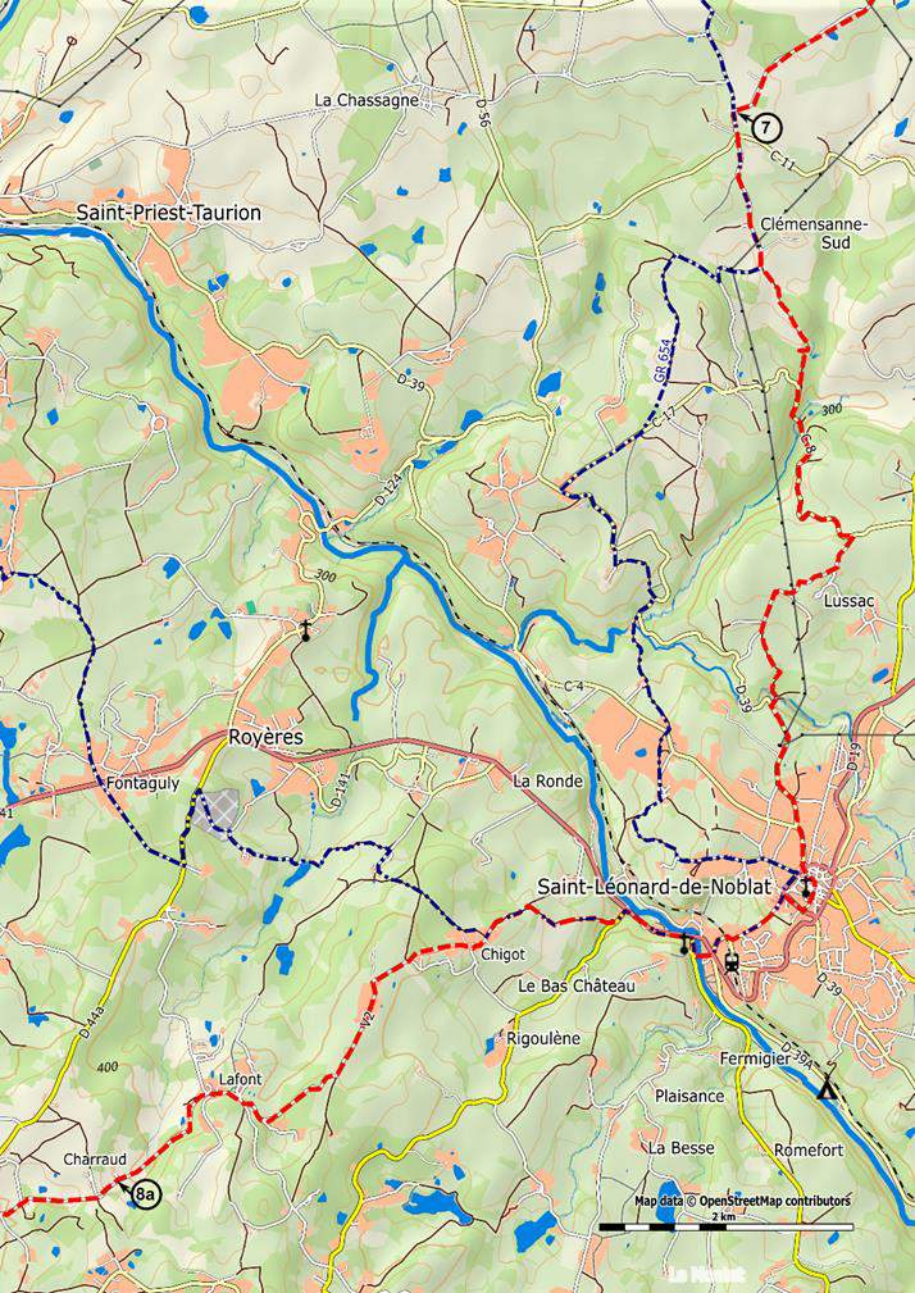
2 km

Section 2

- 87.0 [7] Follow the GR via a small road.
- 88.0 Pass Clémensanne-Nord (right) and **Clémensanne-Sud** (left).
- 88.3 In the bend past the high-voltage pylon: turn left, via a path through the fields (leave the GR).
Pass the old mill of Lajoumard.
- 89.6 On asphalt road: turn diagonally left (= C8).
Cross the bridge over the Galamache (old mill of La Roche).
Keep following the road (ascending).
- 91.3 On small asphalt road: turn sharply right, direction Lussac.
- 91.6 Just before the village: turn diagonally right and keep following this road.
- 92.5 Before a bend to the right: turn diagonally left, via grass road.
Pass the old mill of Négrier.
- 93.4 At the end: turn diagonally left, via a slightly wider asphalt road (= D39; thereafter: Rue Dr. Jagot Lacoussière).
Junction ('Stop'): turn left again. (*Waymarking with bronze shells to the collegiate church*).
Junction: turn diagonally left, cross the ring road and continue (= Rue Jean Jaures). Crossing: turn right twice.
- 94.9 Collegiate church of **Saint-Léonard-de-Noblat**.

2.5 - Saint-Léonard-de-Noblat > Limoges: 23,3 km

- 94.9 Saint-Léonard-de-Noblat. From the collegiate church: continue via the Rue Lamazière (with bend to the left) and the Chemin de Pavé.
- 95.8 At the end: turn right (Avenue du Général de Gaulle).
Pass under the railway bridge and cross the Avenue de Limoges diagonally to the left.
Descend via the Rue du Vieux Pont and cross the Vienne river via the historic bridge (Pont Noblat).
- 96.3 At the end of the bridge: turn right and then left, via the D941, and again left, via the D65.
- 97.2 Past the porcelain factory: turn right, via a path, ascending (GR).
- 980.2 In the hamlet of **Chigot**: straight ahead (leave the GR).
At the house with the sign 'Menuiserie' (= carpentry; to the left): turn right, via a small road, that turns into a dirt road.
- 99.1 On asphalt road (= V2): turn diagonally right. Cross the hamlet of La Chapelle.
- 101.5 Past the hamlet of **Lafont**, at a junction: turn diagonally left, via the V2, direction Aureil.
At **Les Charrauds**: straight ahead (Route de Compostelle). [8a]



La Chassagne

Saint-Priest-Taurion

Clémensanne-Sud

Royères

Fontaguly

La Ronde

Saint-Léonard-de-Noblat

Chigot

Le Bas Château

Rigoulène

Lafont

Fermigier

Plaisance

La Besse

Romefort

Charraud

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2 km

La Moustique

Section 2

- 102.9 Les Charrauds **[8a]**: keep following the Route de Compostelle for 1 km. Then turn diagonally left, via the D44a1.
After another 1 km, at a crossing: straight ahead, via the D44, direction Aureil. At a junction: turn diagonally left.
- 105.4 **Aureil**: church.
100m past the church, before the cemetery: take the path to the left, to **Bost**. In Bost: straight ahead. Continue via the 'Impasse du Monastère'.
- 106.1 The 'Impasse' turns into a grass road.
After 300 m: turn right, via the D979.
- 106.7 Crossing: turn left, via the C9, direction **Laubaudie**.
At the end of this hamlet: turn right, via a gravel road.
- 108.5 Turn left, direction Crouseix. On asphalt road: turn right.
- 109.0 Crouseix **[8b]**.
Junction: turn left and follow the road through the village.
- 109.5 On the D98: turn right, cross the bridge, pass a pond. After 600 m:
- 110.9 Leave the D98 and turn diagonally left, via a small road, between trees.
- 111.5 Arrive in **Feytiat**, at the church. Turn right (Avenue Winston Churchill), then left (Avenue Georges Clemenceau).
- 112.1 Roundabout: straight ahead (Avenue Frédéric Legrand). At the next roundabout: turn diagonally left, via the D979, for about 2 km.
- 114.3 Roundabout (industrial area): straight ahead. After 200m: turn diagonally right (Rue Malinvaud) **[8c]**.
At the end of this street: follow the grass-covered road.
- 115.2 Continue via an asphalt road (=Rue Bas Fargeas), ascending. At the end of (traffic lights): turn left, cross the bridge over the highway, and immediately turn right (Avenue du Sablard). (*Follow the bronze shells on the pavement*).
- 116.9 Past the mini roundabout: turn right, descending the stairs. Then turn diagonally left (then a footpath). At the banks of the Vienne: turn left.
- 117.7 Cross the St-Etienne bridge over the Vienne and continue via the Rue du Pont, ascending **[9a]**

In the summer of 2021, an alternative route has been opened on a private initiative that allows pilgrims to walk around Limoges and avoid the unattractive suburbs and industrial areas. Unfortunately, one misses the beautiful old town. Via the new route you walk along the beautiful banks of the river Vienne to Aix-sur-Vienne (km 130.8). The variant starts on the Place de Compostelle at the old bridge (Pont Saint-Étienne) over the Vienne (km 117.7)

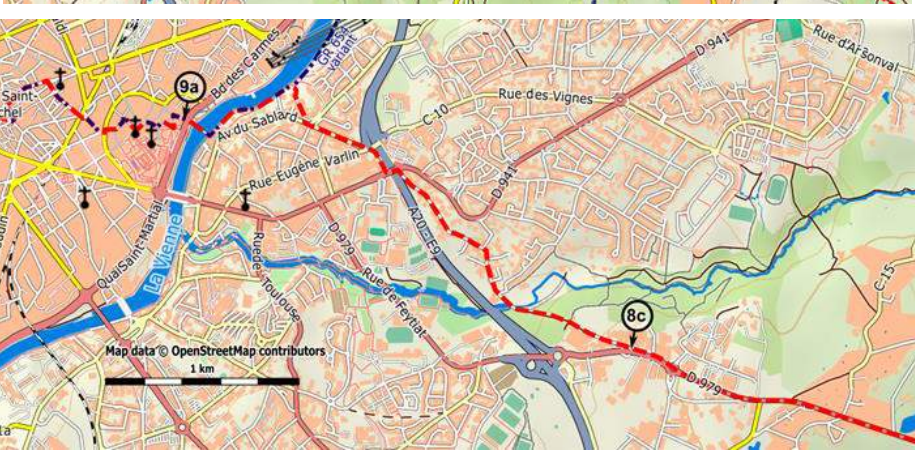
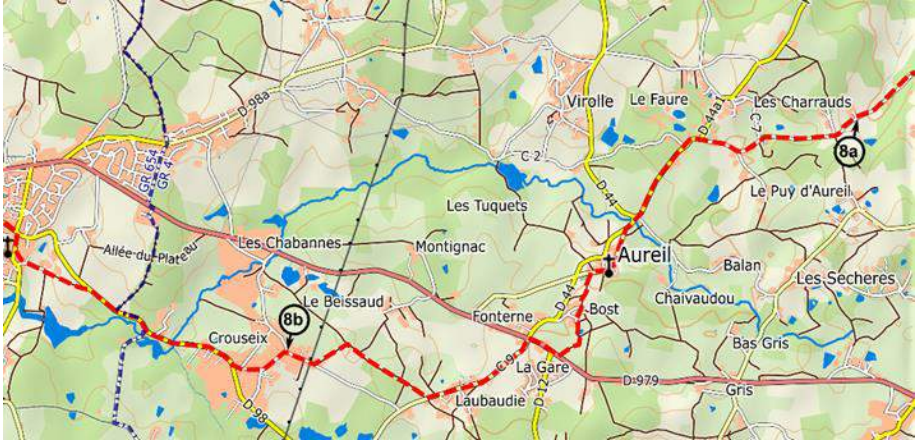
Instead of crossing it, turn left before the bridge along the river.

The route is marked with a yellow-blue porcelain scallop.

But . . . we are not sure of a marking of the entire alternative route.

We would like to receive your findings!





118.8 Rue du Pont [9a]; then turn left (Rue Saint-Domnolet) and at the end turn right (Rue de la Regle), to arrive at the Place de la Cathédrale Saint-Etienne in:

118.2 Limoges.

2.6 - Limoges > Flavignac: 28,2 km

118.2 Limoges. From the Place Saint Etienne: follow the Rue des Allois.

Then turn left (Rue de la Haute Cité and Rue de la Cité).

Cross the Place de la Cité diagonally left and then turn diagonally right (Rue Raspail). At the end:

118.6 Place Wilson: continue at the other side, via the Rue du Collège and thereafter the Rue Dalesme.

At the end: turn left (Rue Saint-Martial), along the Place de la République.

Cross the Rue Jean Jaurès and continue almost straight ahead, via the Rue du Clocher.

119.1 Place Saint-Michel (*on the right: the Eglise Saint-Michel*), at the beginning of the square: turn left (Rue Ferrerie).

Cross the Place des Bancs.

At the end: turn right (Place du Poids Public). Then turn diagonally right (Rue de la Boucherie).

119.5 Place de la Motte: turn right and walk left around the halls.

Continue straight ahead (Rue Othon Péconnet).

Place d'Aine [9b]: cross diagonally left and take the Rue des Arènes.

120.0 Place des Carmes: turn left (Avenue Jean Foucaud) and immediately right (Rue Neuve des Carmes).

Then turn left (Rue Saint-Eloi).

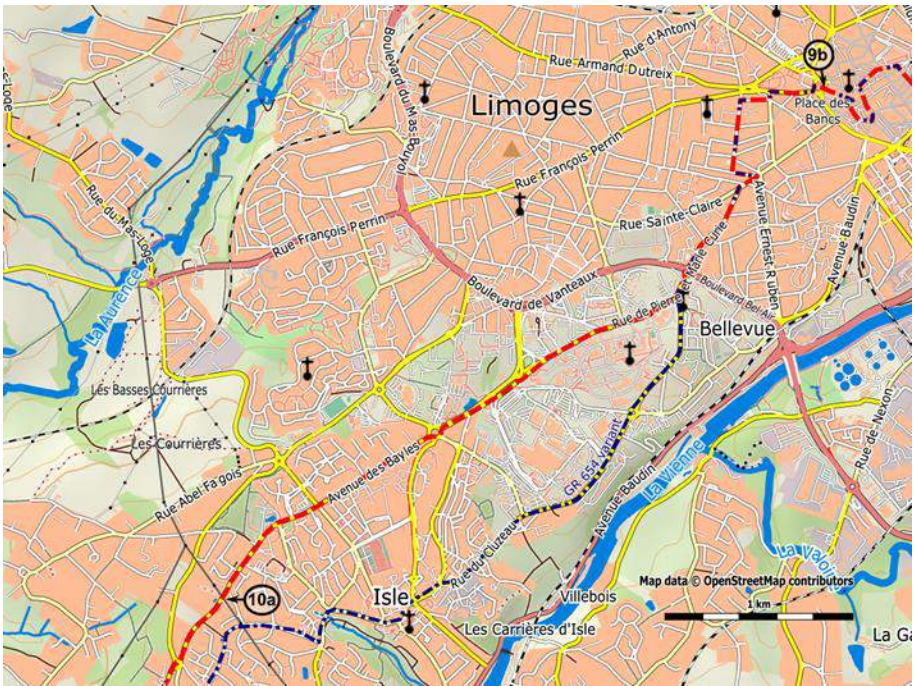
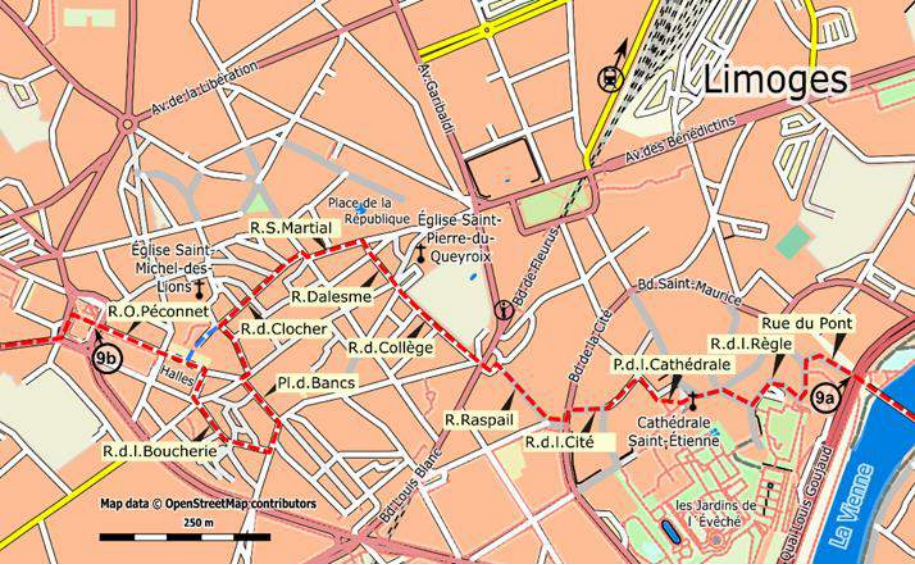
120.6 At the end: turn left (Cours Jean Pénicaud), then sharply right (Rue Pétoniaud-Beaupeyrat).

After 100m: turn diagonally, via the Rue Pierre et Marie Curie. Follow this street to the end, cross several crossings and roundabouts.

Then continue straight ahead, via the Rue Bourneville.

123.0 Roundabout de la Cornue: straight ahead (Avenue des Bayles) (19t).

At a crossing: straight ahead (Avenue du Château and thereafter Avenue de Basses Vignes). [10a]



124.4 Avenue de Basses Vignes. **[10a]**

125.0 Roundabout (La Croix Bachaud): straight ahead, via the D74, direction Mérignac.

Next roundabout: straight ahead, via the C9, direction Mérignac.

Crossing: straight ahead. (✘).

128.3 **Merignac.**

At the entrance of the village, at a junction: turn diagonally left (= Avenue de Mérignac). Follow this winding road through the village.

128.5 At the end of the village: turn right, via the Rue du Vignoble, which turns into a dirt road.

After 400m on an asphalt road: turn diagonally left (Chemin de Puy Panard).

130.1 At T-junction: turn right, via the N21. Cross the bridge over the railway. Past the station: turn diagonally left and pass under the railway (Rue de l'Abreuvoir).

130.8 Cross the bridge over the Vienne and the bridge over the Aixette. , Then take the stairs up and turn left (Rue Rochefroide, thereafter: Rue Sadi-Carnot).

131.5 **Aixe-sur-Vienne. [10b]**

Before the church: turn left (Rue Victor Hugo = D20), direction Les Cars, Flavignac). Continue via the Rue Pichenaud.

131.9 Pass the supermarket. After 300 m: turn diagonally left, via the C203 (Rue du Mas Neuf), descending.

Pass the mills: Moreau, David, le Mas Neuf and Japaud, while following the Aixette.

135.3 On a wider road (= D110): turn diagonally left and cross the bridge over the Aixette.

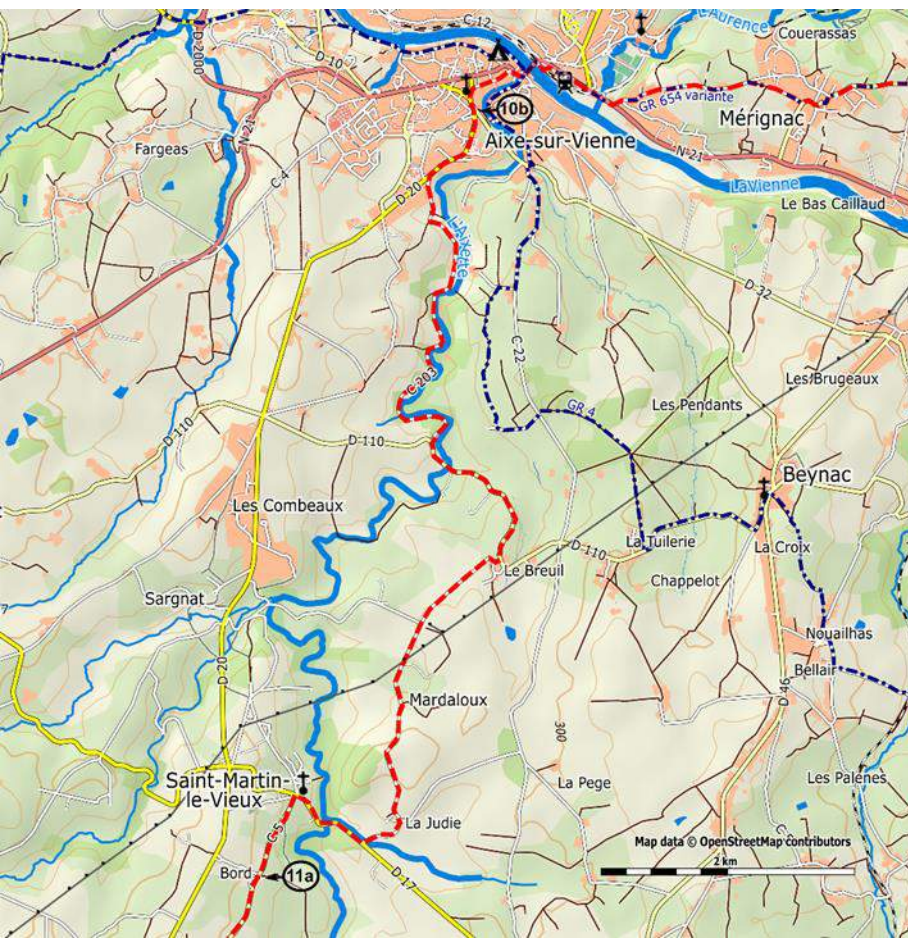
136.6 In the hamlet of **Le Breuil**: turn right, direction Mardaloux.

Pass the hamlets of **Marladoux** and **La Judie** and, after a bridge, arrive on the D17.

139.6 Turn right, via the D17

140.4 **Saint-Martin-le-Vieux.**

At the church: turn sharply left (= C5). After 700 m: arrive at the hamlet of Bord. **[11a]**



141.1 Cross **Bord [11a]** and keep following the road, to the hamlet of **Domarias**.

T-junction: turn left, direction **Lavignac**.

143.3 Crossing ('Stop'): turn right, via the D46, to Flavignac.

146.4 In the village, at T-junction ('Stop'): turn right, to the church of **Flavignac**.

2.7 - Flavignac > La Coquille: 29,9 km

146.4 Flavignac.

Opposite the church: take the Rue Pasteur (= D46).

147.7 Crossing with the D20: turn diagonally left.

Along **Beyrand** (⚡).

149.7 **Les Cars**., church. Straight ahead, via the D15.

Then turn right, via the D21.

After 400m: turn left, direction Le Valois.

150.6 Cross the hamlet of **Le Valois [11b]**.

Pass La Maison Blanche (= the white house), la Teyssière, les Fosses.

At a crossing: straight ahead.

153.9 Entrance **Lautrette**, junction: turn diagonally left (= route de Pageas).
Cross the hamlet.

154.7 Past a pond, at the end of a bend: turn left, via a dirt road, ascending in a forest, to **La Petite Veyssière**.

Junction: turn right, then turn left.

At two crossings: straight ahead.

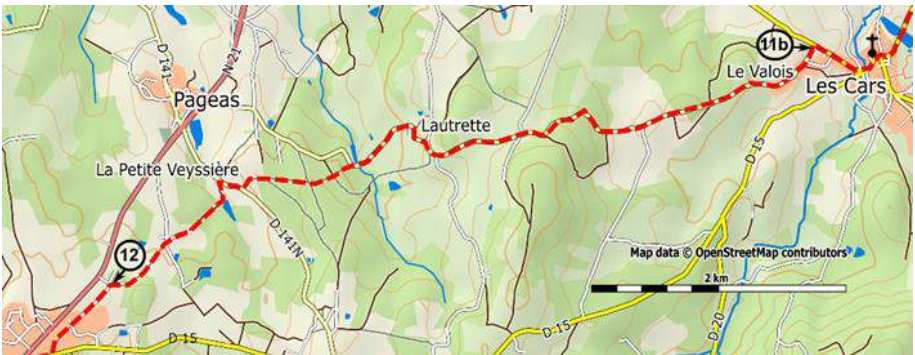
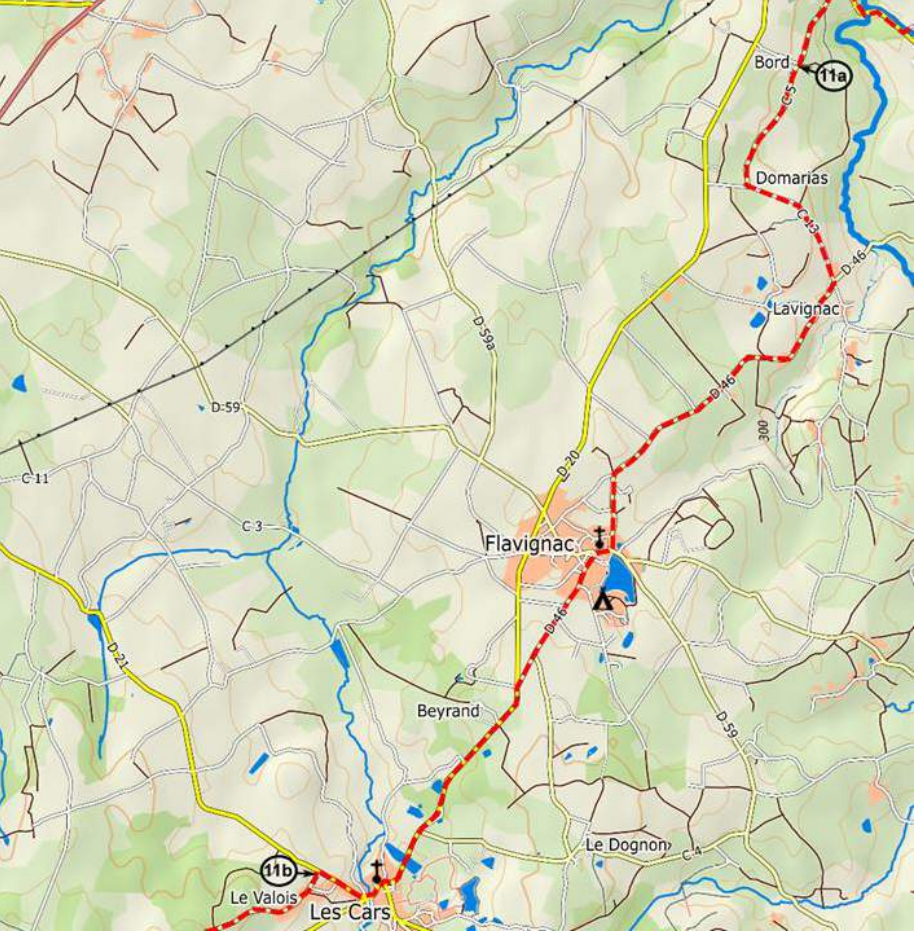
155.7 On an asphalt road (= D141N): turn right.

After 200 m: turn left, via a path, descending.

Cross a small bridge and ascend to the hamlet of Maître Antony.

156.5 Follow the asphalt and then cross a road.

Continue straight ahead, via a path that leads to the D15, parallel to the N21 (at the fence: turn diagonally left). **[12]**



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157.3 Path to the D15. [12] Along a small industrial area.

The road turns into a grassy path.

158.0 On asphalt road (= D15): turn right.

At the traffic lights: cross the N21 and continue straight ahead (Rue Chabrol).

Turn left (Rue Mardochée).

Junction: turn diagonally right (Rue Côte de la Minoterie).

158.8 Cross the D901 and continue straight ahead.

Cross the Tardoise and continue via the Boulevard du Fort and the Rue d'Église.

159.1 **Châlus**: church.

Turn right (Rue du Clocher).

Turn right again (Rue Salardine), then left (Rue de l'Europe).

Cross the Place Cardailhac.

Turn right (Avenue du 11 Novembre), direction Dournazac.

159.6 At the end: turn left and pass under the (former) railway bridge.

After 500m, before the highest point: turn left.

160.3 Hamlet of Mettes: straight ahead, via the leftmost hollow road.

Upon reaching the asphalt road: straight ahead.

In the bend: take the path straight ahead.

161.8 **Le Lac**. Turn left and then right, via the D64a1.

163.3 T-junction with the D64 ('Stop'): turn right, via the D64.

After 200m: turn left, via a dirt road entering the forest.

Cross the bridge and follow the road past the Maison Neuve pond.

164.9 **Monchaty**, bend to the left.

After 50 m, bend right: leave the road, turn left diagonally. Continue via a small road that is unpaved shortly afterwards and descends.

At the bottom of the valley: turn right, via a path that rises sharply and then goes along a forest.

>>> (*border of the departments of Haute-Vienne and Dordogne*).

At the top, on the plateau: take the first path on the left, to the hamlet of Le Gadonnet. End of path: turn right, via a paved road.

End of the road: turn left, via a wider asphalt road, descending.

End of the road on a busy main road (N21): turn right, towards

167.1 **Firbeix**.

Past the church: turn left, direction **Puy-Bernard**.

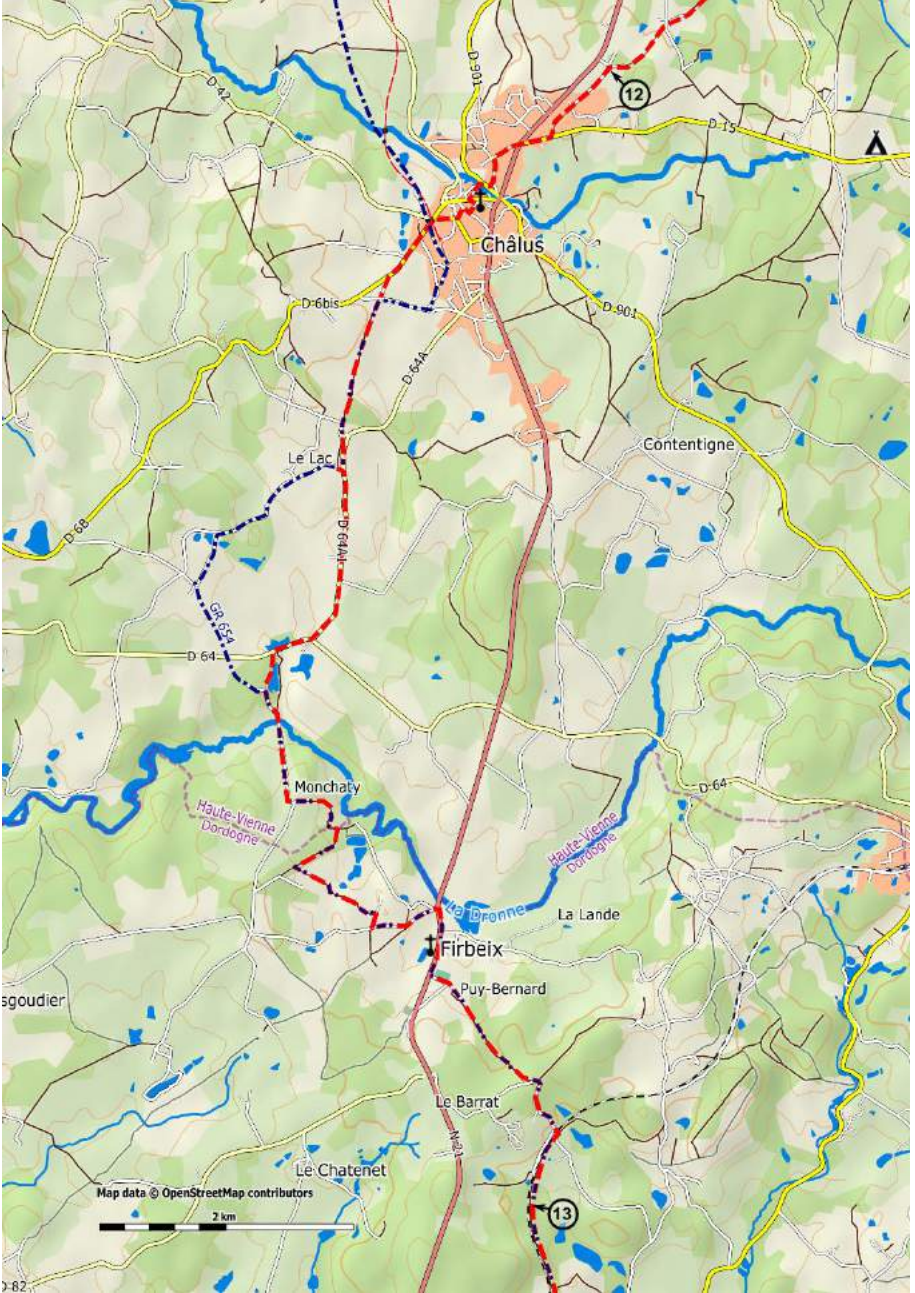
The road quickly turns into a forest road.

168.5 On asphalt road: turn diagonally left (= Route d'Aillac).

Descend to the railroad.

Cross it and immediately turn right, via the path along the railroad.

169.8 After 700 m [13].



Châlus

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Le Lac

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Puy-Bernard

Le Barrat

Le Chatenet

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169.8 Path along the tracks [13].

170.5 At **La Lande du Puy**: leave the tracks and continue via an asphalt road.

170.9 Crossing: turn left.

After more than 100 m, at the next crossing: turn right.

171.7 At the end of the hamlet of Vervenville: turn left, via a path.

After 300m, at a crossing: turn right, to La Roche.

172.6 T-junction, **La Roche**: turn right, via a road, ascending.

After 200m: turn left, via a path that first descends along a forest and then ascends to **Sainte-Marie-de-Frugie**.

174.0 At the wooden sign past the pond: turn diagonally right, direction 'La Coquille 2km'.

Past a house, to the right: continue via a small asphalt road.

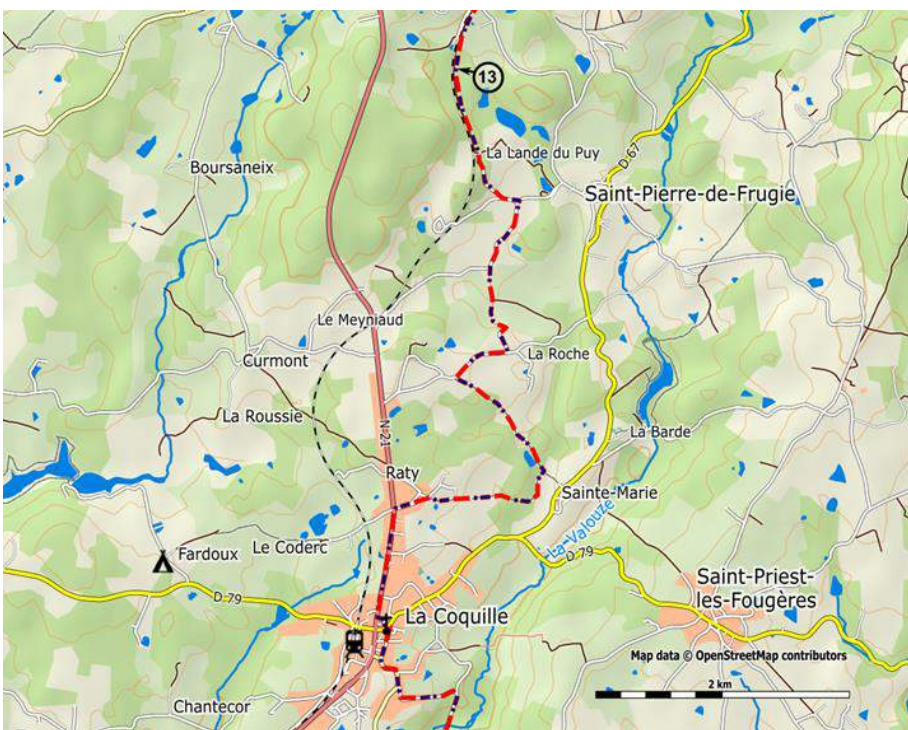
174.9 In the bend to the left: take a dirt road straight ahead.

Arrive at the houses: turn left.

175.4 Arrive on the N21: turn left and, along the roadside, continue to:

176.3 **La Coquille**.

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3 - La Coquille > Sainte-Foy-La-Grande

3.1 - La Coquille > Thiviers: 18,5 km

Km 0.0 La Coquille. [1]

From the church: take the Rue La Boétie, descending.

At the end: turn left (= D67), direction Saint-Paul-la-Roche.

Second side road: turn left (= Route du Moulin de Margaud), descending.

0.8 Junction: keep to the right, first descending (to Moulin de Margaud), then ascending, to Les Rivailles.

1.5 **Les Rivailles**: continue, still ascending (asphalt turns into unpaved).

At the top, at the junction: turn right, across the plateau.

Always straight ahead, descending, through forests and fields.

3.5 End of path on asphalt road (= D67): turn left.

At a side road (right, to La Bussière): turn diagonally right, via a path through the fields.

4.5 Cross an asphalt road (= D98) diagonally, continue again via a path.

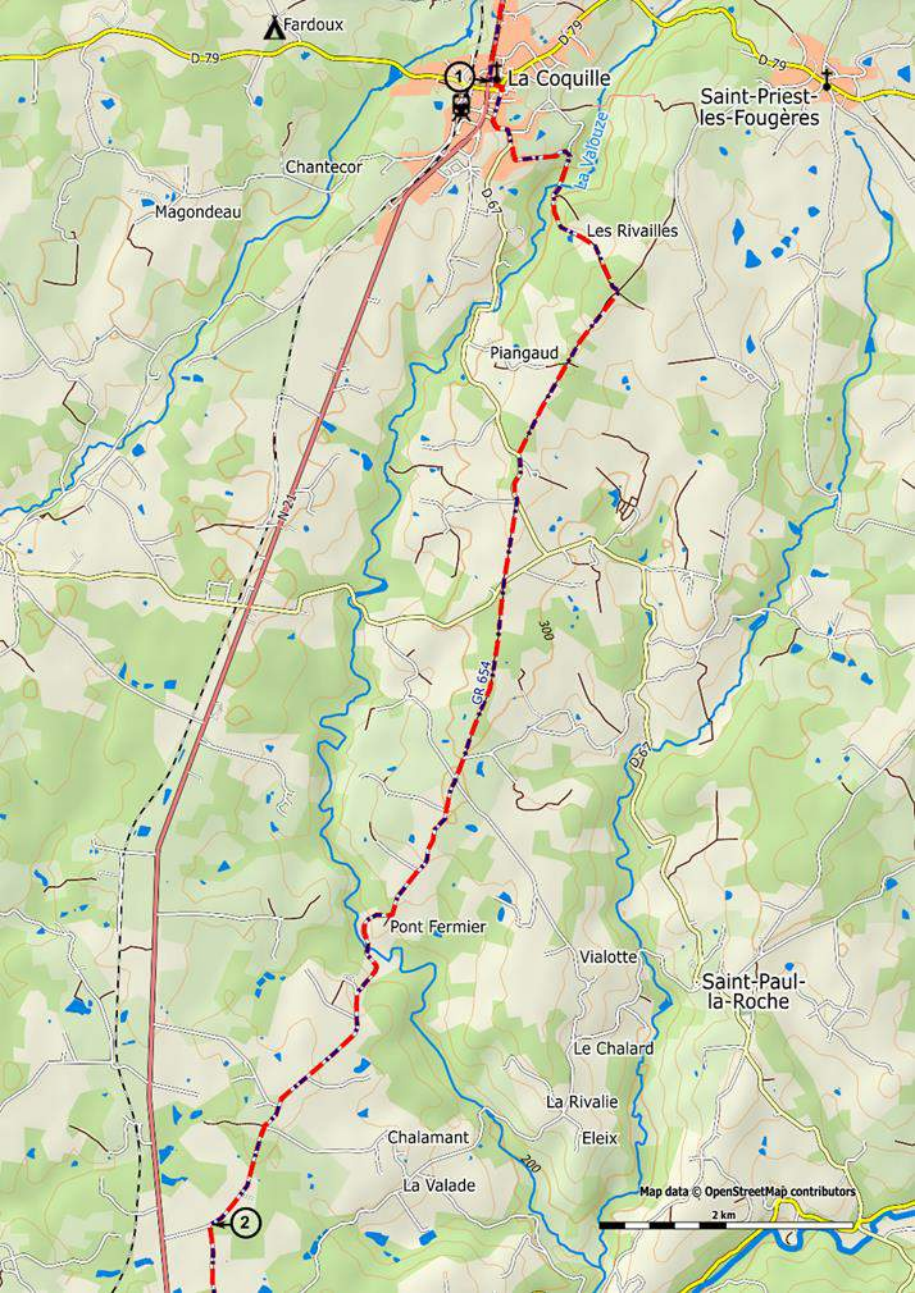
End of path on asphalt road: follow this to the right.

6.1 Cross an asphalted road diagonally and continue, descending, to

7.6 **Pont Fermier**.

Continue, first descending, then ascending.

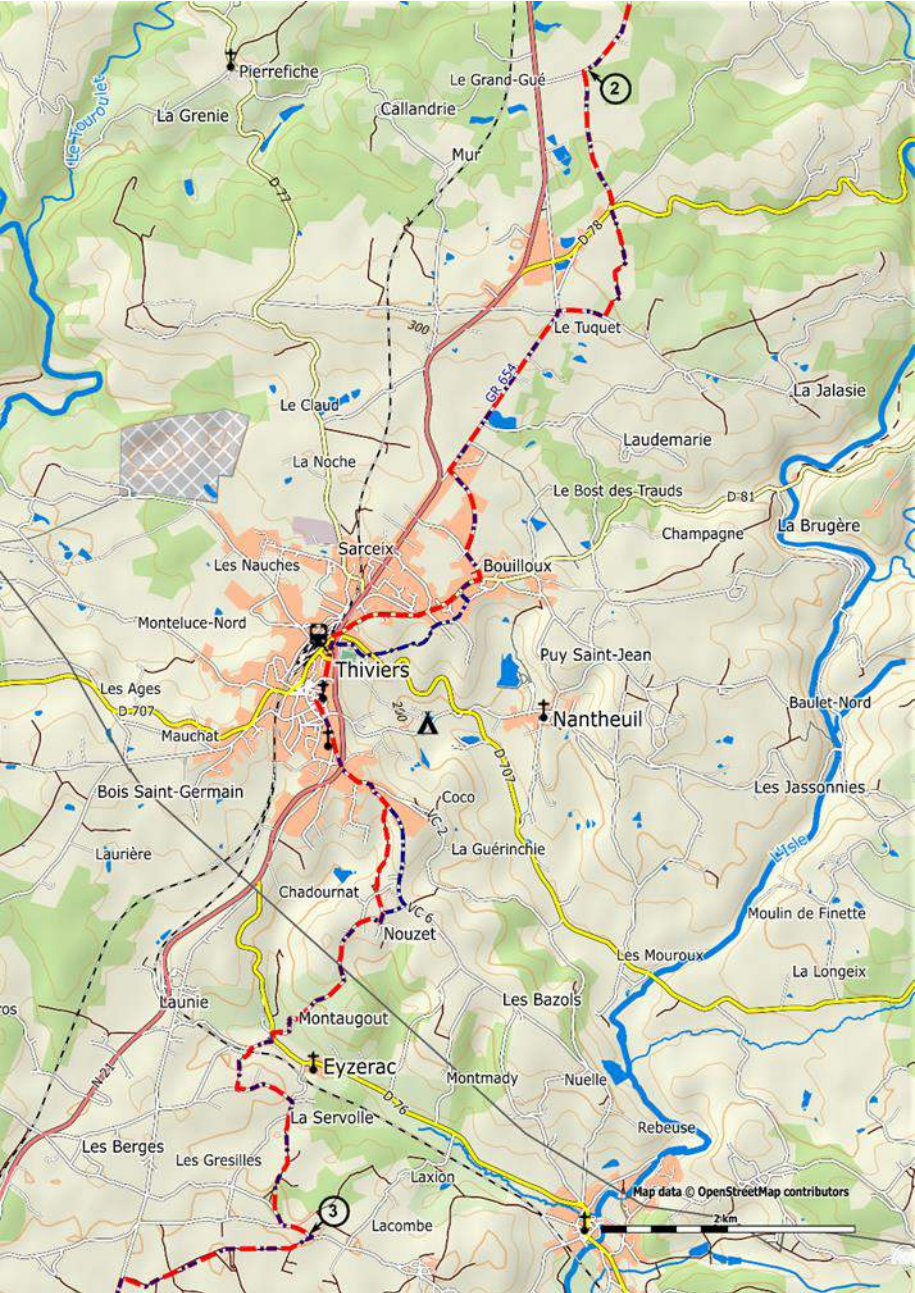
10.6 On a side road, near the sign 'Coderc': turn left. [2]



- 10.6 After the turnoff left [2]: straight ahead.
- 11.8 At the end: turn right.
Shortly thereafter, at a priority road (= D78): cross diagonally left and continue via a path.
End of path on asphalt road: turn right.
- 13.2 End of road, shortly past a water tower: turn left, via a long, straight road.
- 14.7 Before the N21: turn left (one-way traffic sign).
At a crossing: turn left again.
- 15.6 At the end, in **Bouilloux**, at an asphalt road (= D81): turn right. At the crossing: straight ahead (= Avenue Eugène Leroy), to the
- 18.0 roundabout (St Roch). Cross (*pay attention*).
Shortly afterwards, at a junction: keep left (= Rue du Général Lamy, then Rue Jean Jaurès).
- 18.5 **Thiviers**: church.
(*Tourist office on the square opposite the church. Pilgrim bench.*)

3.2 - Thiviers > Sorges: 18,2 km

- 18.5 Thiviers, from the church: continue via the Rue Jean Jaurès, to a roundabout.
Keep left (= Avenue A. Croizat).
Cross the N21 diagonally and continue.
At a 'Carrosserie' (right): turn right, descending.
After 100m: turn right, via a small road (first unpaved, then asphalted), descending.
- 20.3 On a five-way crossing: straight ahead.
At the end: turn right.
Junction: keep to the right, descending.
Cross the hamlet of **Montaugout**
- 22.0 Crossing with a larger asphalt road (= D76): turn left.
After 100m: turn right.
Junction: turn left, pass under the railway bridge.
Thereafter: turn left, via a stoney path, ascending.
End of path on asphalt road: turn left.
- 23.2 Crossing in the hamlet of **La Servolle**: turn right.
After about 100m: turn left via a small road, descending.
At the end: turn left via a larger road.
After 150m: turn left again.
After 250m:
- 23.8 Turn sharply right, via a path. [3]



Pierrefiche

Le Grand-Gué

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La Grenie

Callandrie

Mur

Le Tuquet

La Jaliasie

Laudemarie

Le Bost des-Trauds

Champagne

La Brugère

Le Claud

La Noche

Sarceix

Bouilloux

Les Nauches

Montluce-Nord

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Lacombe

2 km

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23.8 On a path [3]. Continue straight ahead.

25.5 **Boslalégué** (farm).

Shortly past it: continue via an unpaved path in the same direction.

At the end, on an asphalt road: turn left.

Continue 1.5 km and turn right.

28.0 **Le Pic**.

Continue to the end of the road (wayside cross): turn right and immediately left, via a small road through the forest, to a farm (Les Bizarias).

A little further, end of the road: turn left and immediately right, via a small grass road.

At the end: turn right and continue to a junction near

30.0 **Lauzelie**. Keep left.

End of road: turn right.

End of road: turn right again (= D73).

Cross the N21 straight ahead and cross:

31.3 **Négrondes**.

About 200m past the church, at a crossing: straight ahead. The road turns into a small road, which thereafter turns left.

32.3 End of road: turn right, towards a forest, ascending.

At the end: turn left.

33.7 Crossing (near the hamlet of **Le Pouyet**): turn right, the road turns into a small road and then a path, descending.

34.6 When leaving a forest: turn left, along the edge of the forest.

After 150m: turn right, through fields, to a farm.

At the crossing immediately past it: turn left.

36.0 **Les Palissoux**.

At the crossing (with the D8): straight on.

36.7 **Sorges**.

3.3 - Sorges > Périgueux: 22,4 km

36.7 Sorges. Pass in front of the church to the N21.

Turn right, via a small park (A), parallel to the N21.

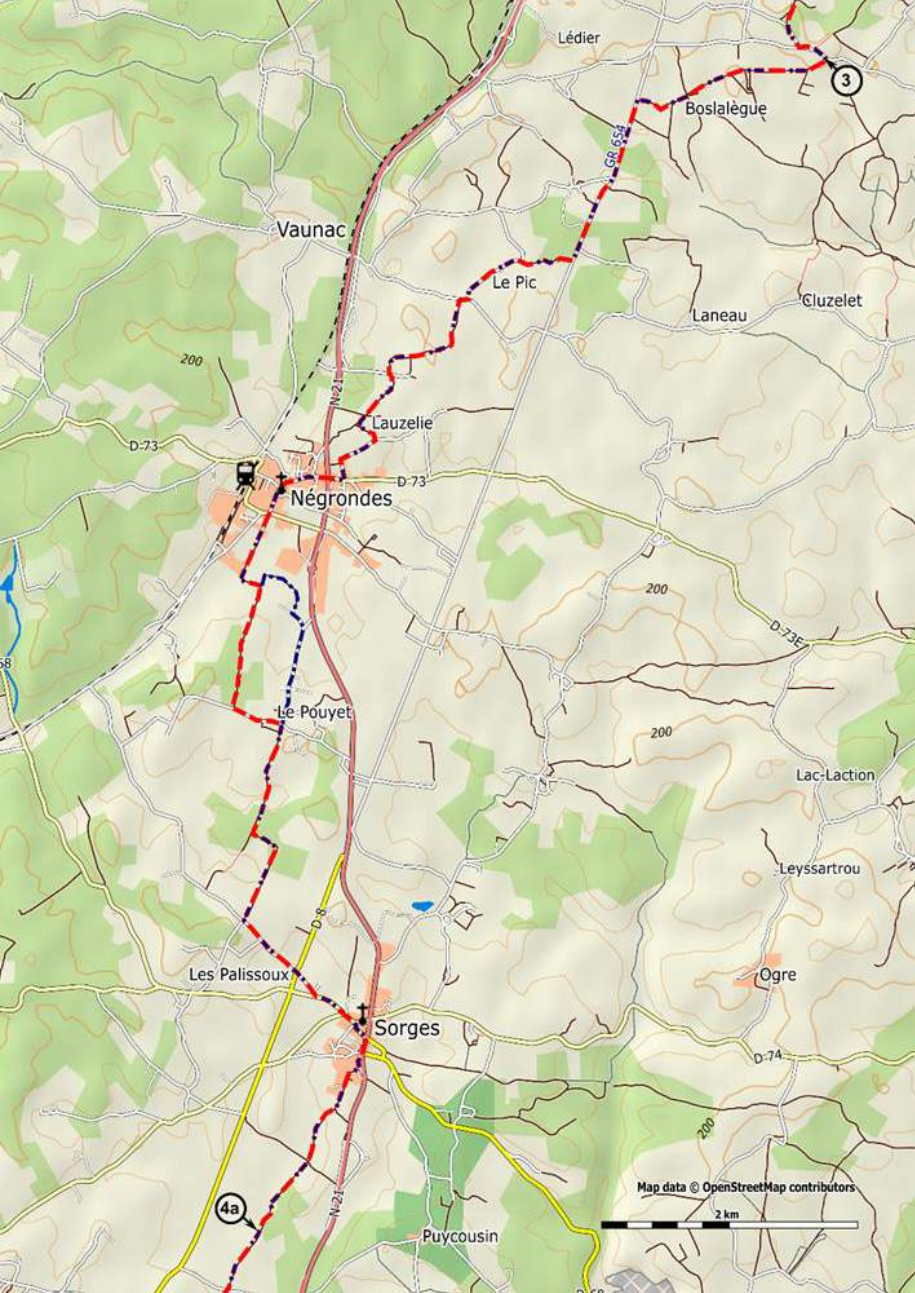
Continue via a smaller road, also parallel to the N21.

After about 100m: turn right.

After more than 400m: turn diagonally right, via a path.

At a crossing: straight ahead.

38.6 [4a] straight ahead.



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Bostalègue

Vaunac

Le Pic

Laneau

Cluzelet

200

D-73

Lauzèlie

D-73

Négrondes

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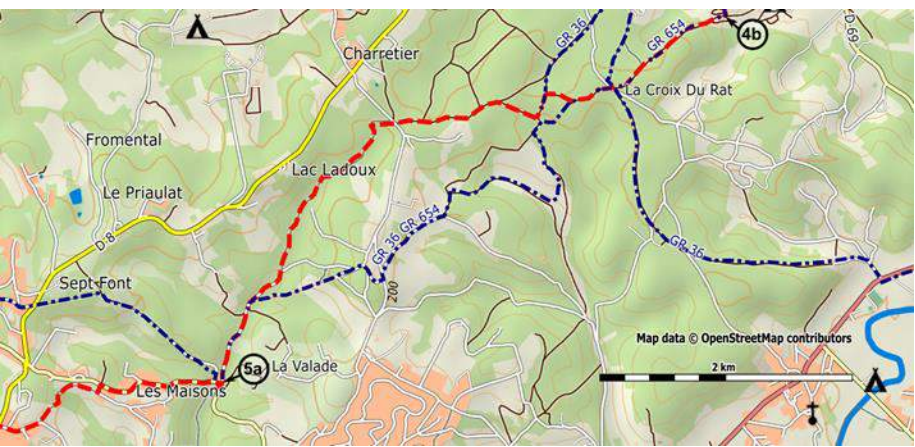
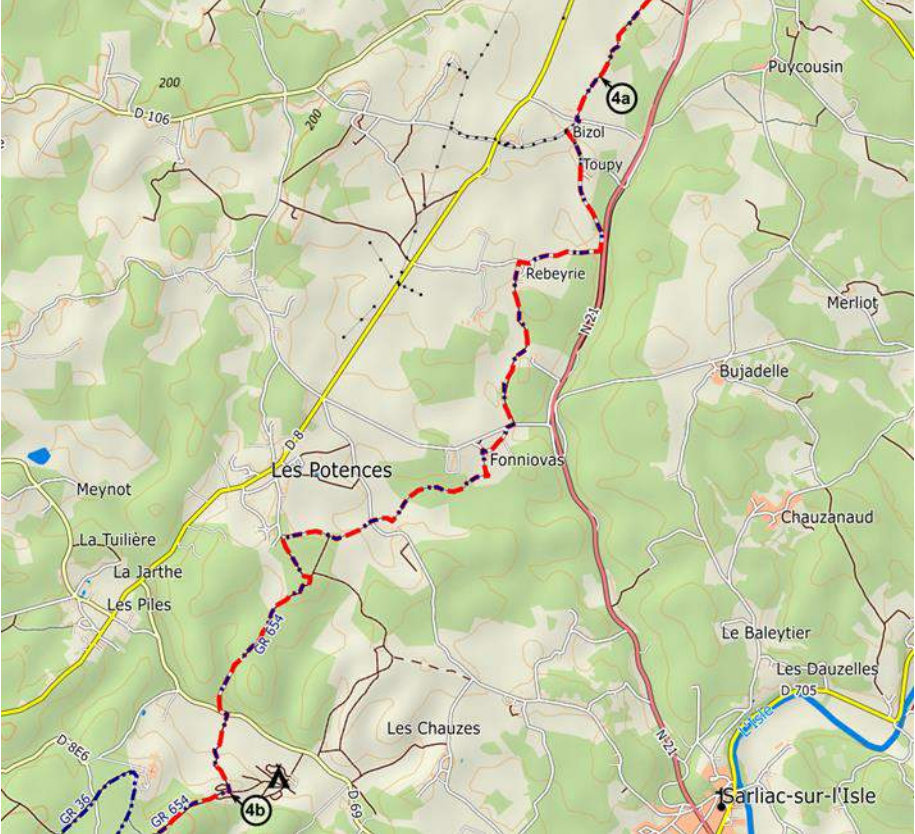
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Puycousin

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2 km

- 38.6 From **[4a]** continue straight ahead.
- 39.2 Hamlet of **Bizol**. End of road: turn left and immediately right.
After 150m: turn left.
Near the N21 the road makes a right-angle turn.
- 41.0 **Rebeyrie**. Past the hamlet: turn left. The road turns into a paved path.
Ignore side paths.
End of path on asphalt road: turn right.
After 100m, at a junction (*well*): turn left, to the village:
- 42.9 **Fonniovas** (*pay attention here!*).
Second side road on the left: take a half-paved road, between houses, then unpaved.
First side road: turn right and then continue straight ahead. Ignore a side road left.
- 44.2 End of road on asphalt road: turn left and immediately right, via a grass road.
End of path at asphalt road (sign «Forêt Domaniale»): turn left. Pass a barrier and continue straight ahead.
- 45.4 Piste forestière (forest road) DFCI. Follow this to the left.
After 100m: right-angle turn to the right.
Pass a forester house.
End of forest road on larger asphalt road (= D69).
- 46.8 D69: turn left and immediately right.
At a wooden house (⚡): path to the left.
End of path **[4b]**: turn right.
Continue straight ahead, ignoring side roads.
- 48.7 **La Croix du Rat** (⚡): cross the asphalt road diagonally and continue, via an unpaved road.
At the end: turn left.
At the end, at the Château de Caussade: turn right (leave the GR). A wide path that is asphalted later on (near houses).
- 50.7 At the end, on a larger road: cross and turn right.
Shortly thereafter: turn left, via a half-paved road, through forests.
At the first junction: keep left.
Then ignore all side paths.
The last part is asphalted.
- 53.5 End of road on a large asphalt road, near **La Chaumardie** (sign): turn right (*be careful, traffic!*). **[5a]**




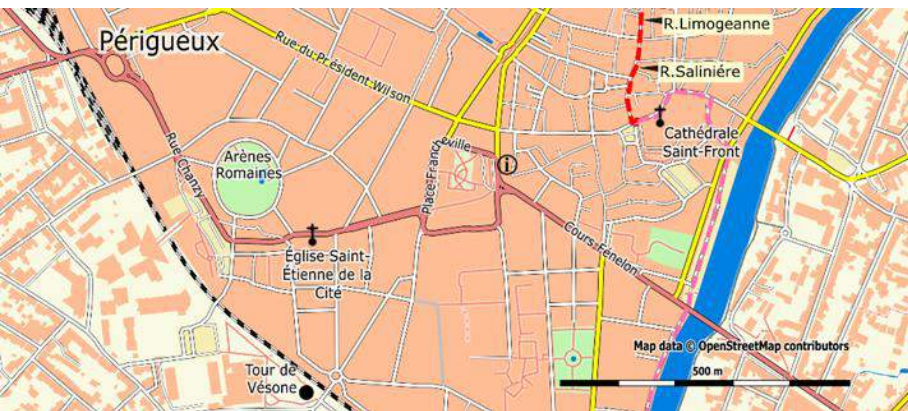
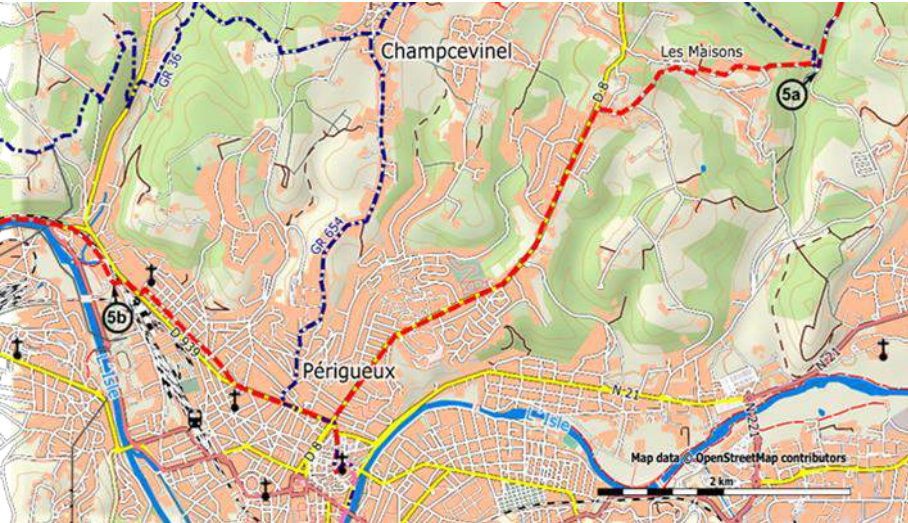
- 53.5 Turn right [5a]. Ignore the first side road right (GR) and continue along the side of the road, ascending.
- 54.5 Hamlet of **Les Maisons**. Past it: first side road left and then right, via an unpaved road.
End of road on asphalt road, in the hamlet of La Meynie: turn right.
- 55.6 At the end, on a wider road (= D8): turn left. Continue straight ahead via a footpath (on the right). [After 1.4 km  - Intermarché].
- 58.1 Roundabout past the hospital: straight ahead, descending, passing the Maison Diocésaine ('the house of the diocese').
- 59.1 Next roundabout: Périgueux.



3.4 - Périgueux > Château de Puyferrat: 26,0 km

For Cathedral St. Front (400m) or the variant via **Bergerac**:

At the roundabout: turn left. In the bend to the left: continue straight ahead (pedestrian area): Rue Limogeanne, thereafter: Rue Salignière. At the end: turn left. See pages 218 t/m 231 for the variant via Bergerac (numbered 3.4a, 3.5a and 3.6a).

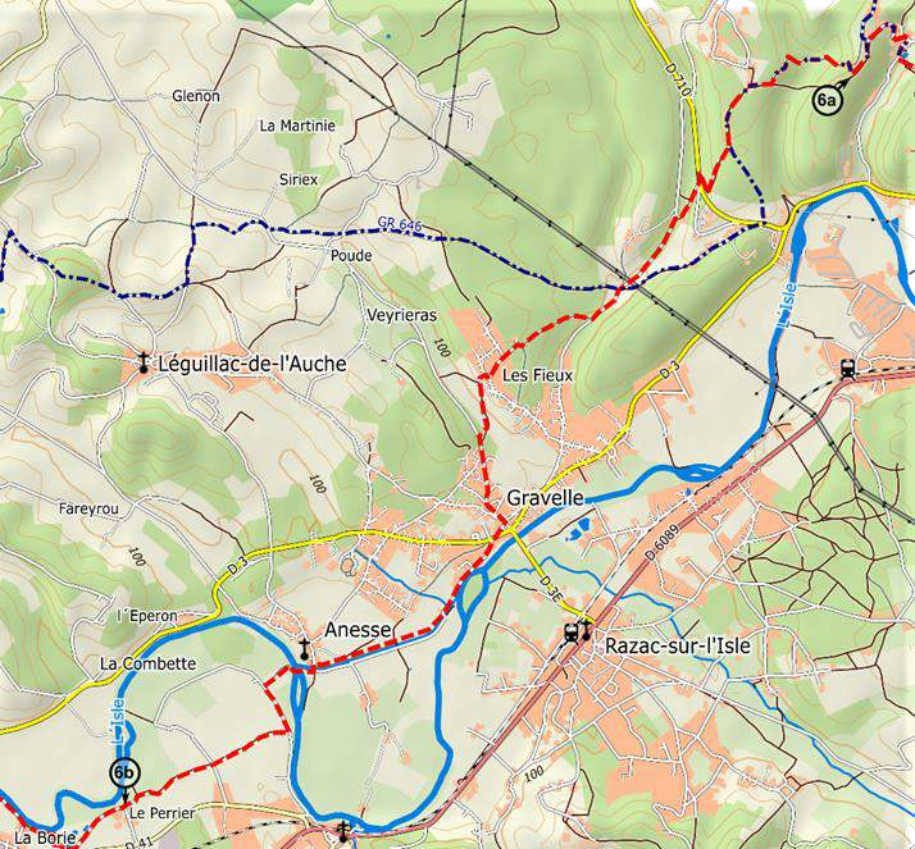
- 59.1 Roundabout. Continue via the Rue Victor Hugo (= D939).
After 800m: turn diagonally right (Rue Lagrange Chancel).
- 60.0 At the end: turn left and immediately right (Rue Pierre Sémard = D939).
After 150m: turn left, pass under the railway bridge.
Just past it: turn right (Chemin Feutres de Toulon) [5b]
- 61.9 Roundabout: straight ahead, via the cycle path on the left.
End of cycle path: turn left (Rue des Pêcheurs) and take the first road to the right. At the end: turn right again.
- 64.6 Roundabout: turn left.
Next roundabout: turn right (D1), direction Abbaye de Chancelade (or straight ahead, 100m for  - Intermarché).
- 65.8 On the right you see the **Abbaye de Chancelade**. Turn left, via a path.
Cross an asphalt road and continue (Rue des Maines), ascending. Turn right (Place de Maine). At the end: right again and immediately left.
- 66.6 At the end: turn diagonally right.
At a five-way intersection: straight ahead (Rue E. Manet).
Second side road: turn left (unpaved, Chemin des Pruneliers).
At the end: turn left (= Chemin de Terrassonie).
- 67.8 Hamlet of Terrassonie. At a mini roundabout: straight ahead.
- 68.8 **Les Andrivaux** (the GR reconnects). End of road: turn right.
Junction: turn diagonally left (Chemin de la Commanderie, then Chemin Templiers), ascending sharply.
Past the village, after about 300m: turn left, through the forest.
- 70.0 (highest point). [6a]



- 70.0 Highest point [6a]. Descent and ascent. Near houses and chalets (new highest point): turn left, via a small road. After 300m:
- 71.5 Turn right (leave the GR), ascending shortly, then descending steeply. End of path on wide asphalt road (= D710): cross, turn left. After 50m: turn diagonally right (one-way traffic sign). End of road on asphalt road: turn left. After 1 km (more than 300m past a crossing with the GR):
- 72.6 Turn diagonally right, via a wide path, ascending, towards (the last part is asphalted):
- 73.6 Hamlet of **Les Fieux**. End of the road: turn right (Rue des Bois, dead-end sign) and immediately left, between houses. Straight ahead, via a small road, descending. End of road on asphalt road: turn left.
- 75.9 **Gravelle**. At a crossing in the village: turn right (direction Annesse). After more than 100m: cross a larger road (= D3) diagonally to the right and continue (Rue des Prairies ) along the Isle River and then the Canal. At the first bridge: straight ahead, via a small unpaved road.
- 78.0 **Annesse**. End of the road: turn left, across the canal. Arrive on the Voie Verte (which you follow until Saint Astier). Turn right and cross the river via the bicycle bridge. At the end, on an asphalt road: turn left. First side road: turn right.
- 80.4 Hamlet of **Le Perrier [6b]**: continue straight ahead, along Le Lac Bleu, the river and the canal.
- 82.5 At the bridge: turn right (= D41), across the canal ( left a *Lidl*), direction campsite. Keep following the D41 and cross the river again.
- 83.1 **Saint-Astier**. Past the bridge: (almost) straight ahead, left past the church and again straight ahead (Rue Jules Guesde, then Rue Maréchal Foch). At the end: turn right (Rue Amiral Courbet). At the roundabout: turn left (Rue Maréchal Leclerc, direction Château de Puyferrat). Second side road: turn diagonally right (Rue Eugène Leroy). At a right-angle bend: straight ahead, via a path to
- 85.1 **Château de Puyferrat**.

3.5 – Château de Puyferrat > Mussidan: 23.8 km

- 85.1 Château de Puyferrat. Walk right around the castle and continue via the GR, descending considerably. End of path on asphalt road: turn right. After more than 100m: turn left, towards Davalant.
- 86.0 Before the hamlet: turn left, via an unpaved road.
- 86.9 **Rougerie**. End of road: turn right, ascending.
- 87.4 End of road: turn right [7a].



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87.4 End of road: turn right. [7a]

After 300m: turn left, via an unpaved road, to Les Brousses. Continue via a bend to the left, first descending considerably, then ascending.

89.1 **Chassaing**. End of road on an asphalt road (= D41): turn left (leave the GR). After 100m, descending: turn right, via an unpaved road.

Continue along the edge of the forest.

Cross an asphalt road at **Guibaudie**.

Continue, past a house, through the forest, to the farm Le Treillou and continue.

Cross a larger asphalt road (= D41E2) diagonally and continue to the hamlet of

90.4 **Saumonia**. At the end: take the second road on the left (half paved, then unpaved) and continue between meadows.

91.4 End of road (in a forest): turn left and continue. The last part is asphalted (Rue du Lavoir).

92.7 **Planéze**. End of the road: turn left. At a junction: keep to the right (Rue de la Mazille). [7b]

Continue following this road, further on through a forest, ascending steeply (almost at the top: the GR arrives from the right).

93.9 Continue straight ahead, to Puy de Pont, descending. Cross it.

At the end: turn right.

95.1 Cross a larger asphalt road (= D44) and continue to the hamlet of **Jaumarie**, ascending.

Then keep following the GR via the DFCI (forest road).

97.9 End of forest road on a larger road: turn left (thereafter asphalted).

After 1 km: turn right, via the DFCI (forest road).

After 700m, end of forest road on asphalt road: turn left.

After 150m: continue diagonally to the right, via a half-paved, wide road (leaving the GR).

<<< *Alternative: follow the GR 1 km to **Douzillac*** >>>.

After 150m, end of road on asphalt road (= D40): turn right.

After 100m: turn left, via an unpaved road, descending to the

100.7 Hamlet of **Les Faures** (⚡). End of road on asphalt road: turn right.

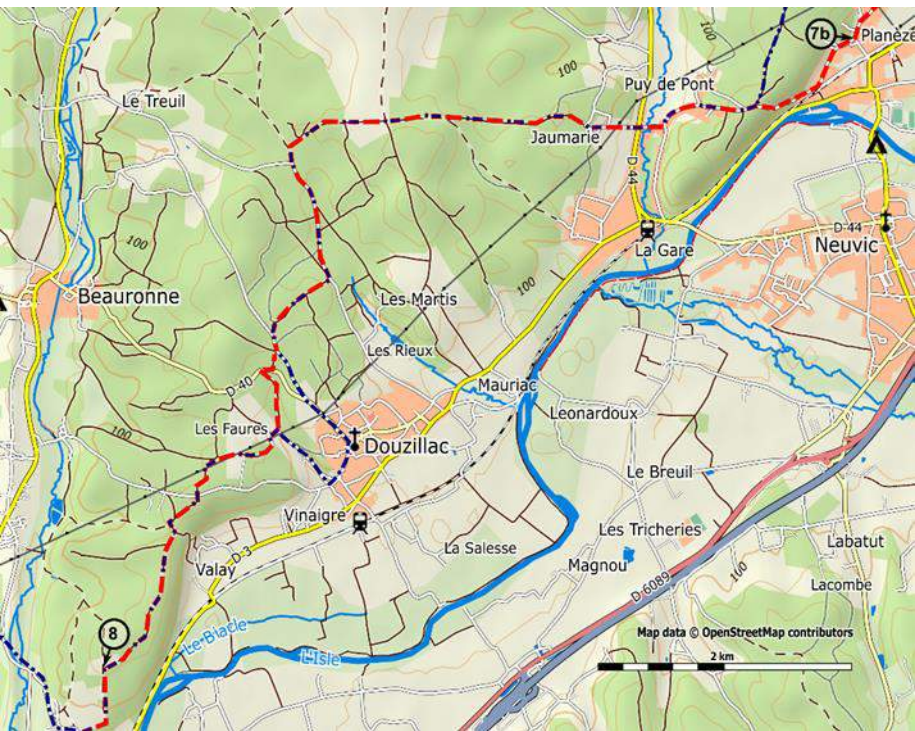
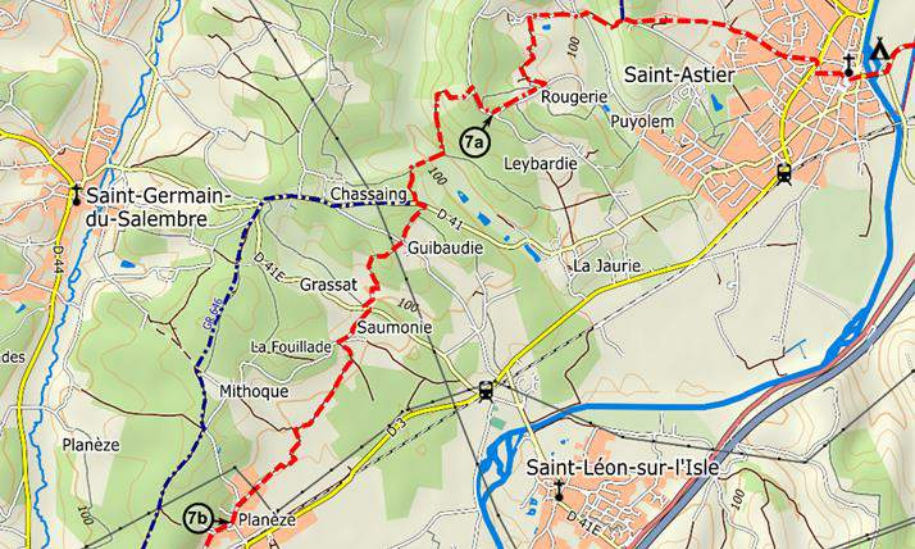
Past a few houses, in a sharp turn to the right: turn left, via an unpaved road.

End of road on a forest road (DFCI): turn left.

101.7 Cross an asphalt road and continue, again via a forest road (DFCI).

After 400m, at a junction: turn left. Shortly thereafter: turn right (keep following the DFCI until the end, on an asphalt road).

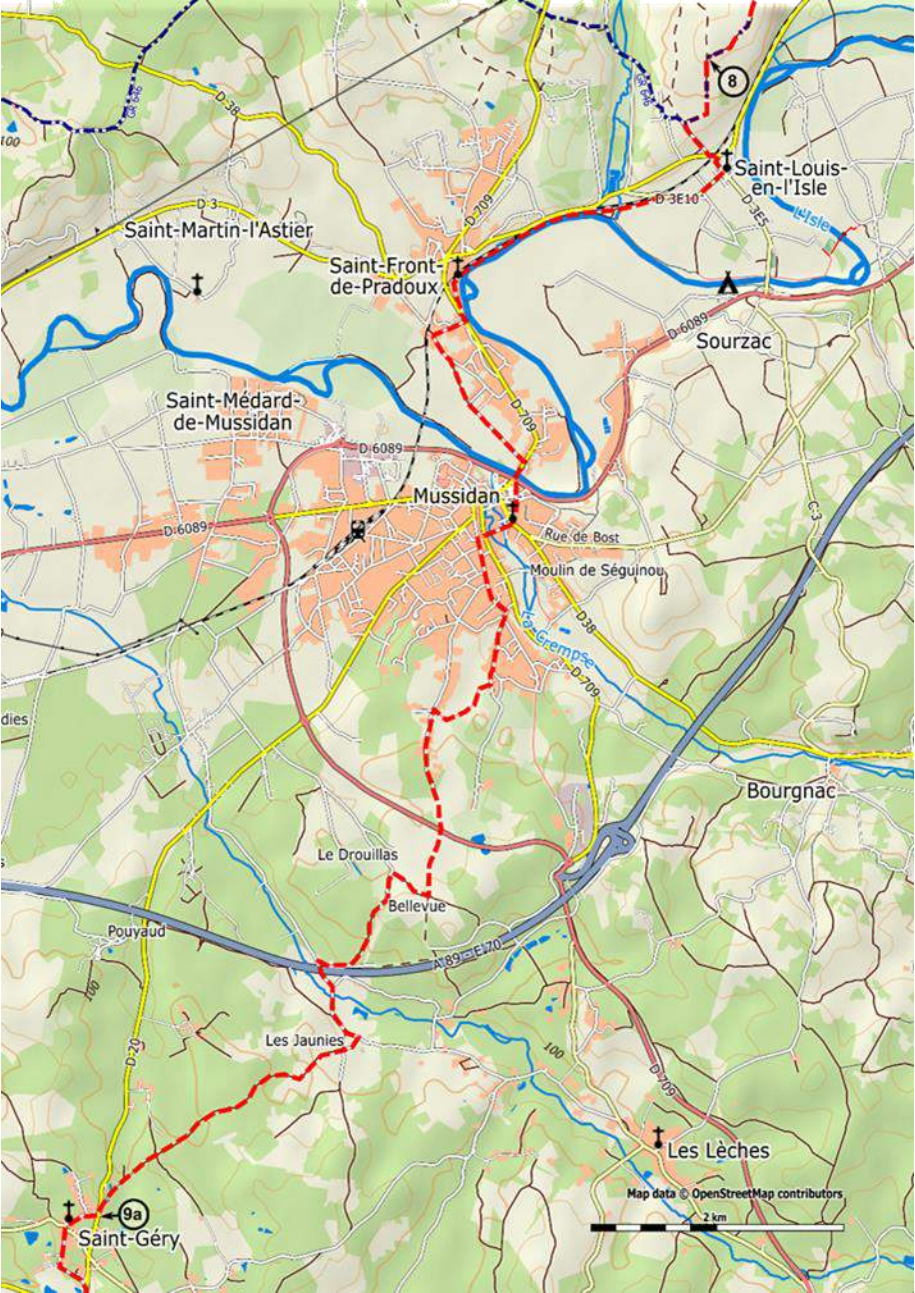
103.5 [8] keep left.



- 103.5 [8], keep left.
- 104.1 End of DFCI on an asphalt road: turn left (leave the GR), descending.
After 400m, end of the road on a wider asphalt road (= D3): turn left.
Past the railroad crossing: turn right, to **Saint- Louis-en-l'Isle**.
Opposite the church: turn right, direction St-Front-de-P(radoux).
<< At 1 km, straight ahead: Sourzac, historic pilgrimage place >>
From here, follow the Voie Verte again: thereafter along the railroad
and then along the Isle River.
- 106.1 **Saint Front de Pradou**. Continue via the Voie Verte (till Mussidan).
Cross a larger asphalt road (= D709) and shortly afterwards turn right
(Rue de Portillon), crossing the hamlet of Tendou.
Turn left and continue straight ahead, to - again - the D709.
Turn right, cross the bridge.
- 108.6 **Mussidan**. Past the bridge: turn left, then right (Rue St. George, *along
the Place Victor Hugo (left): refuge*).
At the end: cross to the
- 108.9 Eglise Saint Georges.

3.6 - Mussidan > Sainte-Foy-la-Grande: 33 km

- 108.9 Mussidan, front of the church (with the back to it): turn left (Rue St
Agnan).
Cross a larger road and continue, via a small street (Rue du Puits),
ascending.
At the end: turn left (Rue Beaupuy, then Rue des anciens d'AFN).
At the end: turn right (Rue de Séguinou), ascending.
- 110.5 At the junction, turn diagonally right. After 150m: turn right, via an
unpaved path.
End of path on asphalt road: turn left. Pass the Cumy farm. Thereafter,
the asphalt turns into a forest road (DFCI), passing under the ring road
(= D709).
- 112.7 Crossing: turn right. Next crossing: turn left.
End of unpaved road on asphalt road: turn right.
- 114.2 End of asphalt road on a larger asphalt road: turn left, passing under
the highway. Continue, crossing a small bridge.
After about 400m: turn right, via a small asphalt road, to **Les Jaunies**.
Past the hamlet, in a bend to the left: turn diagonally right, via an
unpaved road. Keep following this.
- 117.5 End of road on wide asphalt road (= D20): turn left. After 100m: turn
right. [9a]



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Saint-Martin-l'Astier

Saint-Front-de-Pradoux

Saint-Louis-en-l'Isle

Sourzac

Saint-Médard-de-Mussidan

Mussidan

Moulin de Séguinou

Bourgnac

Le Drouillas

Bellevue

Pouyaud

Les Jaunies

Les Lèches

Saint-Géry

9a

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2 km

Section 3

117.6 Turn right. [9a]

117.8 **Saint-Géry**. At the church: turn left.

Shortly past it: turn diagonally to the right, direction **Les Roches**.

Cross a wide asphalt road (= the D20 again) diagonally right and continue (= C3).

Pass **La Caty** ('ferme auberge').

At a fork: keep to the right.

121.9 **La Gratade**, hamlet: continue.

122.7 End of road: turn left (= D13).

Past the bridge: turn right, towards the village of

125.1 **Fraisse**. [9b]

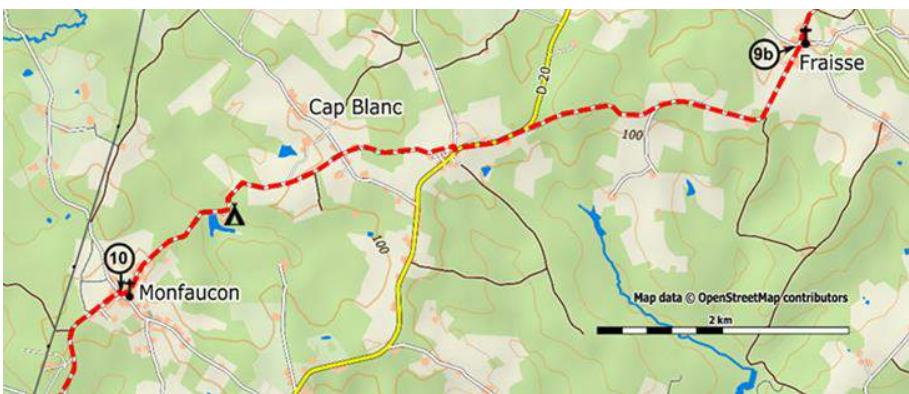
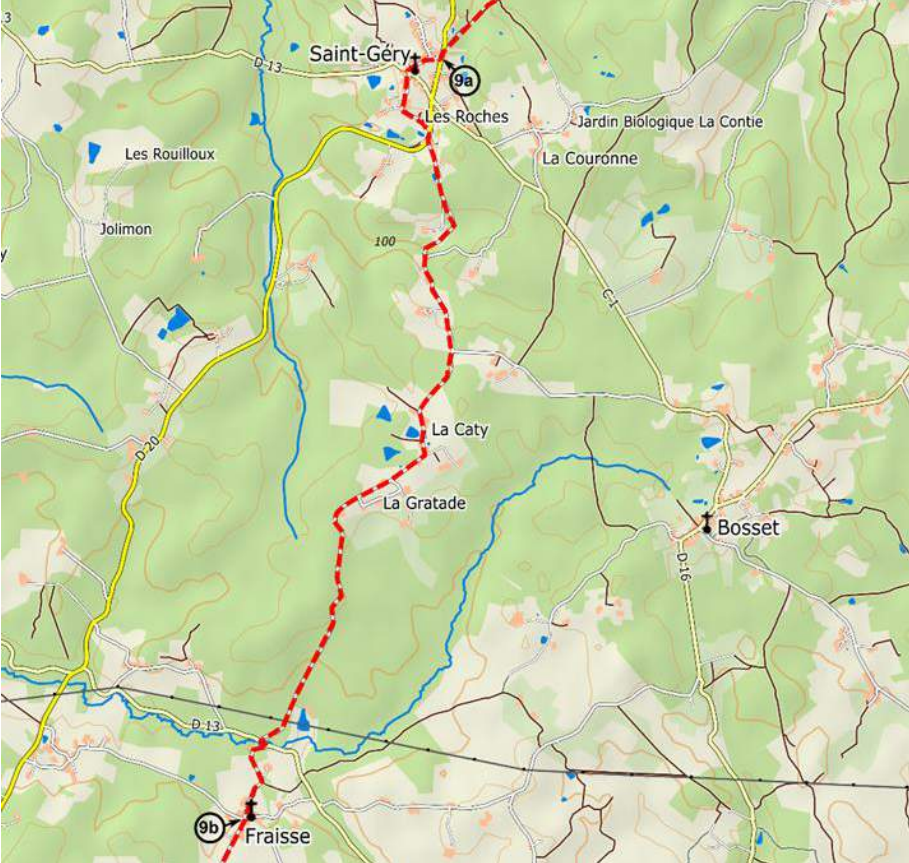
At the church ~~⚡~~: continue straight ahead (= C202), ignoring side roads.

127.8 End of road on wider asphalt road (= D20): turn left (*carefully*).

After 500m: turn right and immediately left, direction **Cap Blanc**.

Keep following this road, passing a campsite, to the village of

131.7 **Monfaucon**. [10]



131.7 **Monfaucon.** [10]

End of the road at the church: turn right and immediately left.

After 1 km, descending: continue diagonally left.

Cross a small bridge and continue - ascending - to

134.1 turnoff before the first houses of **Virolle** (connection GR): turn right, to the hamlet of **Moncazeau**. Continue.

Cross a wider asphalt road (= D32) and continue via a forest road (DFCI). Thereafter another GR arrives from the right. Straight ahead. (Keep following the GR until Port Sainte Foy).

136.3 **Cap de Fer.**

Continue via asphalt.

After about 500m, end of the road on a wider asphalt road (= D32E): turn right.

After 1 km: (just before a house on the left, houses on the right): turn left, via a small grass road, ascending, to the mill La Rouquette (ruin).

138.6 End of road: turn left, passing the mill, passing vineyards.

At the end: turn right, descending.

Cross an asphalt road. Straight ahead to a farm.

At the farm, after a bend to the right: turn left, via an unpaved path.

At the end, on an asphalt road: turn right, ascending, towards

140.1 Hamlet of **Briat**.

End of the road: turn left. After about 350m, in a bend to the right: continue straight ahead. A grassy road, descending, between vineyards, to the mill of

140.7 **La Feraille** (*ruin, viewpoint*).

Continue, carefully: steep and dangerous descent.

At the end, at an asphalt road (= D20): cross and follow the road to the left.

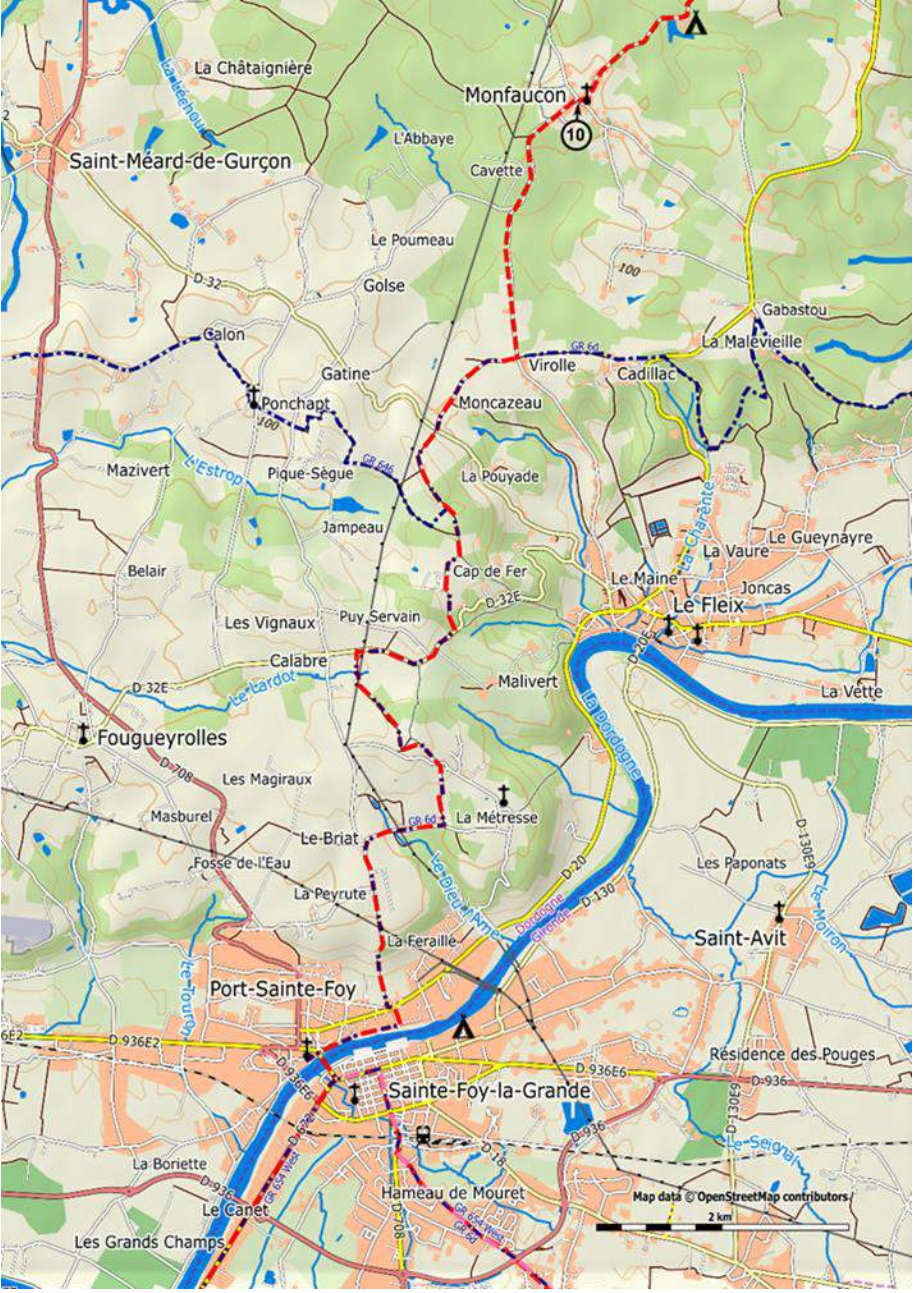
Shortly after: turn right.

At the Dordogne: turn right, along the river, passing under the bridge.

After 100m: turn right, ascending, to the church (*pilgrim hostel next door*).

141.9 **Port-Sainte-Foy** church. On the other side of the Dordogne is Sainte-Foy-la-Grande.

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4 - Sainte-Foy-la-Grande >Captieux

4.1 - Sainte-Foy-la-Grande > Saint-Ferme: 28,7 km

Km 0.0 **Sainte-Foy-la-Grande.**

Cross the Dordogne via the D20 [1], Pont Michel de Montaigne.

>>> (*border of the departments of Dordogne and Gironde.*)

On the bridge a sign: "Compostelle (Santiago) 1100 km".

0.2 T-junction: turn right (Avenue Ithier Gorin = D130).

(Left: the center with the town hall, the tourist office and a church.)

0.4 Crossing (traffic light): straight ahead (Av. Maréchal Leclerc = D672).
Pineuilh.

0.6 Pass under the railroad.

1.4 Pass under the ring road.

2.2 Cross the hamlet of **Le Chantier.**

2.8 **Pont-de-la Beauze** (= municipality of **Saint-André-et-Appelles**)
(Note: the road is busy and the roadside narrow).

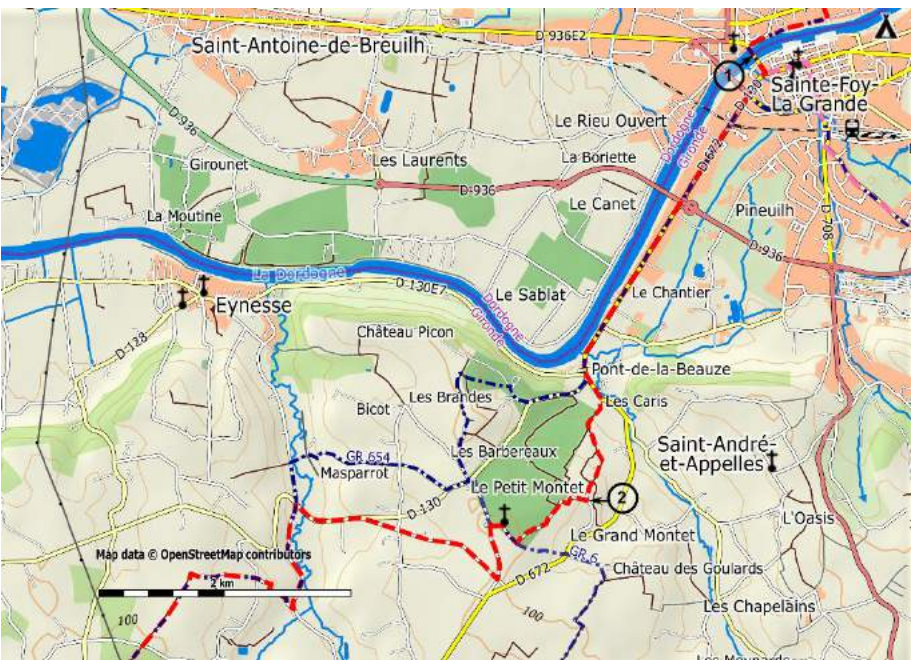
3.0 Near the town hall, at a crossing: continue straight ahead, via the D672,
direction Langon.

3.2 Past a bridge: turn right, via a dead-end road.

3.3 Follow the small road that turns into a grass path (direction south-
south-west). At the top: small bend to the left, descending. Then a bend
to the right (direction south-south-west), ascending.

4.1 On asphalt: enter the hamlet of **Le Petit Montet.**

After 100m, at a T-junction: turn right, between the houses. [2]



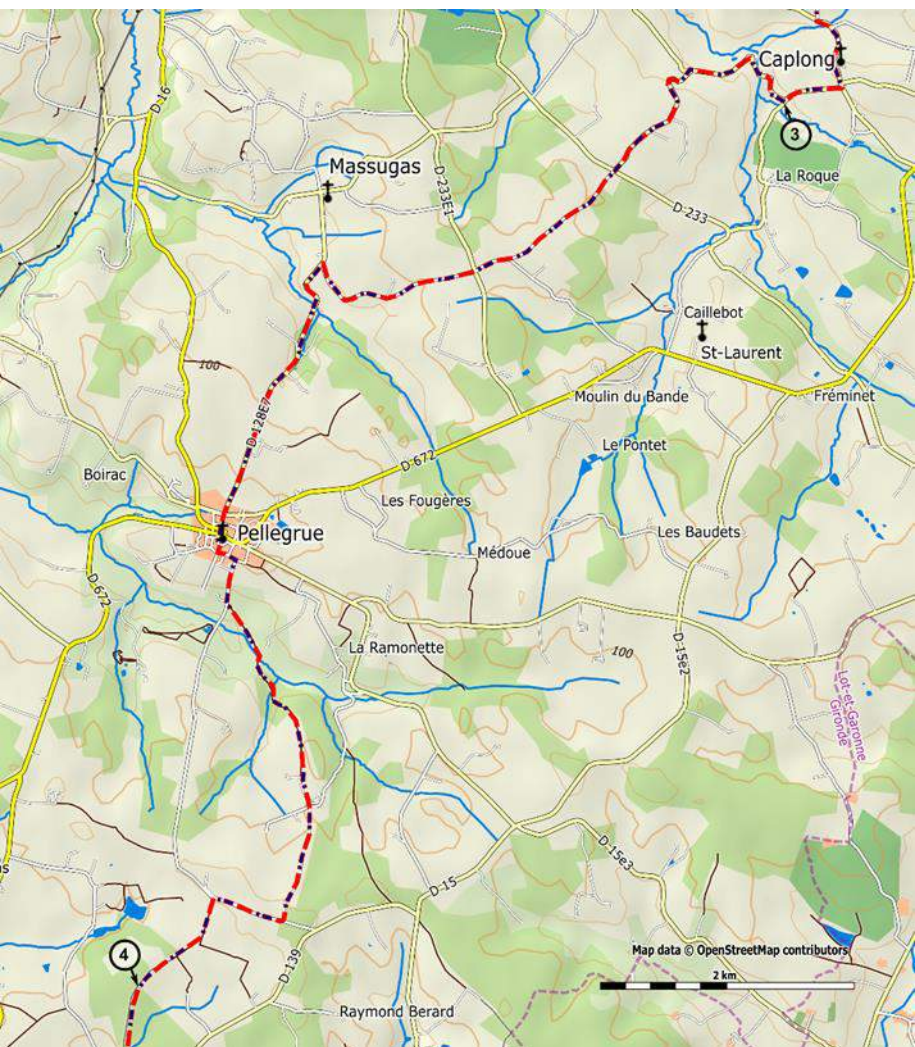
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- 4.2 Le Petit Montet [2]. Follow the small winding road between houses.
Then continue through vineyards and orchards.
- 4.9 Follow the bend to the right, direction Saint-Quentin-de-Caplong.
- 5.1 Church of **Appelles**, surrounded by a cemetery: bend to the left.
(Beautiful view of the Dordogne and the slopes of the right bank.)
- 5.2 T-junction, near wooden wayside cross ('Stop'): turn sharply left.
- 5.7 Crossing: turn right, via the D18, direction Gensac.
- 6.9 On the D18 ('Stop'): turn diagonally left, direction Gensac.
- 7.5 Bridge over a stream (Gravouse).
At the crossing: turn sharply left, via the D235, direction Lèves-et-Thoumeyragues (GR 654).
You walk through the valley of the Gravouse, along the river (left).
- 8.4 Take the first road sharply right, ascending, direction La Bonnetie.
Pass the hamlet of **La Bonnetie Basse**.
- 8.8 Crossing: continue straight ahead, direction Saint-Quentin-de-Caplong, still ascending.
Cross the abandoned hamlet of **La Bonnetie Haute**.
Past the 'castle': straight ahead, via a dirt road.
- 9.3 After 20m: turn left, along the power line: a soggy road between vineyards.
Keep following this direction, under the power line.
- 10.1 Cross an asphalt road, straight ahead. The road becomes stony. A high voltage pylon on your right.
The road becomes soggy again, leads through a grove, passes a vineyard and then passes buildings.
On asphalt road: turn diagonally right.
- 10.8 After 50m, at a T-junction: turn left, via the D128, direction Taillade.
- 11.5 Wayside cross and 'Stop': straight ahead, via the D128, direction **St Quentin de C(aplong)**.
- 11.9 2nd side road left: turn diagonally left, direction Les Foucauds, descending (leave the GR).
(Small detour (350m) for a nice view over the valley of the Soulège, at the church of St. Quentin: continue to the church, then turn left, direction Caplong. After 500m you are back on the main route.)
- 12.6 T-junction ('Stop'): turn left (GR). Cross the stream and ascend.
- 13.0 At the **Caplong** church: continue straight ahead.
- 13.2 Stone wayside cross: turn right, direction Le Tertre (leave the GR654).
- 13.7 100m past the turnoff to Le Tertre, before poplars and a small bridge: turn right, via a small asphalt road (ignore the yellow cross) [3] (GR).



Section 4

- 13.7 Ignore yellow cross under sign '3,5 T'. [3]
Walk along the stream (the Soulège), cross it, and ascend, passing farms (first left, then right).
- 14.7 At the next junction: leave the direction 'Courret Sud' and turn left, ascending (direction south-south-west). Arrive at vineyards. Keep following this narrow, winding road, that bends south-west. ('Le Grand Plantier' on your left).
- 15.9 At the 'Stop' (= D233): straight ahead, direction Vignobles Cardarelli. Continue straight ahead (the hamlet of Lieutenant on your right, then 'Vignobles Cardarelli' on your left).
(At *Borne Nord* there is no accommodation despite the «Halte pèlerins» sign).
- 17.3 At the "Céder le passage" (= give priority) (= D233 E1): continue straight ahead, direction Chât. Cazette.
Continue straight ahead (Cazette castle on your right, Chazelle on your left).
- 18.9 At the 'Stop': turn sharply left, via the D128E7, direction Pellegrue.
Follow this road until Pellegrue, first descending, then ascending.
- 20.8 Sign 'Pellegrue'.
- 21.2 Crossing with the D16 E1 (direction Gensac, Castillon): straight ahead, ascending, via the Rue de la Poste, to the post office.
- 21.3 **Pellegrue.**
On the Place du 8 Mai (*with a remarkable hall*): turn right.
Straight ahead, passing the tourist office (Rue d'Église).
- 21.4 Pass in front of the church, follow a bend to the right (along the side of the church), then near poles: turn immediately right.
- 21.5 Crossing with priority road: turn left (Rue du Champ d'Eymet), along the cemetery.
Immediately turn right, direction Saint Ferme (a beautiful descent).
- 22.0 Turn left via a grassy path (double marking: shell + GR).
(*You benefit from the shade in the forest.*)
- 22.5 Bridge over a stream: cross and ascend, through forest and vineyards.
- 23.6 The path turns into an asphalt road.
- 24.8 T-junction: turn right.
- 25.5 In a slight bend to the right: turn left, via a path (*note: you will see the marking from behind*).
Continue straight ahead, entering a bush. [4]



26.5 Cross a bush [4].

27.2 On an asphalt road: turn left, towards the hamlet of **La Vergne**.

27.8 On priority road (= D139): turn diagonally right.

28.7 Just past the connection of the D127: turn left, ascending.

<< *The nearby former Benedictine Abbey of Saint-Ferme (straight ahead, at 150m) is worth visiting* >>

4.2 - Saint-Ferme > La Réole: 19.9 km

28.7 Just before **Saint-Ferme**: turn left, ascending.

29.1 Stone wayside cross: turn right, via a grass path, (*if it rains, the path is rather slippery*).

29.9 The path passes between two hedges and then through vineyards. Straight ahead.

At the end, on an asphalt road (= D16): turn right.

30.1 On side road: turn left, via the D126, direction Couture.

32.0 << *To the left: a variant via Monségur - see box below.* >>

34.2 Cross the D230.

35.4 Cross the D15, to the church.

35.6 **Coutures**. Pass the church and the cemetery. [5a]

Variant via the fortified bastide **Monségur**, with all services, along the GR

Km 32.0 Turn left, via a small road (GR marking), towards a wind mill.

Km 32.8 Near houses: take the small road to the left.

Km 33.0 Take the small road to the right, thereafter asphalted.

Km 34.1 Junction: turn right.

Km 34.4 Crossing ('Stop'): turn left.

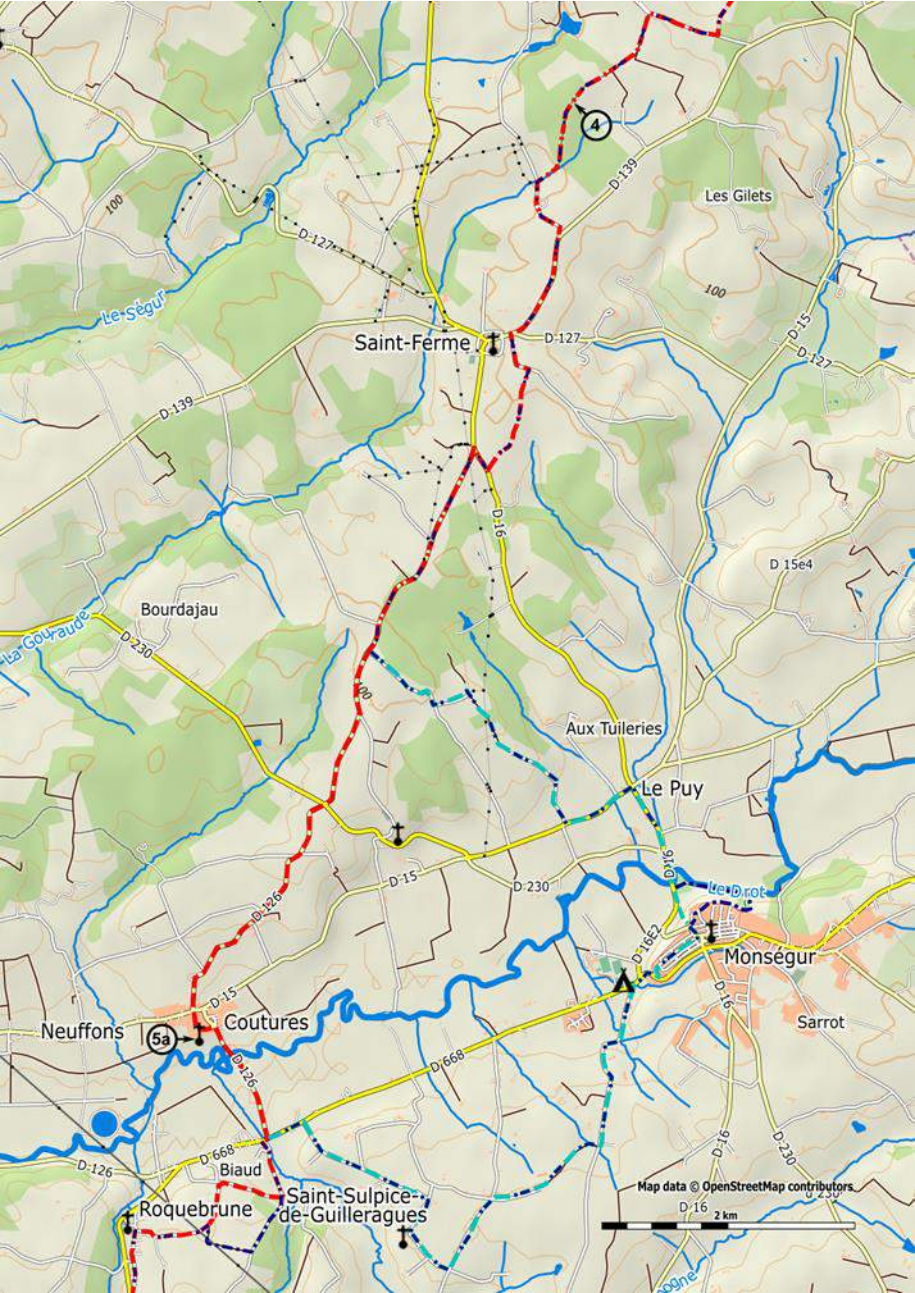
Km 35.0 Bordepaille. At the 'Stop': turn right, via the D16. Careful: fast driving cars.

Km 35.9 Cross the Drot.

Km 6.1 Do not follow the GR to the left, but continue to the "escalier de verdure" (a path, with beams as stairs, to the left of the road): take that, ascending, and continue via the opposite street. The main square of Monségur is on your left.

Km 36.4 Monségur. All shops and services. Take into account the Sunday closure!

To be continued in the box on the next text page.



Saint-Ferme

Les Gilets

Bourdajau

Aux Tuileries

Le Puy

Monségur

Sarrot

Neuffons

Coutures

Biaud

Saint-Sulpice-de-Guilleragues

Roquebrune

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D-16

2 km


- 35.6 Church and cemetery of Coutures. [5a]
35.7 Crossing ('Stop'): turn right (= D126), cross bridge over the Drot.
36.8 T-junction with the D668: turn right, direction La Réole, cross a small bridge (= the Andouille) and turn left, via a small asphalt road.
After 500m, at a crossing: turn right.
<< Before and past the crossing: nice view of the ruins of *Chateau de Caze* >>.
37.8 Bend to the left.
38.6 T-junction (and junction of telephone lines): turn right.
38.8 **Roquebrune**. At the T-junction: turn left.
<< 100m to the right: church and town hall (a former Commandery of the Knights Templar) >>
39.4 On the D126: turn left and immediately right, descending.
Thereafter the road ascends, through a small forest.
40.4 Past the forest, at a junction: straight ahead (*the GR turns left*).
40.8 Pass the hamlet of **Bigat [5b]**, still ascending.
42.4 Arrive in **Saint-Hilaire-de-la-Noaille**.
42.7 Crossing ('Stop') at the hamlet of **Le Pont**: straight ahead, via the D129, direction Mongauzy.
42.9 Follow the D129 to the left.

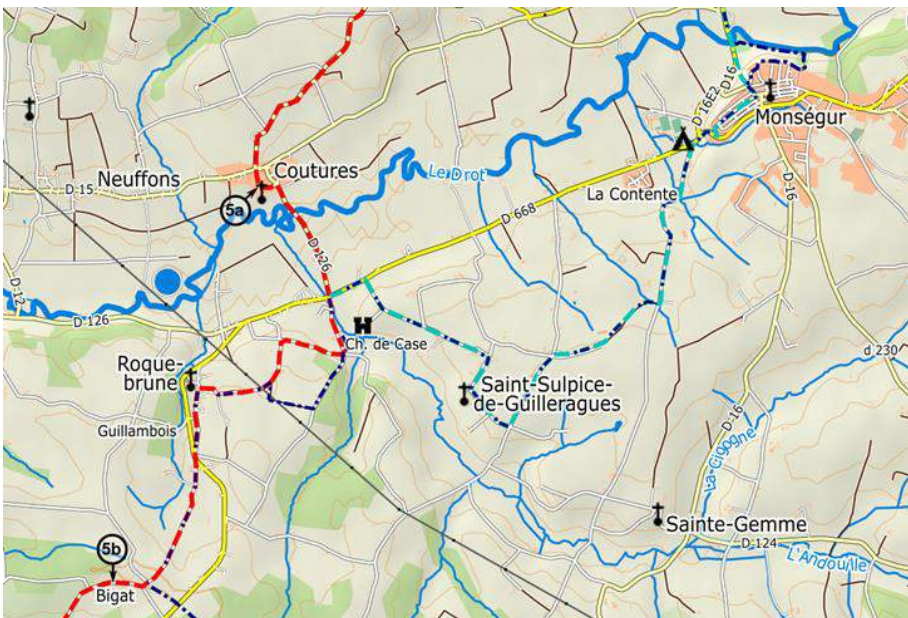
Sequel variant via Monségur

- 36.4 Exit Monségur via the Rue Porte de La Réole, to the end.
36.9 Arrive at the ring road around Monségur. Be careful: little visibility to the left and speeding cars!
37.0 Crossing: cross.
37.2 Turn left (GR marking), to Bénézit, Neujons, slightly ascending.
Hospital on your left.
38.6 At the top, attention: take the small road to the right, along vineyards.
You will see a yellow marking about 10m before this small road and a marking «change direction» about 10m after you entered the small road.
So, actually, these two markings have been swapped. Continue straight ahead, through meadows and vineyards.
39.6 Crossing (wayside cross): turn left.
40.3 Farguet. At the crossing: turn right.
40.4 Arrive in **Saint-Sulpice-de-Guilleragues**.
40.5 Castle of Saint-Sulpice on your left. Continue.
40.8 Turn 90° right (Church and cemetery on your left).
41.1 Crossing: turn left and descend to the D668.
42.3 Follow the D668 to the left, about 250 m. Past the small bridge: turn left again.
42.6 You are back on the main route, at Km 36.8.

43.2 Cross the D668 and keep following the D129, ascending and bending to the right, towards the church of St. Hilaire. [6a]

(In the bend to the right you see a part of the castle of St. Hilaire).

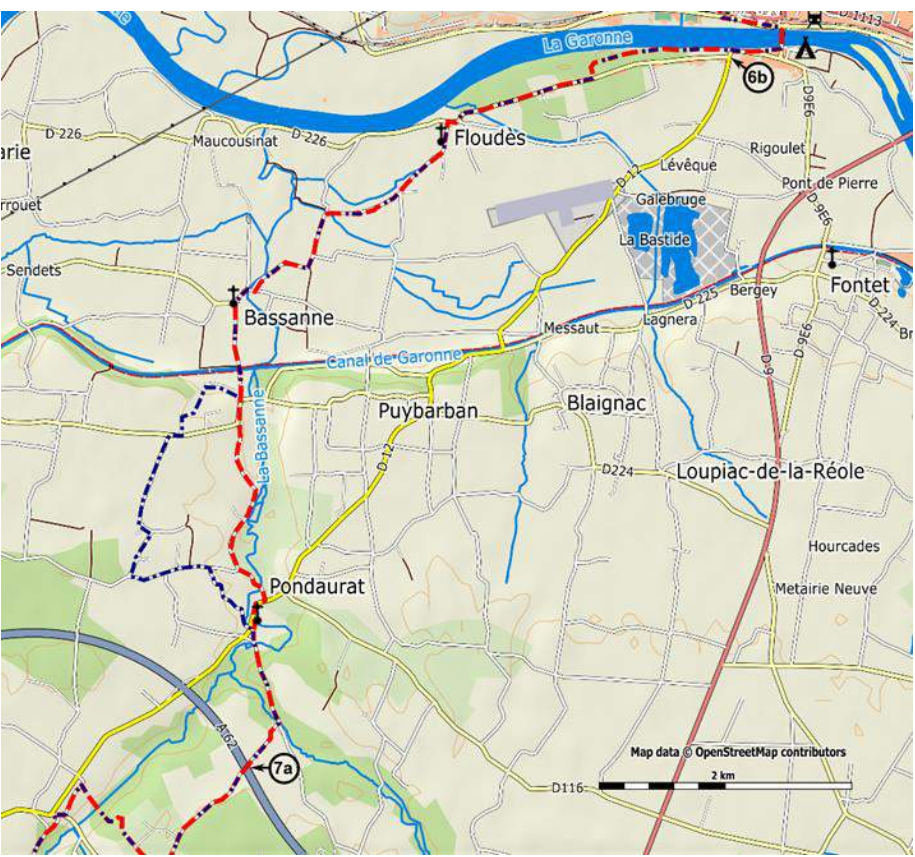
(The church has a Romanesque portal from the 12th century and is listed as a historic monument. Here, around 1250, the Benedictines of La Réole owned a priory and a hospital - named after Saint James - for the pilgrims on their way to or from Compostela.)  (and water tap).



- 43.5 The church of St. Hilaire. **[6a]** Past the church: turn right (= D129).
(From here our route runs parallel to the GR129).
- 44.2 On an asphalt road: turn right, direction Au Villotte.
(Views of the Garonne valley and the hills of La Réole).
- 45.6 50m before D124: turn right, via an unpaved road between trees, along a passage for the cattle, and then ascending to a cattle farm (*view!*).
- 46.1 T-junction: turn left, via a small asphalt road.
Junction: turn diagonally right, ascending (Chemin de la Tour).
After more than 100m: turn right, via a small asphalt road.
At a house: descend via a path through the fields.
- 47.4 At the barrier on the asphalt road: turn right (Rue du Mirail).
- 47.9 At the traffic lights: the city walls ('remparts') of La Réole.
Continue via the Rue des Remparts.
Cross the Place de la République, direction Centre Historique.
- 48.6 Church of **La Réole**.
(Thousand year old city, city of art and history. A waymarked walking route along local heritage starts on the Place du Turon.)

4.3 - La Réole > Bazas: 37,0 km

- 48.6 La Réole. Continue via the Place Rigoulet, between poles. Turn left past the church and continue via the Rue Jean Renou. At the bend to the left: straight ahead, pass the fence and cross the square diagonally left.
Walk down the stairs. Then turn left, along the Garonne quay.
- 49.3 Ascend to the bridge and cross the Garonne.
- 49.7 Stairs to the right: descend and follow the dike.
- 49.9 On the D12: turn right. After 200m, in the bend: straight ahead, via a path along the river. **[6b]**
- 51.2 On the asphalt road (= D226): turn right.
- 52.6 **Floudès**. Bend to the right: turn left, direction Bassanne, past church.
- 54.8 T-junction: turn right, cross the bridge.
- 55.0 **Bassanne**. Roundabout: turn left, via the D226E1, direction Puybarban.
- 55.6 Cross the channel. *(Fountain on your left, before the bridge.)*
- 55.8 On the D224: straight on, towards Pondaurat (turn right for a longer, but quieter route to Pondaurat, via the GR).
- 56.0 On the D225 straight on, smaller road.
- 57.3 At the fork keep left D225E1. **Pondaurat**.
T-junction: turn right, via the D12, direction Auros (*fountain*).
Take the path along the church to the medieval bridge.
Past the bridge: straight ahead (= GR654).
- 58.8 At a small bridge: turn right, direction Bardasse.
- 59.3 Cross the bridge over the highway. **[7a]**



Section 4

59.3 Cross the highway. [7a]

60.4 At the sign 'Espagnoulet': turn right.

After 300m, at the hamlet of Hum, in a bend to the right: straight ahead, via a grass path.

61.5 Near the Bonnegarde castle, on asphalt: turn left.

T-junction ('Stop'): turn right, via the D9, ascending.

61.9 **Savignac**. At the 'top': turn sharply left, to the church.

Keep following this small road.

64.8 Hamlet of **Le Juge**: DO NOT take the uphill white road (private property). Walk 50m along the verge and then right the path through the undergrowth.

65.5 Leave the forest, hamlet of Haubet (a broken pole): turn left. Follow the sharp bend to the right.

67.0 On asphalt road: straight ahead, hamlet of **Canteloup**.

67.8 Hamlet of **Mussac**.

68.6 T-junction with larger road (= D15): turn left, then turn right, direction 'foyer rural', and turn right again at the end.

69.2 **Auros**. Take the small road on the right, passing the church.

69.5 Just before the cemetery (*water tap, left past the entrance*): turn left, via a dirt road, descending. Pass a 'Palombière'. (*These huts are used to lure wood pigeons down with decoys and then catch them in a net. During the hunting season, from 1/10 to 20/11, you are supposed to whistle when you arrive. You will receive a signal if you can pass.*)

70.4 Bridge over the Beuve.

(If it rains a lot, parts of the path are underwater. If so: avoid this part, by following the stream to the left, until the small asphalt road.)

On a small asphalt road: turn right.

71.0 T-junction: turn left, via a small asphalt road.

Bend to the left, then bend to the right, then ascend.

T-junction (hazel bush) [7b]: turn sharply right.

73.8 T-junction: turn left on the D125, **Brouqueyran**.

74.4 Turn right, to 'le Lac' (the lake) and walk around it on the right side.

75.3 Turn left to cross a small bridge and continue via the path along the lake. (*If it rains a lot, parts are flooded.*)

75.7 Turn right, ascending.

75.9 Pass another Palombière (>> 1/10 - 20/11: *whistle!* See 69.5).

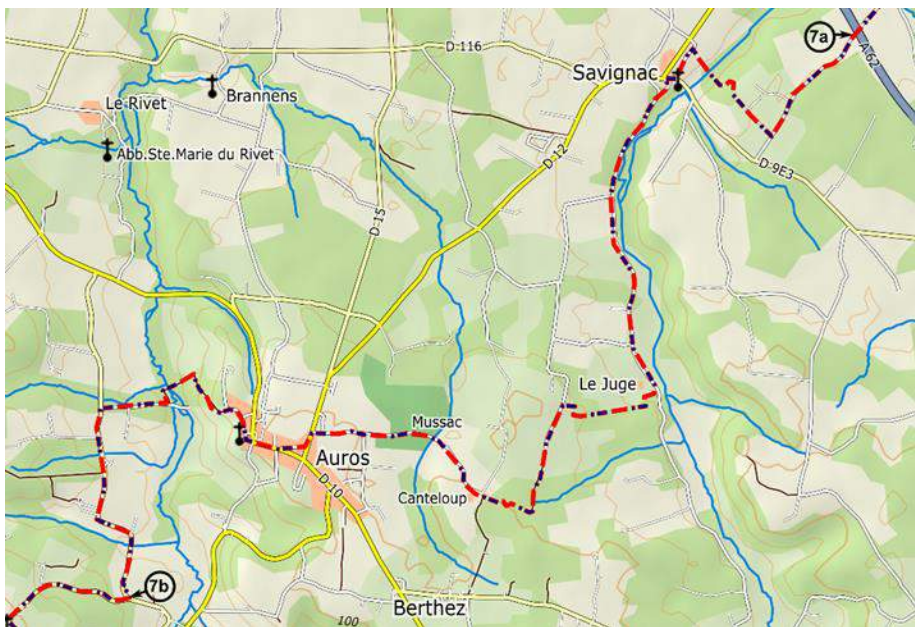
76.0 You see camouflaged paths that belong to the Palombière.

76.6 Pass the hamlets of **La Borde** and **La Mongie**. The path turns into an asphalt road.

77.1 T-junction: turn sharply left.

79.1 On an asphalt road: turn sharply right.

80.0 On a slightly wider road (= D123): turn diagonally left. [8]



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80.0 D123. [8]

81.8 On a small asphalt road: turn right, direction **Lagardère**.

82.7 T-junction: turn left, direction Bazas.

84.0 Crossing with cycle path: turn left, via the cycle path, direction Bazas center.

84.9 Crossing with asphalt road (= D655): turn left, against the one-way traffic.

85.3 Junction: straight ahead, via the Rue Pallas, direction 'Cathedrale'.

85.6 **Bazas**: cathedral.

4.4 - Bazas > Captieux: 17,3 km

85.6 Bazas. With your back to the cathedral: continue diagonally left across the square, pass the Tourist Office, and then turn left (Rue Saint Martin) (*bronze shells on the pavement*).

Straight ahead (Rue du Pont des Arches). Past a bend to the left: turn right.

86.2 Roundabout: straight ahead (Avenue Franck Cazenave), direction 'college Ausone'.

86.7 After a school building, on the right: end of the Mios-Bazas cycle path.

In line with that: turn left, via the former railway.

(*You follow this railroad almost all the time, until Captieux.*)

<< for variant via Bernos-Beaulac see box below >>

87.2 Cross the bridge.

87.6 Junction with the N524: straight ahead (*attention while crossing!*).

89.1 Crossing with the N524 (*attention!*) (~~⚠~~) before crossing 100m left).

90.1 Crossing with small asphalt road: straight ahead. [9a]

Variant Bernos-Beaulac, 3 km longer, but less monotonous.

86.7 Past the school building at the end of the cycle path: straight ahead.

87.3 Cross a small bridge.

87.5 T-junction ('Stop'): turn left, direction Calonge

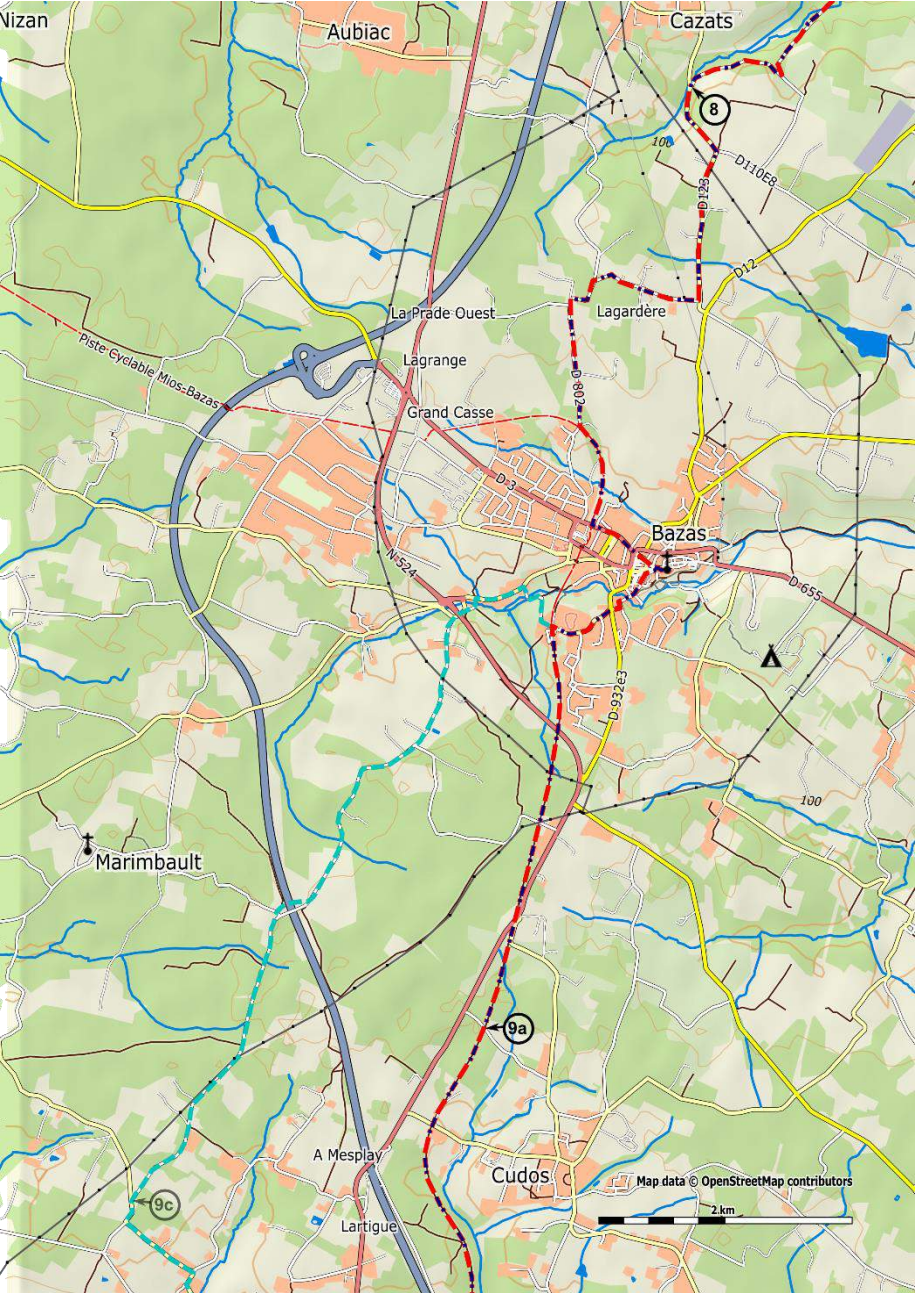
87.7 Statue of the Virgin Mary: turn left, keep to the right and pass under the ring road around Bazas.

Immediately turn diagonally left, via a smaller road, direction Calonge.

90.9 Past the bridge over the highway: follow the bend to the left, direction Bernos.

93.7 T-junction: turn diagonally left, passing along a water tower. [9c]

See further the box at the next page.



Section 4

90.1 Crossing. [9a]

90.9 Crossing: straight ahead.

91.3 Cross bridge.

92.9 Bridge over the A65 motorway: turn left after the bridge.

93.6 Bridge over a small road and bridge over the Ciron.

94.4 Crossing with the N524: straight ahead (*cross carefully*).

(The variant from Beaulac connects here to the main route).

After 2 km [9b].

99.2 Cross a road twice, within short distance.

100.8 Crossing with the N524 (*careful!*): follow the emergency lane and, past a wooden squirrel, cross the N-road.

Continue via the former railroad.

101.8 On gravel road: straight ahead.

102.2 In a bend to the left: straight ahead, via an unpaved path.

102.6 Pass the former station of Captieux to the right (*now* ⓘ).

T-junction (= D10): turn right, towards the church tower.

102.9 **Captieux**, church and town hall.

Sequel variant Bernos-Beaulac

93.7 [9c] *Along water tower.*

93.9 *Junction: turn left. After the sign 'Bernos' you see the church tower of Bernos on your right.*

94.6 **Bernos**. *At T-junction: turn right.*

Before the church square at 'Stop': turn left, descending. Pass the square. Cross a small bridge and ascend.

95.1 *Crossing ('Stop' and wayside cross): straight ahead, direction Gîte de Bacourey.*

95.4 *Pass the gate and descend to the gîte (⚡) and the Ciron.*

Cross the small bridge over the Ciron and ascend, through undergrowth.

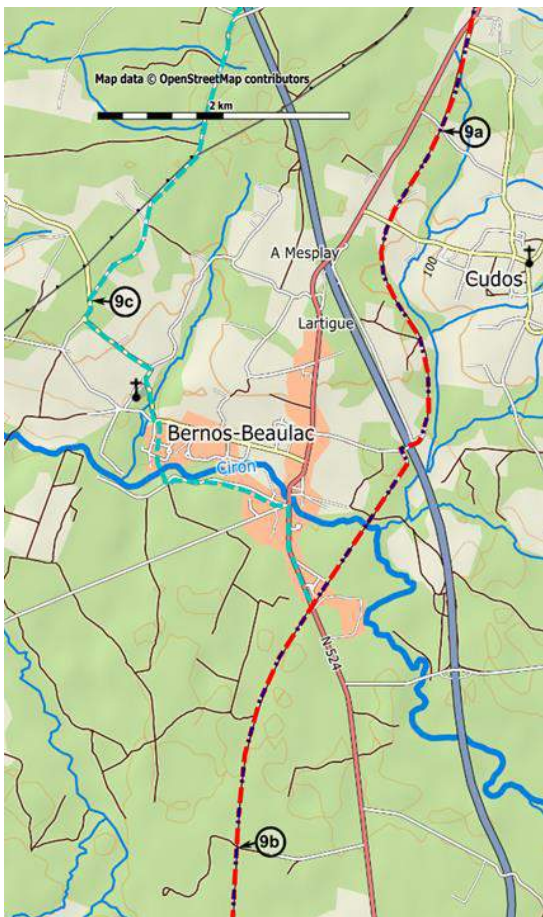
95.7 *On asphalt road: turn left. Thereafter buildings (= Beaulac).*

96.0 *At the bakery on the N524: turn right, passing a pharmacy.*

96.8 *Past the last house on the right: continue another 100 m along the N-road (careful).*

96.9 *Turn right, via a path into a forest.*

You are back on the main route, at Km 94.4.



5 - Captieux > Sault de Navailles

5.1 - Captieux > border of Les Landes: 12,5 km

Km 0.0 **Captieux**.

Near the church: continue via the N524, direction Giscos. [1a]

0.6 At the former railway guard house N°54: turn right, via an unpaved road (= former railroad).

3.0 Pass the hamlet of Rivedieu.

6.0 Cross an unpaved road.

After 3 km [1b].

9.9 On an asphalt road: turn left

10.8 Past the bridge over the highway: turn right (~~↗~~), via the path along the highway.

12.5 Arrive in Les Landes, at the sign 'Voie de Vézelay'.

Take the path diagonally left.

>>> (*border of the departments of Gironde and Les Landes*).

5.2 – border of Les Landes > Bourriot: 8,5 km

14.1 Crossing with asphalt road: turn right.

14.4 At the large barn of 'Saus de Bas': turn left, via an asphalt road, before the transformer.

17.0 Pass the La Plante and **Grand Loucaucous** farms and pass the **Petit Loucaucous** poultry farm.

18.3 In the bend to the right: turn left, via a dirt road through the forest.

18.9 At the **Petit Bétéra** farm: cross private property

Past the houses: turn right.

(*After 150m, on the right: a source and a statuette of Mary.*)

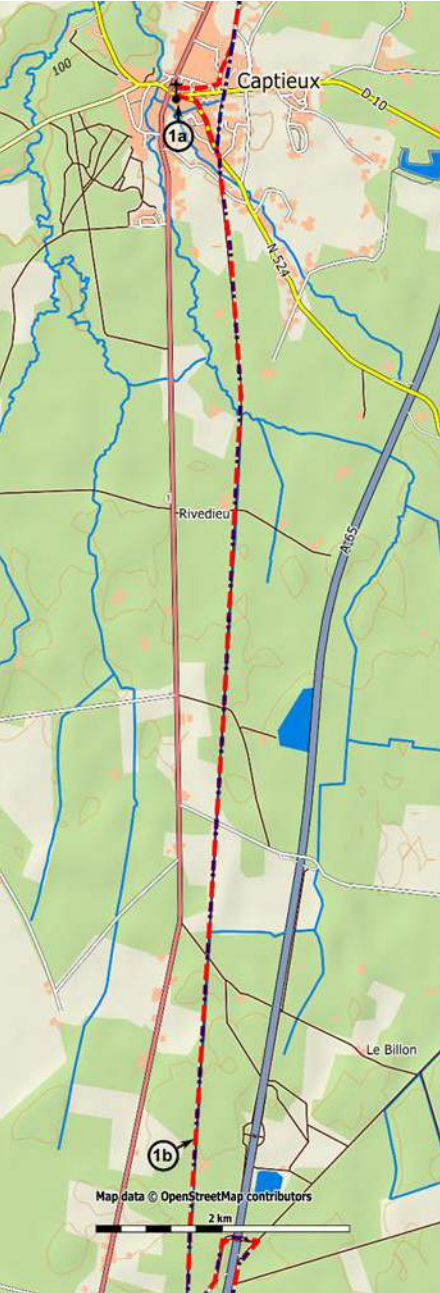
Past the statuette: cross the Pouchiou stream.

(*Beautiful water reservoir on the right.*)

50m past the stream: turn left, via a path (= chemin du Pouchiou).

Pass a poultry farm.

20.5 T-junction with asphalt road (= D24): turn diagonally left. [2]



Km 20.5 On the D24: turn left [2], Bourriot.

5.3 - Bourriot > former station of Retjons: 5,9 km

Km 21.0 Church of **Bourriot**.

At the church: turn right, via the D224, direction Retjons,

21.2 Junction: turn left, via the CD 379, direction Saint-Gor, descending.

21.7 Cross the brook the Lugaut and ascend.

22.2 At the highest point: turn right, via a dirt road. [For (🏰) *Saint Gor Vialotte: keep following the D379*].

23.2 Junction: turn left.

23.8 T-junction, near a house on your right: turn right (= former railroad).

24.6 Cross the bridge over the stream Lugaut.

25.2 Arrive at an important, well-indicated intersection.

*(To the left: a chapel - **Chapelle de Lugaut** - (🏰), a visit is definitely worth it.),* Continue via the former railroad, direction Roquefort.

26.2 Cross the bridge over the stream 'Retjons' (below you: a 🏰).

26.9 Pass the former **Gare de Retjons** (= railway station, water tap).

Cross the asphalt road, straight ahead, via the former railroad.

5.4 - Former station of Retjons > Roquefort: 8,3 km

27.9 Cross the 'Ribarrouy' stream.

29.9 Cross the asphalt road and turn diagonally left, direction Lagune de Nabias.

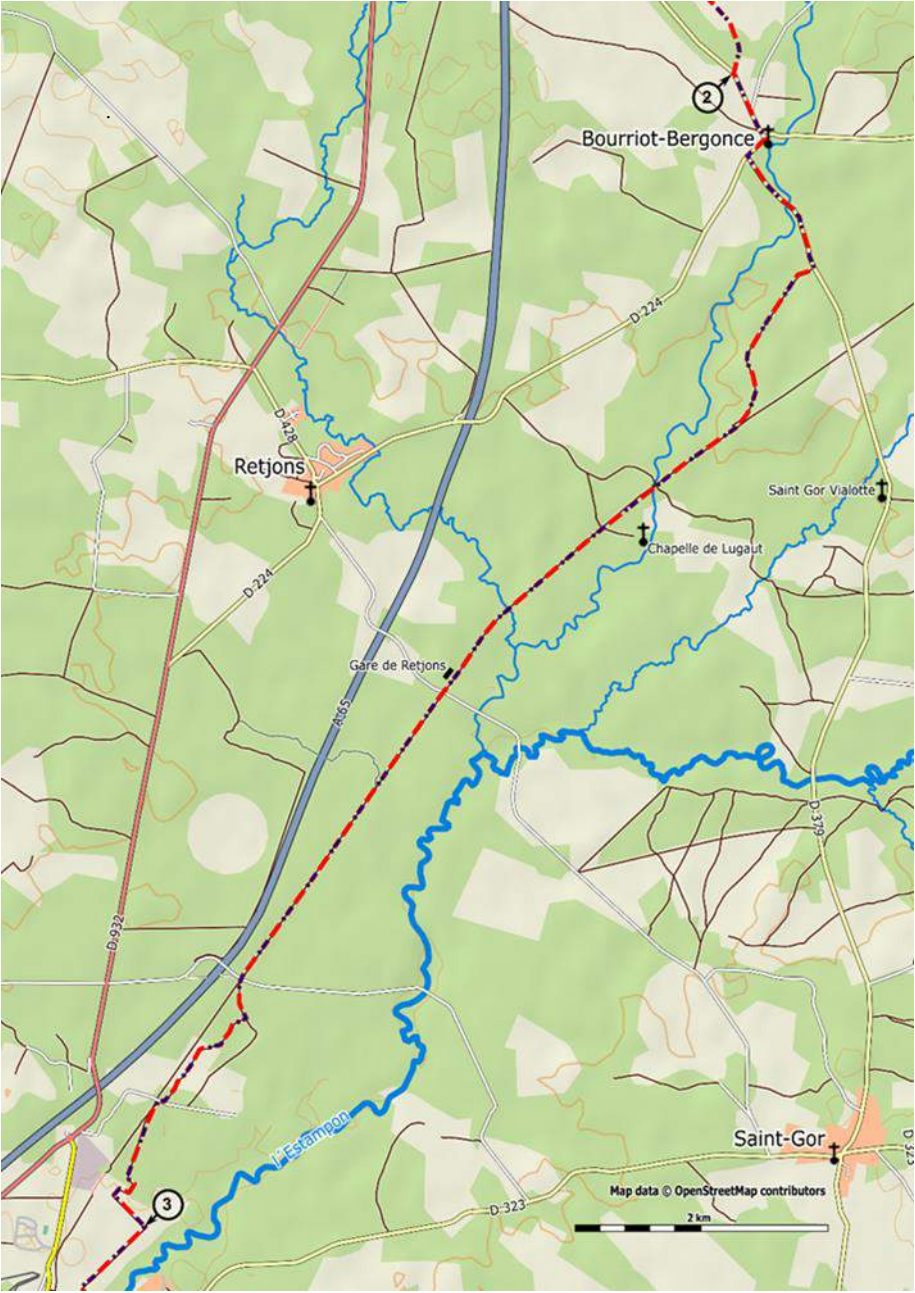
30.2 Turn right, via a grass path.

31.3 On an asphalt road: turn right.

After 20m, before the railway guard house: turn left, via an unpaved road.

32.3 On an unpaved road: turn left.

32.7 Opposite an empty hangar: turn right, via an unpaved road. [3]



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Retjons

Saint Gor Vialotte

Chapelle de Lugaut

Gare de Retjons

Saint-Gor

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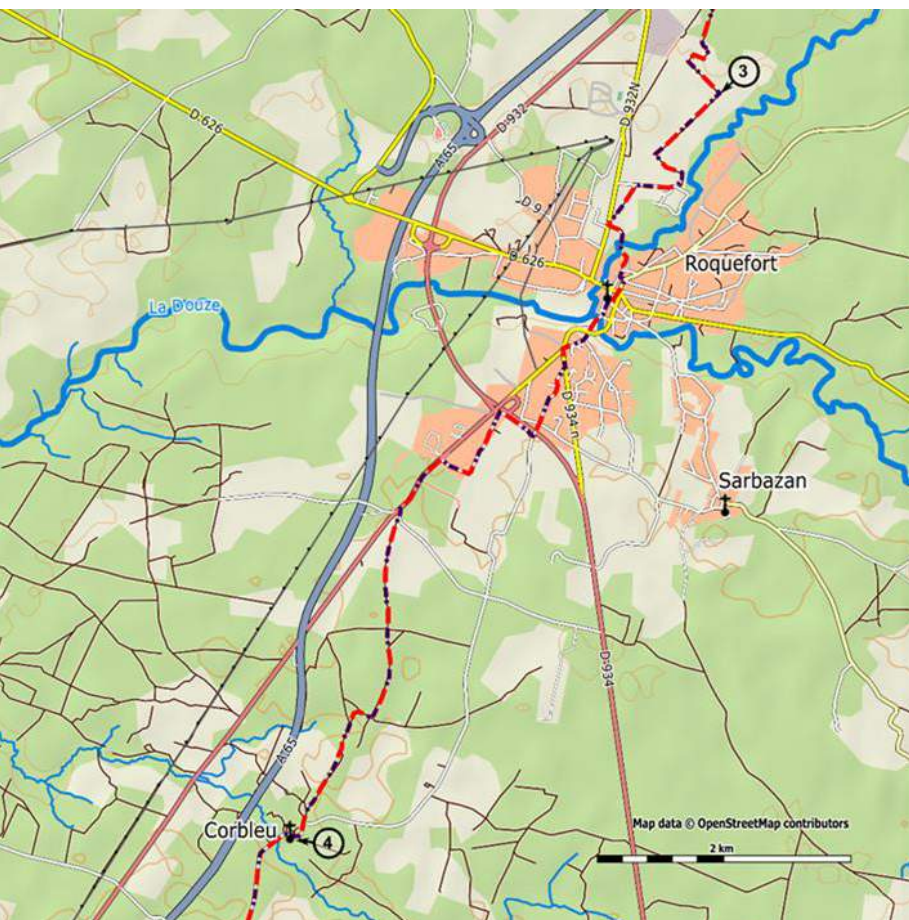
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2 km

- 32.7 Opposite an empty hangar: turn right, via an unpaved road. [3]
33.4 Take the unpaved road to the left.
33.7 Past the 'base nautique': turn right, via an asphalt road.
34.1 At 'Autovision': turn left and immediately turn diagonally right, via an unpaved road.
34.5 On the D932 ('Stop'): turn left.
After 50m, before the garage: turn left again (= Chemin de Coupet).
34.7 Past the small bridge over the Estampon: arrive at a square (Place Georges Lapios), in Roquefort. Straight ahead (Rue Porte le Rang).
35.2 **Roquefort** church, rue Gambetta.

5.5 - Roquefort > Bostens: 8,3 km

- 35.2 Cross the rue Gambetta and continue straight ahead (Place du Soleil d'Or), passing the entrance gate of the church, into the Rue Crohare.
At the Place des Cagots: turn right, via the (gothic) bridge over the Douze. *From the bridge, on the right: view of a tower of the former castle.*
35.4 Continue via the Rue Penecadet, ascending.
Past a bend to the right: turn left and take the stairs up to the D932. *(When in a hurry, you can continue straight ahead and save 500m).*
Cross the D932 and continue straight ahead, via a path, ascending.
On an asphalt road (Chemin du Pouy): turn right, towards a water tower.
35.8 On the D934: turn left, direction Pau.
After 100m: turn right, via a small asphalt road (= Chemin de Bostens).
36.5 Past bridge over the ring road: turn right, direction Mont de Marsan.
Just before a priority road: turn left (Chemin de Balloche).
37.6 On the D932 ('Stop'): turn left.
(here the pilgrim in a hurry returns on the main route).
37.9 Turn diagonally left, via the C101, direction RD934.
After 30m: turn diagonally right, via an unpaved road, through the forest. Straight ahead. The road is increasingly covered with grass.
Junction: keep left.
39.4 Arrive at some kind of dike.
After 300m, at a small road perpendicular to the dike (left: the gate of a private property): turn right. After 50m: turn left, slightly ascending.
39.8 The road soon turns into a dirt road and passes a house (on your left).
The road descends, following a power line, and turns more and more into a sandy path. Shortly thereafter you see the houses of Corbleu.
40.7 On asphalt road: straight ahead, to the church of **Corbleu**.
Pass the cemetery.
Descend to a small bridge. [4]



Section 5

41.1 Cross a small bridge [4], (Follow this road until Gaillères).

After the 1st side road: ascend.

Past the crossing with an unpaved road: cross a pine forest.

42.5 Crossing with an asphalt road: straight ahead, direction Bostens.

43.5 Church of **Bostens**.

Definitely worth a visit! In the church there is a room for pilgrims, with coffee/tea. Ask for the key at the house opposite.

5.6 - Bostens > Bougue: 9,5 km

43.8 In Bostens: straight ahead.

800m past Bostens, a crucifix (left), beautiful old oak trees along the way.

Past the woods, at a crossing: turn left, via the D933, and immediately turn right, direction Gaillères.

46.8 Church in **Gaillères**.

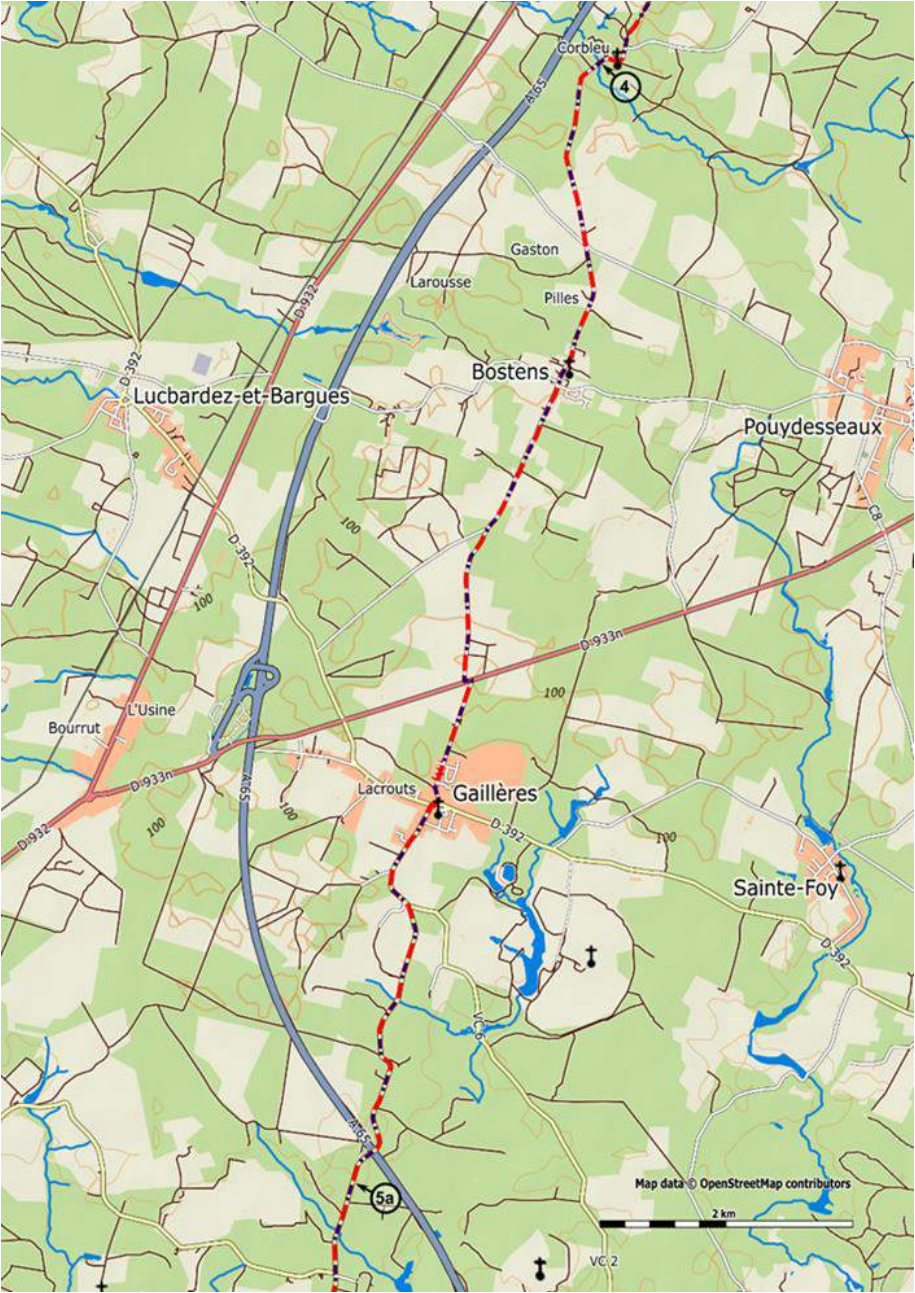
The window above the waymarking represents Saint James.

At the junction near the church: turn right and immediately left, direction Bougue (passing the water tower).

(Follow this road until Bougue).

49.9 Cross the highway.

50.2 [5a].



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2 km

VC.2

50.2 [5a].

52.2 Cross the bridge over the Midou.

53.0 Arrive in **Bougue**, descending, past the lavoir.

T-junction with the D1: turn left, towards the church.

(For the gîte (hostel): register at the bar/tabac on the D1, just past the church).

5.7 - Bougue > Mont-de-Marsan: 10 km

53.0 At the church of Bougue: turn right, direction Laglorieuse.

53.5 On the cycle path: turn right.

Walk to the left, because of cyclists coming from behind. Follow this cycle path until Mont de Marsan.

56.3 Cross an asphalt road.

After 1,2 km: pass under the ring road. [5b]

59.0 Cross another asphalt road.

You cross a suburb of Mont-de-Marsan, with villas on both sides of the path.

59.8 Three more crossings, shortly after one another.


The third is Avenue de Lacrouts, from where you can see the bell tower of the Romanesque church of Saint-Médard (right).

Keep following the cycle path.

61.5 Crossing (traffic lights): turn right, cross the railroad and a boulevard (= D201), and continue straight ahead (Boulevard Jean Larrieu), towards the town center.

Mont-de-Marsan.

T-junction: turn left (Avenue Eloi Ducom).

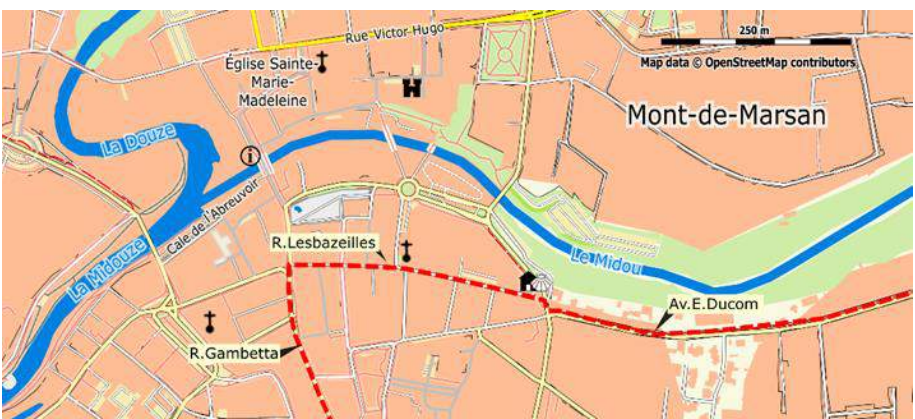
62.0 Traffic lights: turn diagonally right (Rue Lesbazeilles), past .

Crossing with a busy shopping street: turn left (Rue Gambetta, then Avenue Sadi Carnot).

Roundabout: straight ahead (Avenue Kennedy), ascending.

63.0 Cross the Boulevard Antoine Lacaze and the railroad, direction Pau. [6]

*The oldest part of the city is located north of the route, between the Le Midou and La Douze rivers, which converge into La Midouze.
Definitely worth a short visit!*

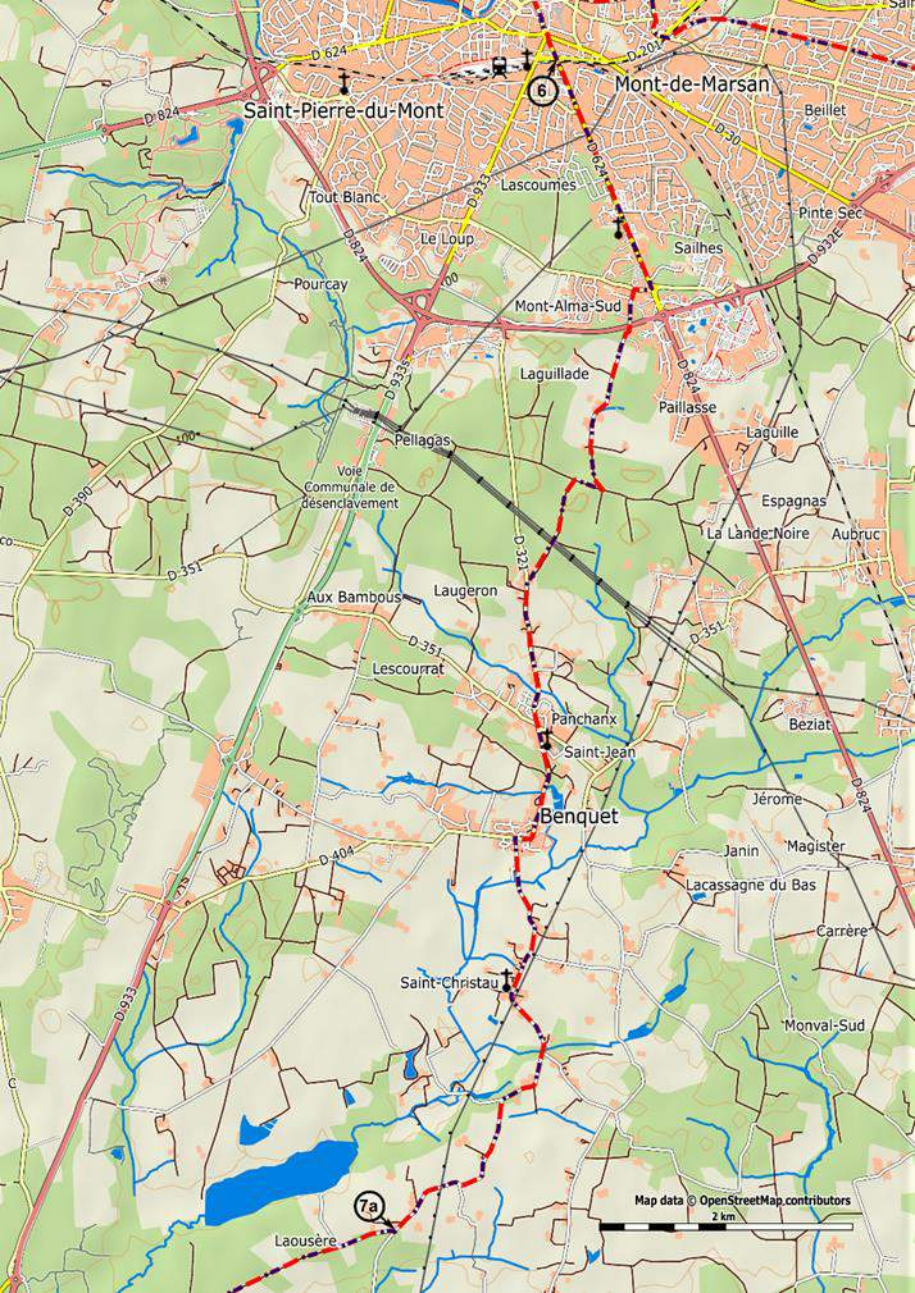


5.8 - Mont-de-Marsan > Benquet: 6,9 km

- 63.0 Past the railroad [6]: continue, straight ahead (Avenue Kennedy), few differences in height, gradually leaving the center.
- 65.0 Roundabout: turn right, direction **Saint-Pierre-du-Mont** (= D321).
After 150m: take a road to the left, direction Lareigne.
Pass under a ring road. Ignore the 'dead end' sign.
- 66.3 Past some houses: the road turns into a gravel road, then an unpaved road, through a forest.
After 600m, at a crossroad: turn right.
After about 250m: turn left.
All the tome crossing a pine forest.
- 68.0 On an asphalt road: turn diagonally left (= D321).
After 500m: sign 'Benquet'.
- 69.4 Pass the church of **Benquet**.
After 500m, at the roundabout: straight ahead, entering the village of Benquet.

5.9 - Benquet > Saint-Sever: 12,3 km

- 70.1 Leave the village, passing the schools.
Past a bend to the right, at the roundabout: turn left, direction Saint-Maurice.
- 71.0 At a side road (Chemin de Loustaou, wooden cross): straight ahead.
- 71.4 Pass the church of **Saint-Christau** (✙).
- 72.1 Cross a small bridge and straight ahead.
- 72.6 Junction: keep left, direction Saint-Sever.
- 73.5 At a side road: follow the bend to the right and again to the left,
- 74.2 On a side road: turn diagonally right (Chemin de Laouzère). Ignore the sign 'dead end'. [7a]



Saint-Pierre-du-Mont

Mont-de-Marsan

Tout Blanc

Lascoumes

Pourcay

Mont-Alma-Sud

Laquillade

Paillasse

Pellagas

Laquille

Aux Bambois

Laugeron

Espagnas

La Lande Noire

Aubruc

Lescourrat

Pancharx

Saint-Jean

Benquet

Beziat

Jérôme

Janin

Magister

Lacassagne du Bas

Carrère

Saint-Christau

Monval-Sud

Laoussère

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2 km

74.2 Chemin de la **Laouzère**. [7a]

After 400m, in a bend to the right: straight ahead, via an unpaved road.

77.1 T-junction with a gravel road: turn left.

77.5 T-junction with asphalt road, near houses: turn right.

After 250m: bend to the left.

After another 1 km, the road slightly bends to the right. Continue parallel to a motorway (first behind the bushes, later visible).

78.8 Roundabout in sight. 200m before that: turn left, via a small, marked road.

On an asphalt road: turn right.

Cross the D924 (*attention!*) and straight ahead, direction Sainte Eulalie.

79.0 **Sainte-Eulalie**, before the church (A): turn right, direction Terrasse de Ste Eulalie.

Take the asphalt road on the dike.

79.8 Pass under the road and the railroad, along the River Ardour.

80.6 Turn left and cross the bridge over the river.

From the bridge, the route through Saint-Sever is marked with bronze shells on the pavement.

Follow the shells, ascending to Saint-Sever.

81.9 **Saint-Sever**. At the abbey (*Xth century*) (opposite the Office de Tourisme): turn left (Rue des Arceaux) and continue straight ahead (Rue du général Lamarque) to the Cloître des Jacobins, with the pilgrim hostel.

5.10 - Saint-Sever > Hagetmau: 16,6 km

82.2 From the Cloître des Jacobins: continue straight ahead (Rue du Général Lamarque, then Rue de la Guillerie. At the end: turn right.

82.7 Crossing (mini roundabout): turn right, Boulevard de l'Espérance.

After 300m: turn left at the Salle Omnisports, Chemin de Laburthe.

83.9 At a water tower: turn sharply left (Chemin de Laboye, gravel road).

84.9 [7b]. after 300m: turn right on asphalt road, Chemin du Barthe.

85.2 Crossing: turn left, Chemin de Pugnerette.

86.8 In a bend to the left: cross the bridge over the Gabas stream.

A little further is a watermill and a gas station (right).

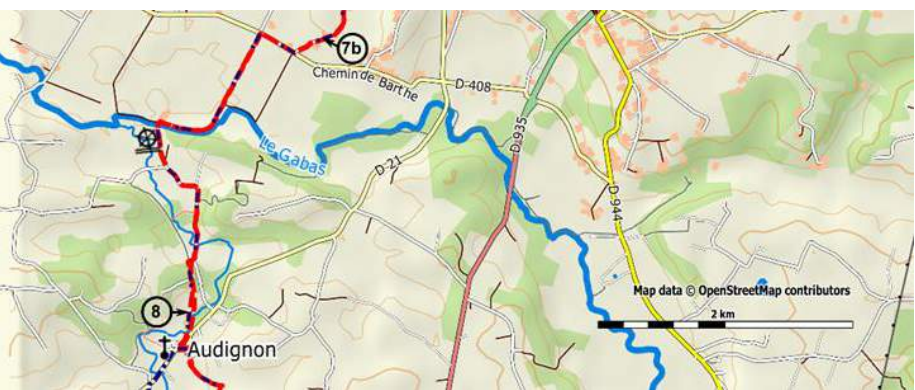
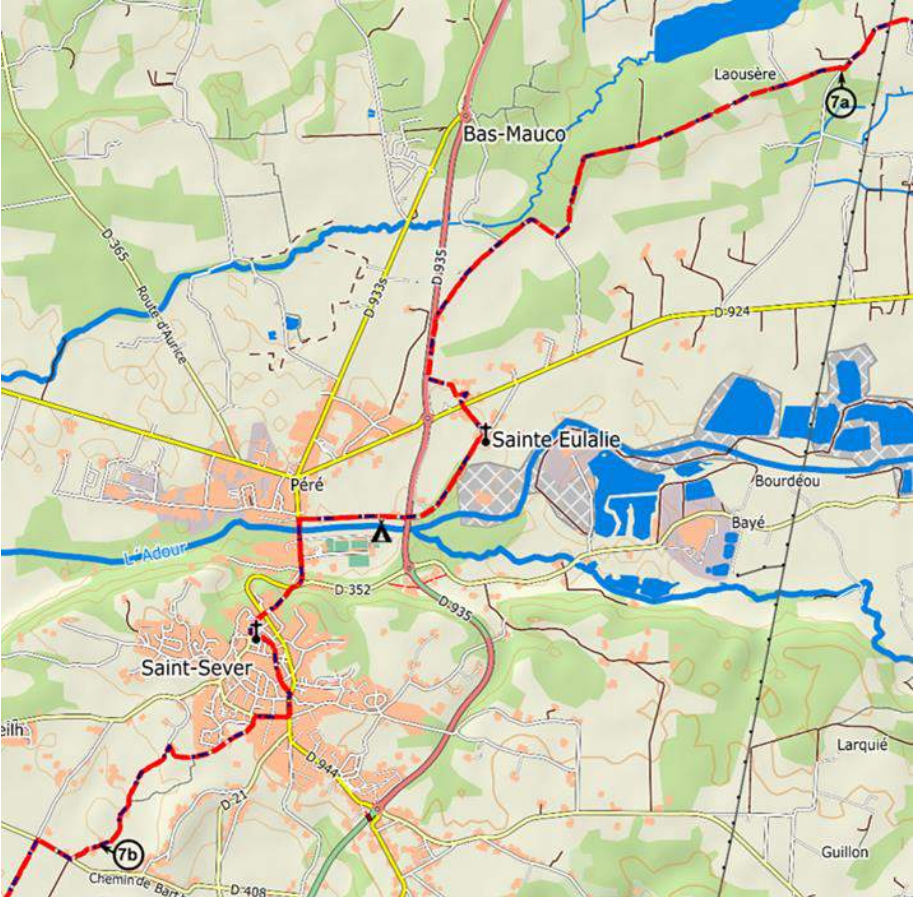
87.9 Cross a (mill) stream.

After 100m: turn right, cross the railroad.

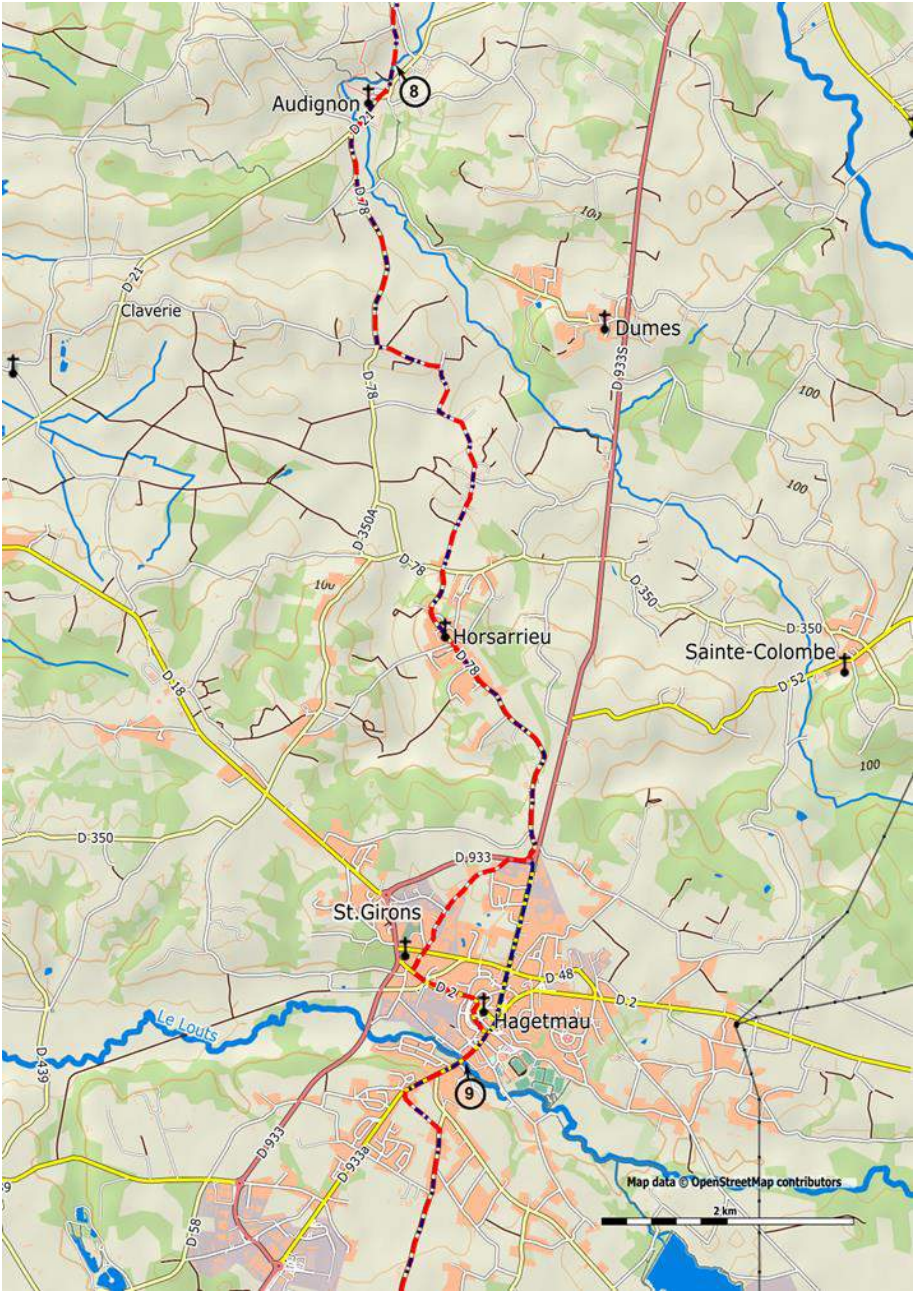
Immediately turn left, via the small asphalt road along the railroad.

At the first house: straight ahead, via the unpaved road along the railroad.

88.5 Pass a stone railway bridge. [8]



- 88.5 At a stone railway bridge [8]: the small road goes along a stream (the Laudon), and thereafter crosses it.
- 88.8 **Audignon**, Place Compostelle, near the church (⚡).
Straight ahead, via the D21.
- 90.2 Junction: turn diagonally left, via the D78, direction Horsarrieu.
Soon the road ascends slightly.
- 91.0 Crossing at the highest point (wayside cross on your left): turn left (Chemin du Camps).
Descend to the railroad, and shortly continue along it.
- 91.8 Pass under the railroad bridge (⚡). The road ascends again.
At the crossing with the crucifix: straight ahead, again pass under a railroad bridge.
Horsarrieu is on the other side of the valley.
Continue straight to Horsarrieu, first descending, then ascending.
- 93.8 Church of **Horsarrieu**. Straight ahead, crossing the village.
You then walk on the D78, which brings you to Hagetmau.
- 95.8 At the roundabout turn right towards Orthez.
Hagetmau.
100m after the roundabout turn left, direction Tennis Municipaux.
The road descends towards the crypt of St.Girons.
- 97.0 At «Stop» straight ahead, descending.
<< 150m to the right: the crypt of Saint Girons >>
- 97.1 End of road (stop): turn left (Rue Saint Girons).
- 97.7 At church turn right on turning road (Rue Pascal Duprat).
At the end turn right D933A dir. Orthoz (Rue Carnot, Rue Thiers) to the exit of the town.
- 98.8 Bridge over the Louts [9].



Audignon

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Clavierie

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Horsarrieu

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St. Girons

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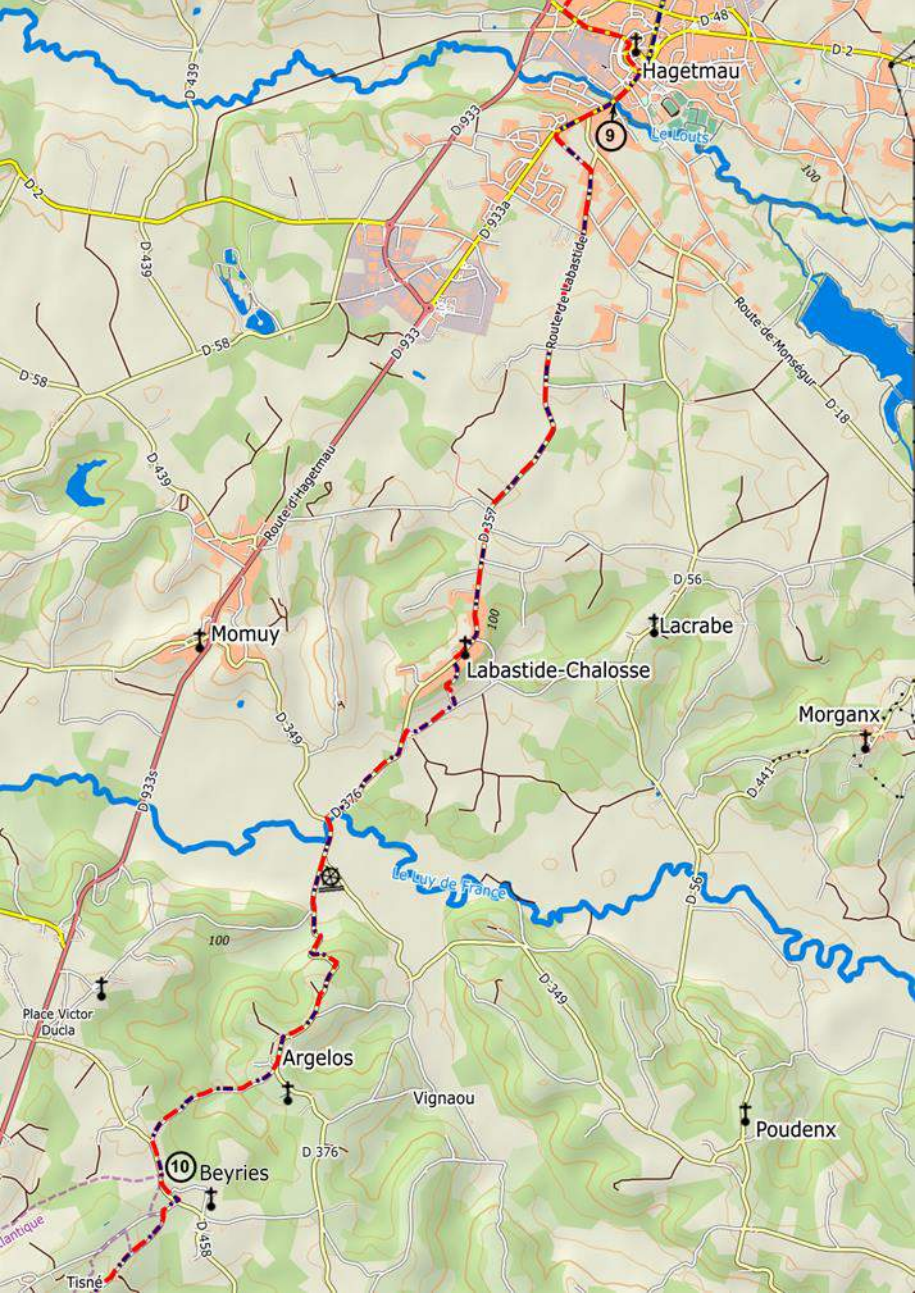
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2 km

5.11 - Hagetmau > Sault-de-Navailles: 14 km

- 98.8 Bridge over the Louts [9], follow the D933, ascending slightly.
Before a bend to the left: turn diagonally left, Chemin de Lafargue.
- 99.8 T-junction ('Stop'): turn right (= D357)
Follow this road until Labastide.
Junction (sign 'Chemin de Coupes'): straight ahead (= D357).
- 101.8 Small bridge over a stream.
- 102.6 At the turnoff to Momuy: straight ahead, direction Labastide-Chalosse.
- 103.6 Church of **Labastide**.
After 200m: turn left, via a small road, winding and descending considerably through the forest.
- 104.2 T-junction: turn right.
- 104.7 T-junction (wayside cross): turn left, via the D357, direction Argelos.
The road follows the bottom of the valley; forest left, arable land right.
- 105.6 T-junction: turn left, via the D349, direction Argelos, crossing the bridge over the Luy de France.
The road goes along a side stream of the Luy.
Junction (*water mill*): straight ahead, via the D376, direction Argelos.
Continue to follow the D357 (steeper and more winding), ascending.
At the highest point, at a junction (wayside cross): keep to the right.
- 107.6 **Argelos**. Enter the village, ascending.
At a tree-lined square (near former town hall): turn right, descending.
Past the valley: ascend considerably, through a forest.
- 108.8 T-junction: turn left (= D458).
- 109.6 At a wayside cross, just before the sign '**Beyries**' [10]: turn right.
<< see box below >>

If you want to stay in the municipal hostel of Beyries or if you want to visit the charming chapel of the village: continue straight ahead, 300m, to the town hall.



Hagetmau

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Momuy

Labastide-Chalosse

Lacrabe

Morganx

Argelos

Vignaou

Poudenx

10 Beyries

Place Victor Ducia

Leyrou de France

Tisné

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Section 5

109.6 At the wayside cross: turn right [10].

After 50m: turn left, direction Lahitte.

From this road you can see the Pyrenees in good weather.

111.1 Pass the (somewhat dilapidated) castle of Beyries.

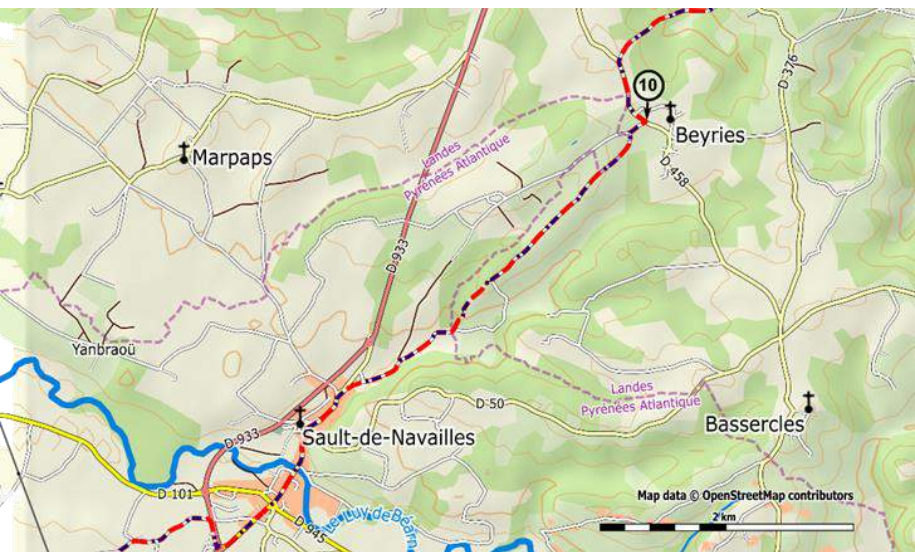
250m after the castle, in a bend to the left: straight ahead, via a gravel path, descending along a forest.

At the end: turn right, via an asphalt road (Chemin du Moulin).

>>> *Border of the departments of Landes and Pyrénées Atlantiques*

112.8 Church of **Sault-de-Navailles**.

Please pass on your remarks etc. via
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6 Sault-de-Navailles > Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port

6.1 Sault-de-Navailles > Orthez: 12,7 km

Km 0.0 Sault-de-Navailles, church. [1a]

Continue straight ahead (= D933).

Ignore a side road left (D50), cross a small river (= Luy de Béarn) and continue.

0.7 Roundabout: continue via the D933, direction Orthez.

After 400m, at a roundabout: straight ahead, via an access road to an industrial area (Chemin Camou).

Turn right immediately, via a road parallel to the ring road (= D933).

After 400m: follow an almost right-angle turn to the left.

Ignore a side road on the left (Chemin de Minan).

Junction: turn left.

After about 100m: keep left again.

2.8 After 300m: end of the road on another asphalt road: straight ahead, via an unpaved road. Continue straight ahead.

5.2 End of the road: turn left, still ascending.

5.4 End of road on asphalt road (at a wayside cross on a stone base): turn right (the village of **Sallespisse** is on the left).

Continue straight ahead, along the slope of a hill.

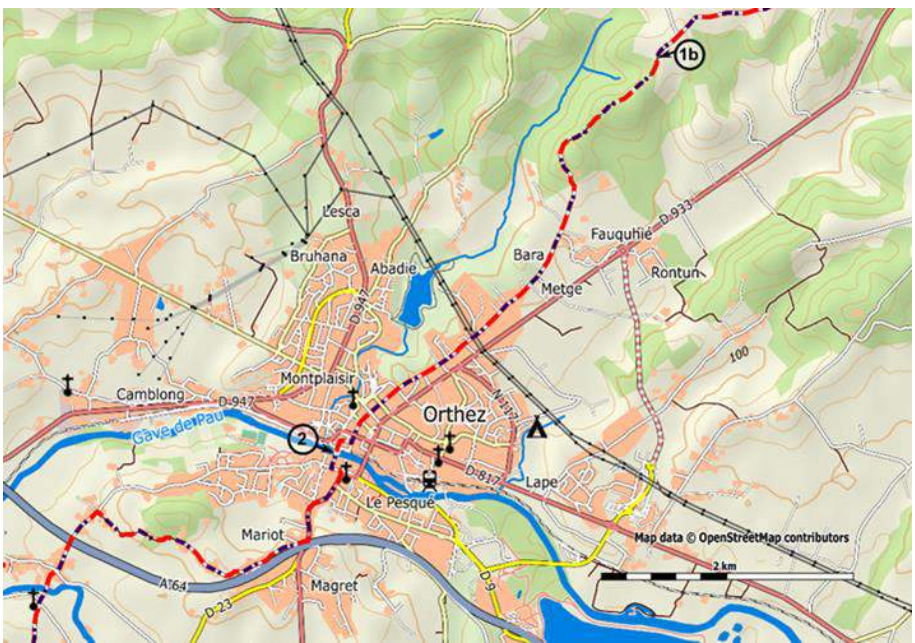
Ignore side roads left and right.

8.2 [1b] The road crosses a small forest. (This part is not asphalted.)

Ignore the turnoff to the Lycée Agricole and continue straight ahead.

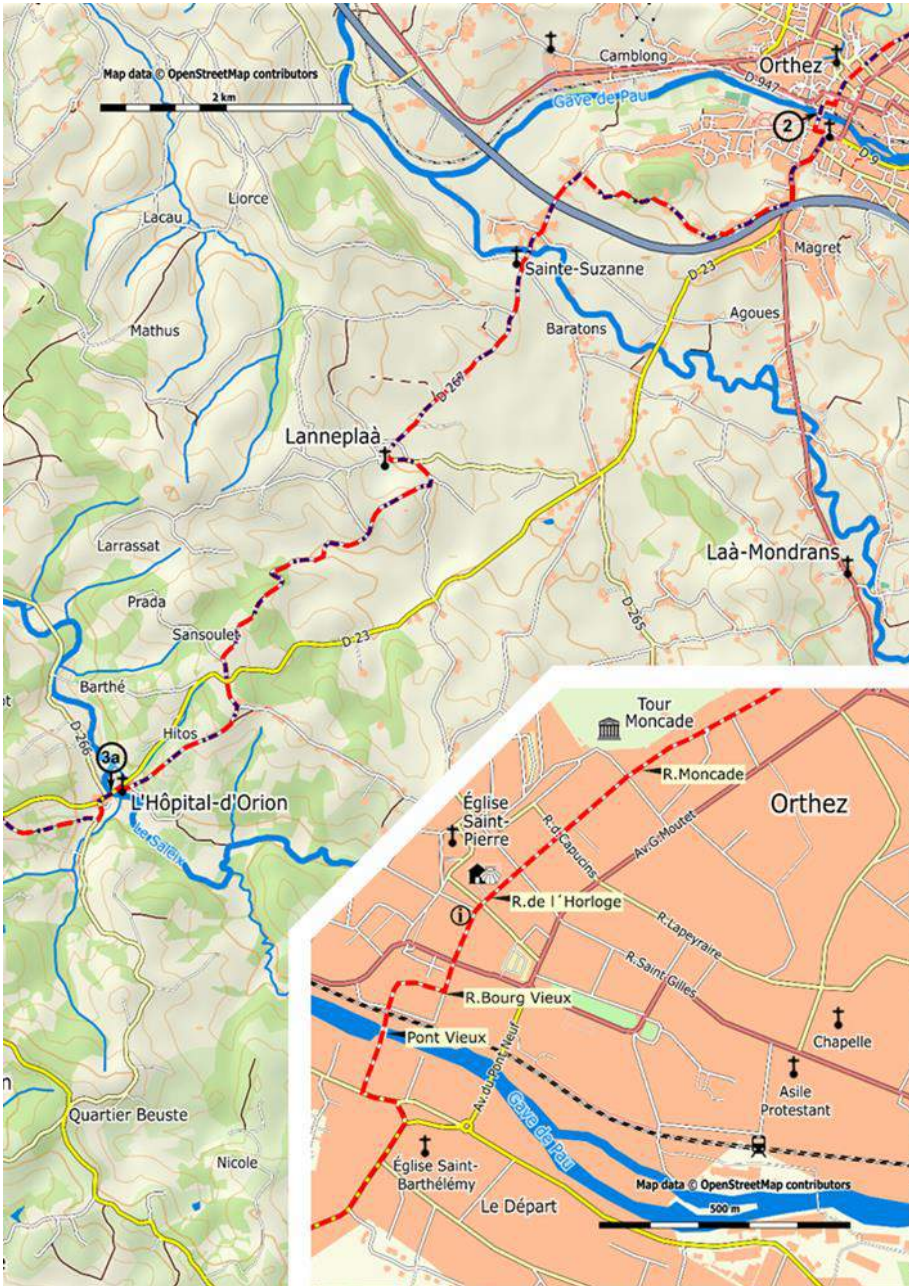
12.7 **Orthez**, Tour Moncade (right): continue straight ahead (Rue Moncade, then Rue de l'Horloge), to the Pont Vieux over the Gave de Pau. [2]

<< See small city map on the next page >>



6.2 Orthez > Sauveterre-de-Béarn: 22,8 km

- 12.7 Pont Vieux [2]: cross and continue straight ahead (Rue du Pont Vieux).
End of the street: turn left (Rue Gaston Planté).
End of the street on a busy asphalt road (= D947), opposite a church:
turn right.
- 13.7 Before the motorway viaduct: turn right (Chemin de Laslannes).
After 1,2 km, near houses: continue straight ahead, via an unpaved
forest road. (The last part is paved).
- 15.7 Arrival on another asphalt road ('Stop'): turn left, cross the highway
and continue, descending.
- 16.2 **Sainte-Suzanne**: cross the small river and continue, ascending, past the
church (*with a window representing Saint James*), and straight ahead,
direction Lanneplàà.
- 18.6 **Lanneplàà**. End of road on D267: turn left.
At the former Protestant cemetery: turn right (Chemin de Saint-
Jacques).
- 18.9 First side road: turn right (Chemin Lacabanne).
Ignore a side road left and a side road right.
Descend to a stream and continue, ascending.
- 20.7 Lacabane: pass the house and continue, via a small unpaved road.
At the end: pass a wooden barrier.
Continue along the fence of the field.
After 500m, at a second wooden barrier: turn left, to the Trescoigt
house.
After 100m:
- 21.8 Cross a wide asphalt road (= D23) and continue.
After 100m: turn right, descending.
- 23.3 Cross the bridge over Le Saleix (⚡). [3a]




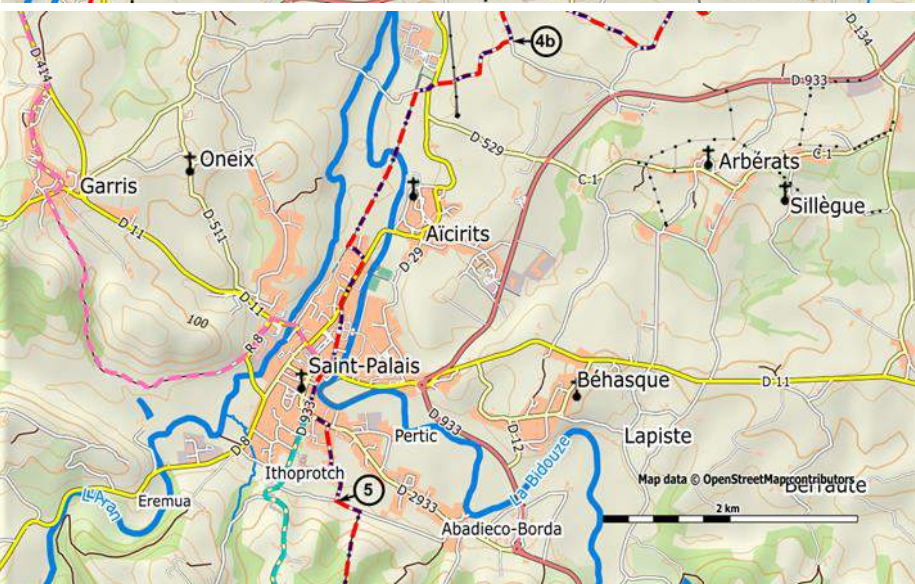
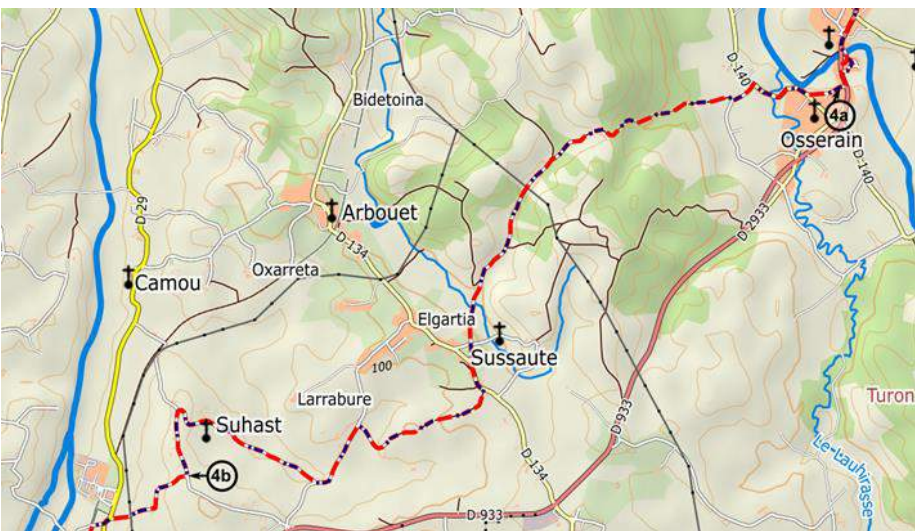
- 23.3 Bridge over Le Saleix, l'**Hôpital-d'Orion**. [3a] After 100m: turn left, via the D23, direction Orion. After 150m: turn right. The road is paved first, then unpaved, then paved again.
- 24.4 End of road on asphalt road (= D266): turn left.
- 25.1 End of the D266 on the D30: turn left.
After 200m, after a house and a small sawmill: turn right, via an unpaved road.
Descend to a stream and cross it via a stone bridge.
Continue on the left side of the meadow, ascending.
- 26.4 Cross an asphalt road and continue, via an asphalt road (Chemin de Lembezat), descending, to the abandoned farm Lembezat.
Continue through the meadow, cross a stream via an old bridge, and continue, ascending.
Junction: keep left, still ascending.
- 28.4 End of road on asphalt road (= D23): turn right.
After 400m [3b]: turn left, descending, to **Andrein**.
- 31.3 Cross a wide asphalt road (= D27, near the 'Mairie', *water tap*) and continue (Route de l'Église), descending, to the Romanesque church on the banks of the Gave d'Oloron. Continue. (*Not interested in the church? Then turn right at the Mairie, following the GR*).
- 31.8 End of road on wide asphalt road (= again the D27): turn left.
About 200m before the Romanesque chapel of Sunarthe: turn left, via a small unpaved road.
End of road on asphalt road, at a farm: turn right, towards **Sauveterre-de-Béarn**.

6.3 Sauveterre-de-Béarn > Ostabat: 26.3 km

- 35.5 Sauveterre, Saint André church: descend the stairs to the banks of the Gave d'Oloron.
Follow it to the right, along the 'Vieux Pont' (*old bridge*) to the modern bridge.
Cross the Gave and continue via the roadside (= D933), ascending.
- 36.9 Roundabout: straight ahead, via the D933, to **Guinarthe**.
Cross the hamlet and descend to the bridge over the Saison.
Just before it: turn left, via the old bridge.
Immediately afterwards: turn left, almost 180 degrees, and make a loop through the hamlet of l'Hôpital (*former hospital, remains of a chapel*).
End of the loop on a broad asphalt road (= again the D933): turn left.
- 38.0 First side road (near wayside cross) [4a]: turn right.



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End of road: turn right again (= D140).
Leave the village, pass a stream, and continue, ascending slightly, to the 'quartier' (residential area) of St Elix. Thereafter: turn left.
After 200m: turn right, via a half-paved road, towards a forest.
- 39.4 Crossing: straight ahead, via the left-most road, along a stream.
After 250m: turn right, via a sometimes muddy grass road, ascending, through the forest. Pass a junction with the border stone of Pausasac (border between Béarn, Navarre and Soule). Continue.
Unpaved turns into asphalt.
- 40.4 End of road on another asphalt road: turn left.
Continue, always straight ahead.
- 42.5 End of road on wider asphalt road (= D134; priority sign): turn left.
After 200m: turn right. In a bend to the left: turn right, via a small unpaved road, descending.
- 44.0 Kopanea farm: follow the small asphalt road to the right.
After 250m, end of the road on a larger asphalt road: turn left, descending.
- 44.8 Junction near Errecaldia farm: turn right, towards **Suhast**.
Past the hamlet, at a junction with a wayside cross: turn left. After 600m:
- 46.7 First side road: turn right [4b].
After 700m, end of the road on a wider road (= D29, priority sign): turn left.
After 50m: turn right (Route du Moulin). After 100m:
- 47.7 Former railroad: follow this to the left.
Cross La Bidouze via a metal bridge.
- 49.3 Railroad closed with a fence: turn left.
After 200m: end of the road on a broad asphalt road (= again the D29): turn right. After 400m: keep diagonally left (= Rue de la Bidouze).
After 500m: Place des Allées / Place Charles de Gaulle, in the center of **Saint-Palais**, opposite the town hall and the Musée de Basse Navarre and the Chemins de Saint Jacques.
- >>> *From this point our route runs parallel to the pilgrim route from Tours.*
- 49.7 Cross the square and continue (Rue du Palais de Justice).
- 50.1 Crossing with a wide road (= D933) (Diagonally left opposite, on the corner, is a former Franciscan monastery, now a pilgrim hostel ).
Turn left, via Avenue de Navarre, towards St Jean Pied de Port.
>> (see box next page for an alternative)
After 200m: turn right: Rue du Mont Saint-Sauveur.
- 51.0 End of road on asphalt road [5]: turn left.



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After 200m: turn right, via a concrete path, ascending, thereafter through forests.

At the second gate: turn left.

Keep following the ridge along the forest, ascending again, and arrive at a summit (268m) (*panorama, sculptures*).

Descend via a path along the meadow, between two gates.

End of path at asphalt road: turn right, again descending.

53.7 End of road on another asphalt road: turn left, again descending.

54.4 'Stèle de Gibraltar'.

Three major pilgrim routes converge here, already named by Aimery Picaud in the 12th century: the Tours route, the Vézelay route and the Le Puy route.

These routes lead to Santiago de Compostela, via Roncesvalles.

Continue.

>>> *Note: the sequel is described briefly. You then follow the GR65 that is particularly well marked (red / white and yellow / scallops).*

54.8 Cross a wide asphalt road (= D302) and continue, ascending, to the **Chapelle de Soyarza**.

56.9 Past the chapel (*viewpoint*): descend via a small unpaved road.

After 1 km, at a 'stèle' (*disc-shaped stone*): turn right, again descending.

58.4 **Harambeltz**. Follow the GR65 via a path through the woods.

End of path on asphalt road: turn left, towards Ostabat.

6.4 Ostabat > Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port: 22,5 km

61.8 **Ostabat**. Leave the village via the main street (= D508). Shortly thereafter: turn right, via a small asphalt road.

The road is getting smaller and, further on, unpaved.

64.0 Arrival on an asphalt road, near houses. Continue.

64.6 End of road on wide asphalt road (= D933) [6a]: turn right.

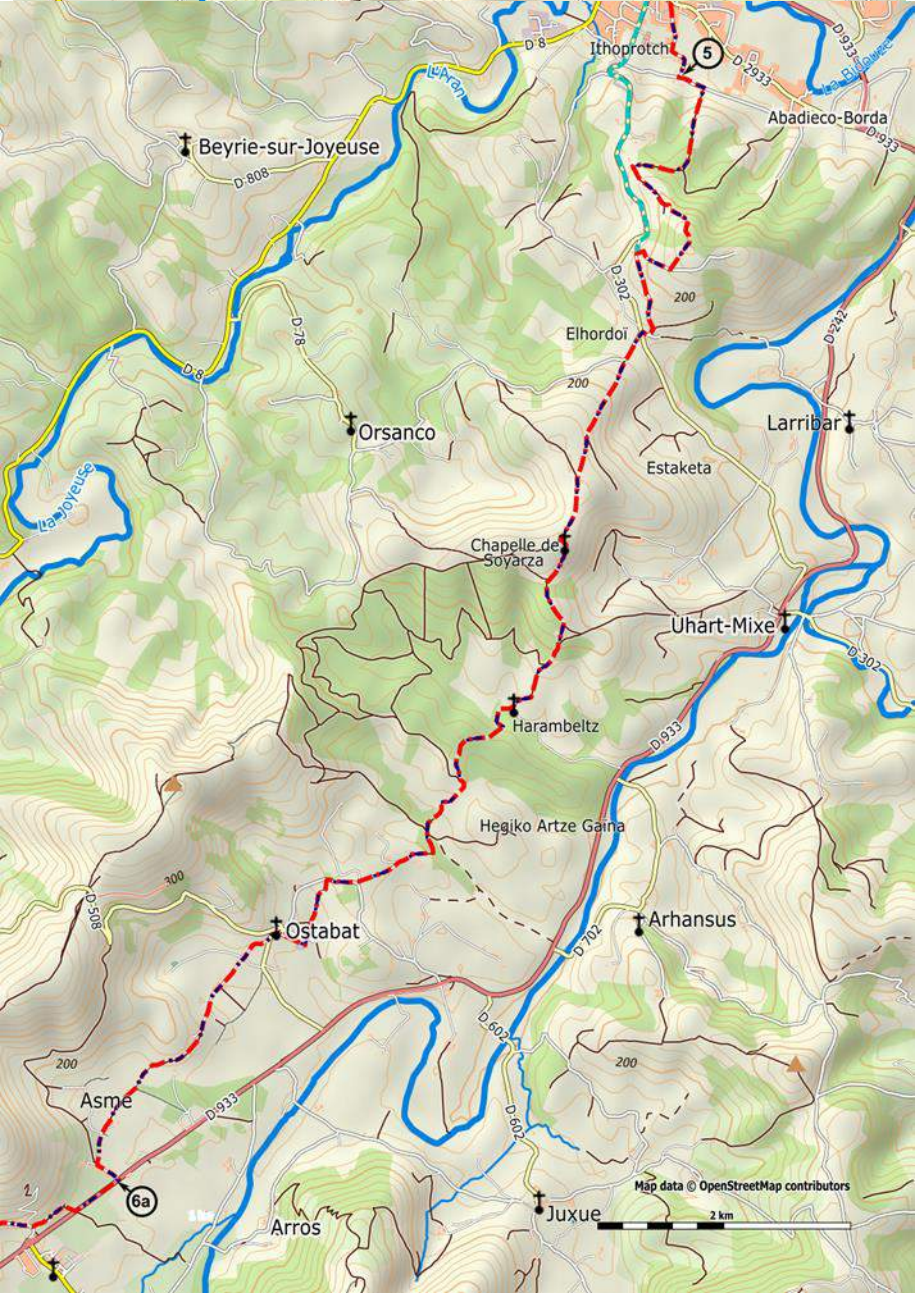
Shorter route to the 'Stèle de Gibraltar' with less height differences.

(Attention: dangerous road. Stay on the verge and follow the outside bend if possible).

50.1 Continue straight on the D302, direction 'Gibraltar', uphill.

51.2 Crossing: straight ahead up (the road makes a big turn to the left).

52.8 On a right-hand turn of the D302, turn left onto Rue de la Stèle. This leads to an intersection (first up, then down). After 600m you will reach the 'Stèle de Gibraltar'.



Beyrie-sur-Joyeuse

Ithoprotch

Abadieco-Borda

Orsanco

Elhordoi

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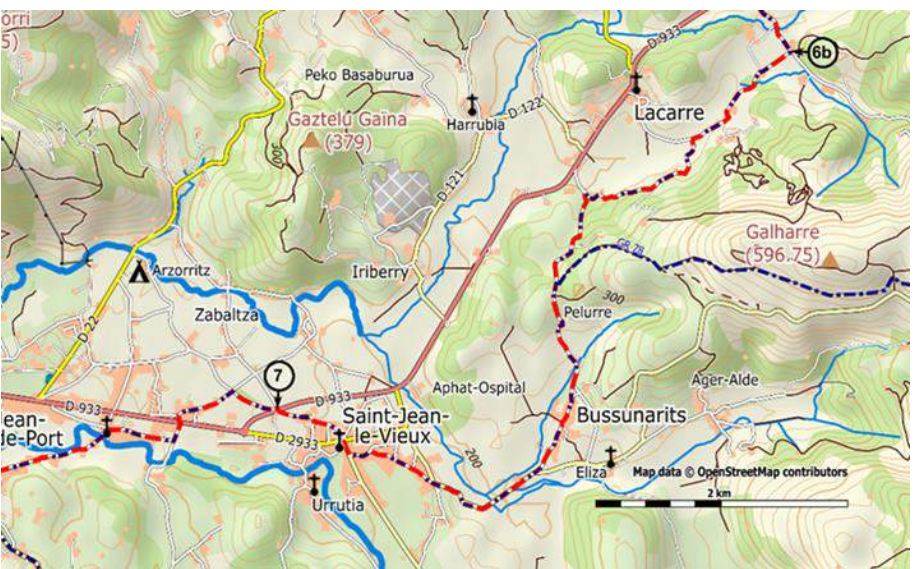
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2 km

- 64.6 End of road on wide asphalt road (= D933) **[6a]**: cross (*attention*) and turn right, via the roadside (left).
After 500m, first side road: turn right (*attention when crossing*).
Then follow the bend to the left.
- 65.4 End of road: turn right (*the village center of Larceveau is left.*)
Shortly afterwards: follow the bend to the left.
Continue, parallel to the D933, via a partly paved, partly unpaved road.
- 68.1 Follow the small road to the left and continue along and above the D933. Pass the former priory of Utxiat (*the mill was recently restored*).
After 100m, in a bend to the right: continue via a path along and above the D933.
- 70.6 End of path on the D933 (near a stone wayside cross (*18th century*)).
Cross and turn right.
A little further: turn left, via the D522, to Gamarthe.
- 71.7 **Gamarthe**. Continue, again towards the D933: turn left.
After 200m: turn left again.
After 600m:
- 73.5 Turn right **[6b]**, descending.
- 74.3 Ignore a side road (left) to a cross-country terrain ('4x4, quad, moto').
After 400m: turn left. Follow the small road along the flank of the hill, ascending.
End of road on asphalt road: turn right, descending.
- 75.9 Just before a 'passage canadien': turn sharply left, via a small asphalt road, ascending to a small pass.
- 76.8 Pass height.
>>> *The Chemin de Piémont (GR79) arrives at the GR65.*
Continue straight ahead, descending.
- 78.0 In **Bussunarits**: continue.
End of road on asphalt road (= D120, priority sign): turn diagonally right. Pass the Apat castle (left) and continue.
- 79.5 Crossing: straight ahead (leave the D120), between some houses.
End of the road: turn left.
- 80.2 End of road on wider asphalt road (= D18): turn right.
- 80.3 **Saint-Jean-le-Vieux**.
End of the D18 on D2933: straight ahead, via the square.
At the end (past the hairdresser): turn left, direction West.
- 81.0 Pass under the ring road around Saint-Jean-le-Vieux. **[7]**



Section 6

81.0 Pass under the ring road. [7]

Immediately after: turn left.

Crossing: turn left again.

First side road: turn left again.

End of the road on the D933: cross (*attention!*). Turn right, via the left bank, and then left, via the first side road, direction La Madeleine.

After 100m: turn right, towards the church of Sainte Marie-Madeleine (Mary Magdalene).

82.7 Church: turn left, cross the Laurhibar stream.

After 1 km: cross the D401 diagonally and continue, ascending, towards the Porte Saint Jacques.

Ignore the access road to the Citadelle (left) and continue descending, to enter **Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port** via the

84.3 Porte Saint Jacques (the gate of Saint James).

After about 100m: pilgrims office (right).

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Variant from Nevers via Augy-sur-Aubois to Ainay-le-Château: 56,5 km

The main route from Nevers, via Saint-Pierre-le-Moûtier and Lurcy-Lévis, to Ainay-le-Château is 72 km. This variant is therefore 15.5 km shorter.

The variant follows the GR 654 (red-white marking) from Nevers, via Augy-sur-Aubois, to the bridge at Vernais. There you leave the GR for the connection to the main route in Ainay-le-Château.

Km 0.0 Nevers: North entrance of the cathedral. **[1a]**

Walk around the cathedral (or through it).

Opposite the South entrance: enter the Rue de la Cathédrale (against the one-way traffic), descending.

Pass the Place du Palais (*old bishop's palace XVIIIth century*).

At the 'bottom' of the street: turn right (Rue de la Loire).

0.3 Place Mossé: turn left and cross the Loire bridge

0.7 End of bridge: turn right (Rue du Plateau-de-la-Bonne-Dame).

At the end, past right-angle turns left and right: turn right (Rue du Stand), pass under the railway bridge.

2.8 In a right-angle bend to the left: straight ahead, via an unpaved road (cemetery).

7.7 Past the cemetery, cross the D976 and continue, via the C7 (= Domaine de la Chaume), to **Gimouille**.

At the church: straight ahead, and turn right via the cycle path along the canal (= Canal Latéral à la Loire).

At the bridge: turn right, cross the canal.

Turn left, along the canal and via the aqueduct across the Allier.

10.4 End of path on asphalt road (= D976): turn left, across the canal.

After 50m: turn right (= Rue du Port). (↔)

After 700m: end of road on asphalt road (= again the D976). Turn right.

11.5 **La Grenouille**.

Before the bridge: turn left, cycle path, direction Apremont. **[1b]**.

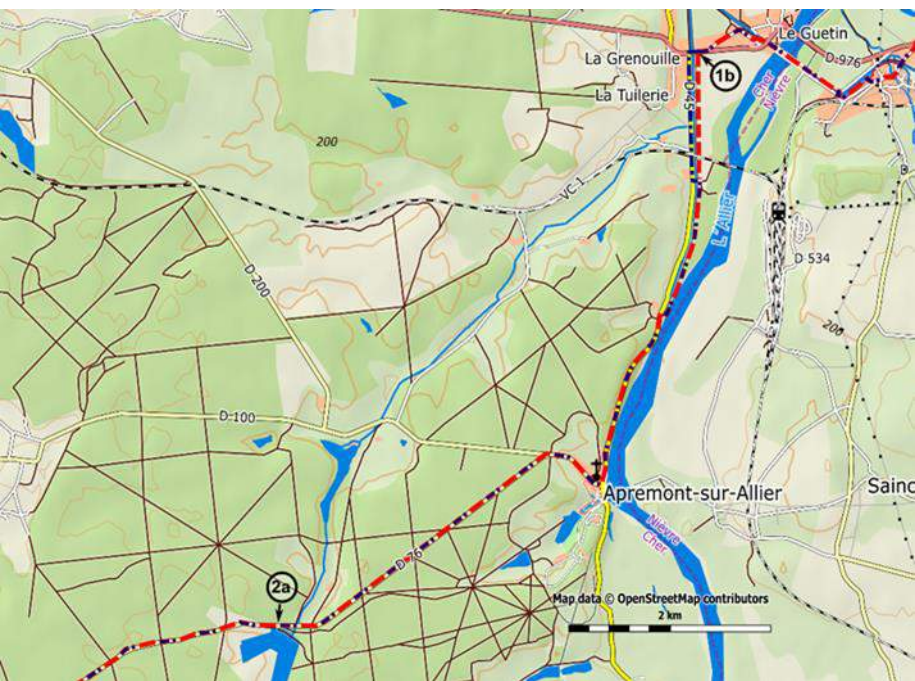
Pass under the railway bridge.

13.2 Turn right at round turn lock and immediately turn left on asphalt road (= D45)

15.5 **Apremont-sur-Allier**, church: turn right, via the D100.

After 250m: turn left, via the D76, direction Grossouvre, through the forest.

19.1 After a bend to the right, at small bridge over stream. **[2a]**



19.1 At small bridge over stream **[2a]**: continue via the D76.

23.5 Past the hamlet of **Les Coqs** (right), at a crossing: turn left, via a small asphalt road.

At **La Noue** farm: continue.

24.2 Cross a wider asphalt road (= D78) and continue (= Rue Vilatte, behind the Grossouvre castle).

25.3 Cross a wider asphalt road (= D920) and continue.

26.0 **Grossouvre.**

Before the bridge (on the right the Rue Principale): turn left, via an unpaved road.

(A little further you walk along the former canal de Berry, but here it is partly muted, partly overgrown with trees and shrubs.)

28.5 Cross a small asphalt road [2b] and continue.

(From here on the Canal de Berry is a real canal.)

29.1 Cross the canal and continue along the left side.

29.9 Cross a busy asphalt road (= D2076; *attention!*) and continue.

32.2 Bridge of **Sancoins.**

Cross to the right bank and continue along the canal.

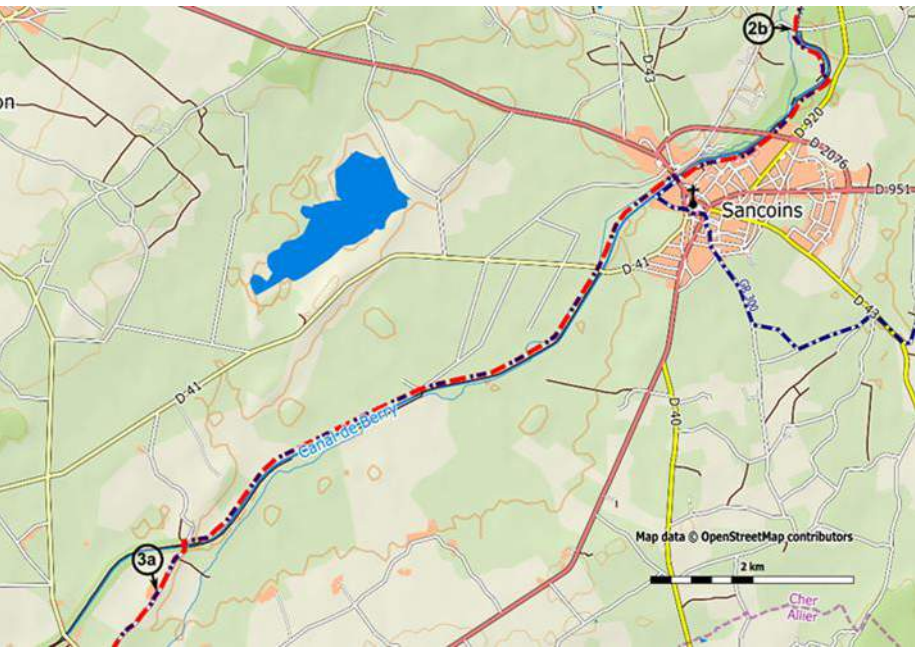
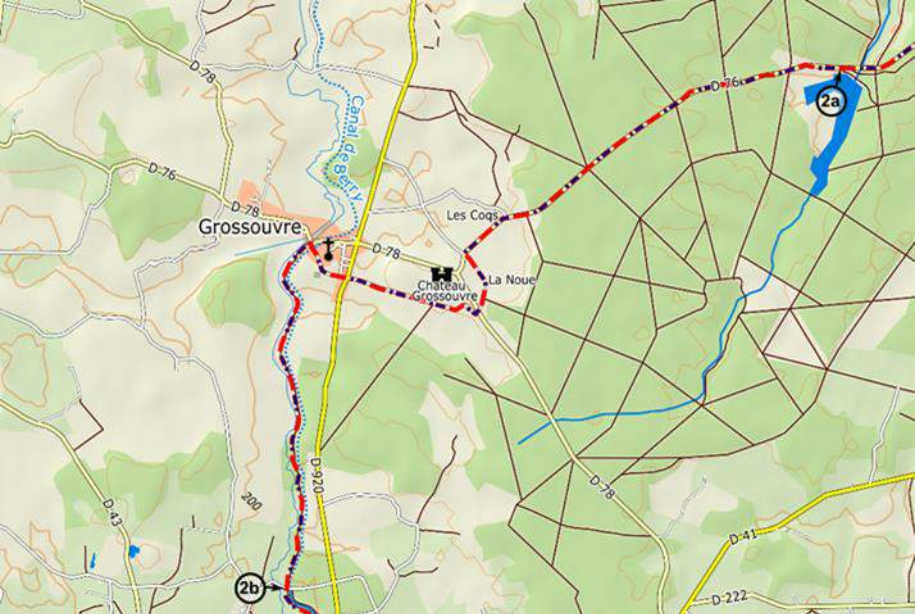
(Tip: In very sunny weather: keep following the left bank until the bridge of Arnon, in the shade of the trees).

33.4 Cross an asphalt road (= D41) and continue.

34.5 Jouy bridge: continue.

35.6 Arnon bridge: cross the canal and continue along the small paved road.

36.2 Pass the Domaine de Bellevue. **[3a]**



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37.2 End of road on asphalt road (= D34): turn left and immediately right, direction La Croix, past cemetery.

After 200m, on your right: pilgrim hostel (🏠) 'Nos Repos'.

Continue to the hamlet of Theine.

At the last house: turn right, via a small unpaved road.

After 400m: end of the road on asphalt road: turn right.

39.4 Crossing in the hamlet of Les Brusques: turn right.

41.5 Canal de Berry: turn left, via the towpath on the left bank.

44.0 Lock of **Liênesse [3b]**: turn right, cross the canal, and immediately turn left. Continue via the towpath on the right bank.

44.3 Pass the lock of les Presles.

44.7 Neuilly lock: cross to the left bank and continue along the canal.

46.4 Rhimbé lock: cross an asphalt road and continue.

46.6 At another asphalt road (= D110): cross to the right bank and continue along the canal.

47.7 At a junction of the canal: cross the northwest branch of the Canal de Berry and continue along the right bank of the southern branch.

48.4 Cross an asphalt road and continue.

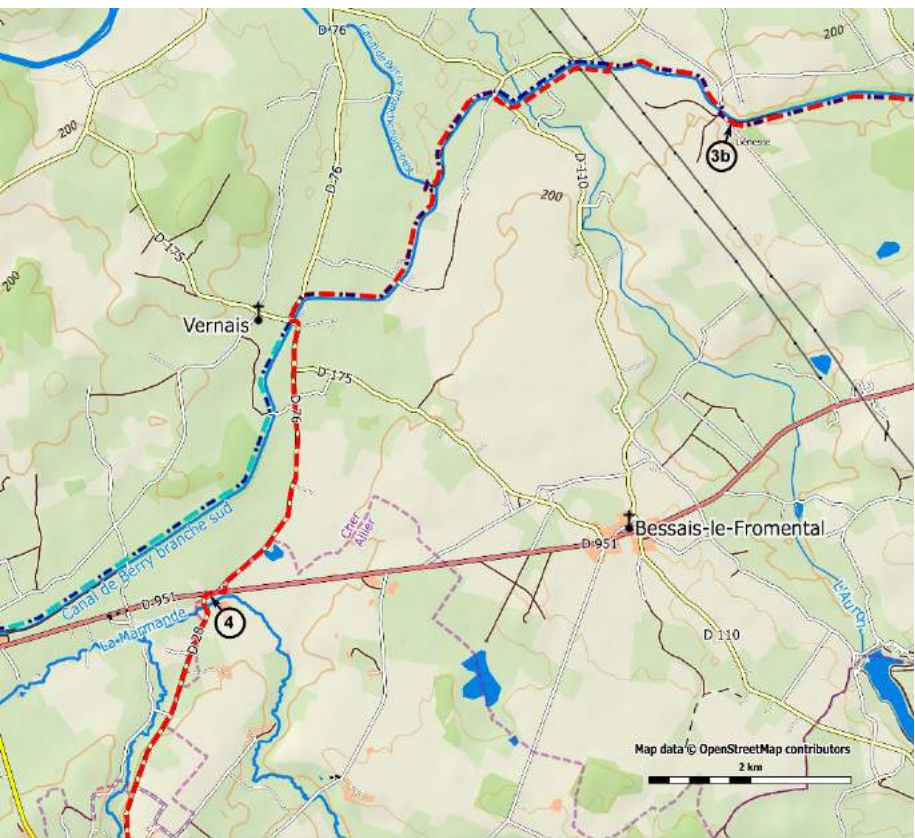
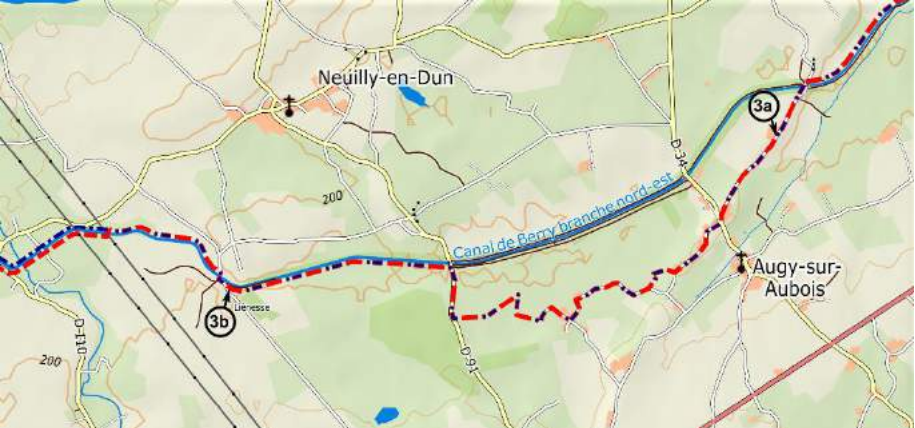
<< Here you can take a shortcut, directly to Charenton-du-Cher, by following the GR 654. If you decide to do so, you miss the pilgrim hostel in Ainay-le-Château. See box next text page. >>

50.0 Bridge of **Vernais**: turn left, cross the canal, via the D76, direction Ainay-le-Château.

53.0 End of the D76 on the D951: turn right (*careful!*).

After 200m: turn left, via the D28, direction Ainay-le-Château. **[4]**

>>> You pass here the department boundary between Cher and Allier <<<



53.2 D28 direction Ainay-le-Château. [4]

56.5 Ainay-le-Château.

End of the D28 at Place du Faubourg.

<< For the hostel (at 250m): turn left.

In the bend to the right: straight ahead, via the D64. >>

Turn right, pass the city gate.

You are back on the main route 1.2 at Km 72.3 (see page 40).

*Shorter variant from the Vernais bridge directly to **Charenton-du-Cher**.*

50.0 Bridge of Vernais: cross the D76 and continue via the towpath.

51.0 Cross small road, follow towpath.

53.0 Cross an asphalt road and continue.

54.8 Laugere. On a two-lane asphalt road (= D953): turn left, cross the canal and immediately turn left, along the bank.

56.2 Cross an asphalt road and continue.

57.2 At a bridge ('8t'): turn diagonally left, via an asphalt road (= D41E, then Rue du Stade).

57.7 Charenton-du-Cher.

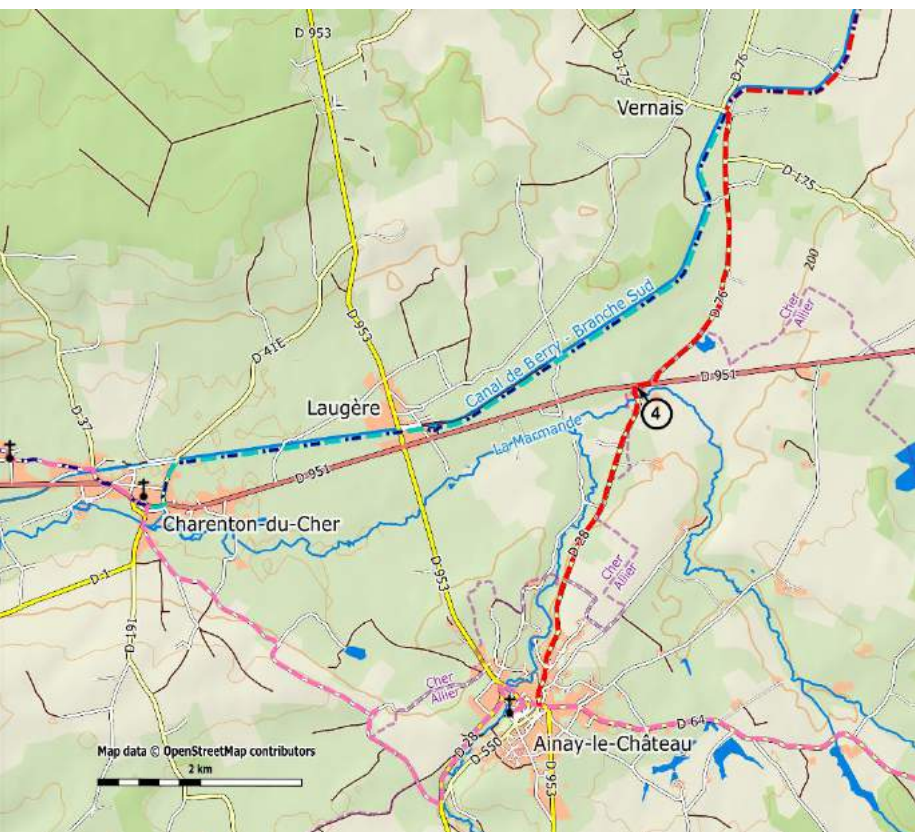
End of D41E on asphalt road (Rue Nationale): turn right.

After 200m, on the Place de l'Église: straight ahead.

You are back on the main route 1.2 at point Km 79.6.

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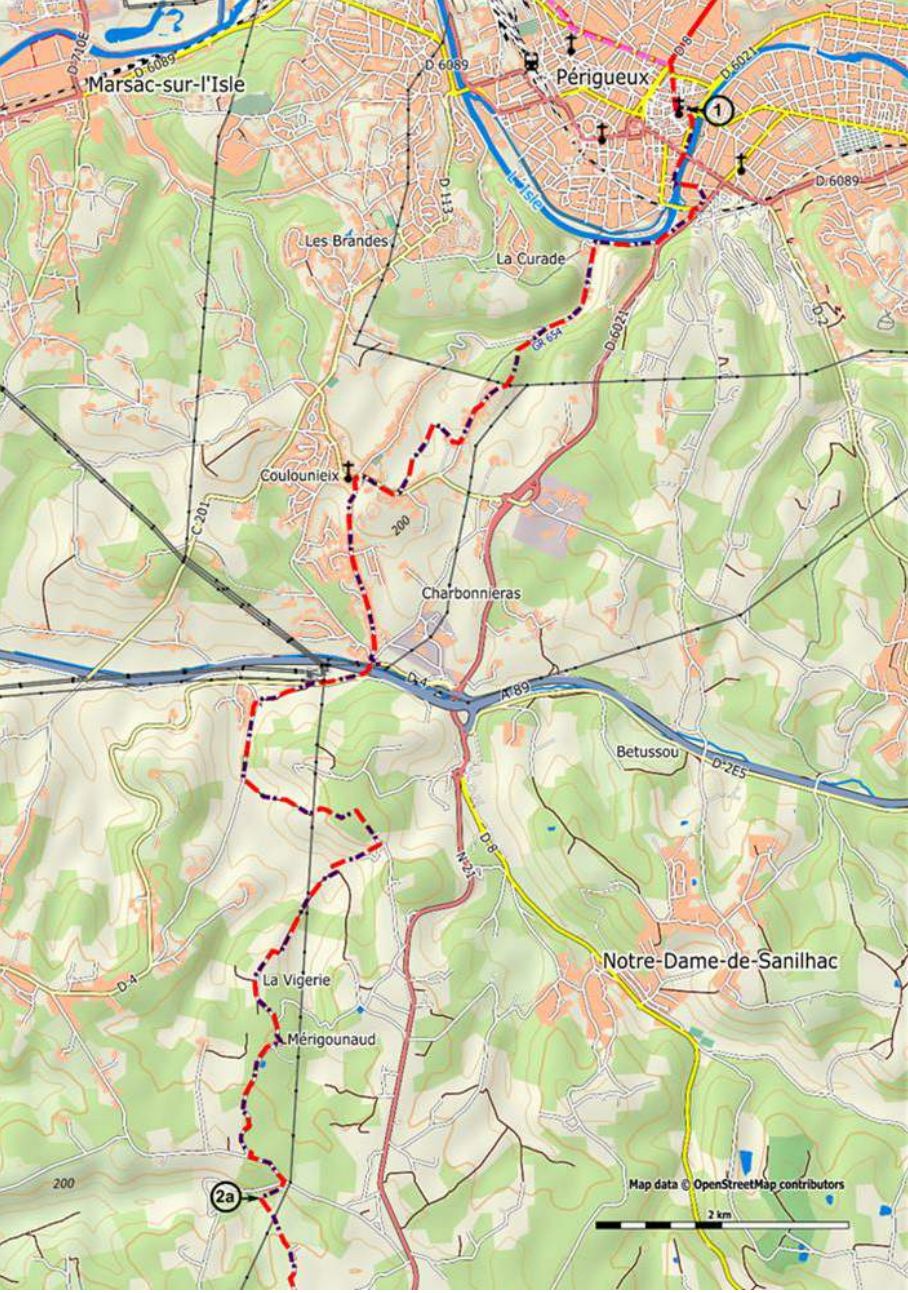
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Variant via Bergerac

3.4a - Périgeux > Les Trois Frères: 27,5 km

- 59.5 **Périgeux**. From the front, walk to the left past the cathedral [1].
Descend the stairs of the Rue de Tourville. Cross the boulevard Saumade. Turn right, descending, to the quay.
Continue via the Voie Verte Berges de l'Isle (*cycle route*).
Pass under the bridge (St Georges) and continue straight ahead (= Rue Nouvelle des Quais).
Cross the river via the narrow Pont Japhet and continue straight ahead (= Rue du Pont Japhet).
After more than 100m: turn diagonally right (Rue Fontaine des Malades).
After 100m: turn right (Chemin de la Fontaine des Malades).
- 60.5 Follow the roundabout (under the railway bridge) to the right and continue straight ahead (Chemin de la Maladrerie, *past the former pilgrim hospital*).
Junction at a house: turn right and continue along the river.
At a ferry (*previously fordable place*): follow the road to the left.
- 62.5 Near transformer cabins: turn left, via a forest path. Ascending.
On asphalt: straight ahead. Cross a hamlet (= Cafaret).
First side road (unpaved) past hamlet: turn right. Immediately turn right again, around Château de Beaufort, via a forest path.
After 1 km: end of path on asphalt road (= D113): turn right, ascending.
- 65.0 **Coulounieix**. At the roundabout: turn diagonally left (Avenue des Eglantiers), descending. After 1 km, at roundabout: straight ahead.
- 66.5 Roundabout: turn left ('prohibited to enter'). After 100 m: turn right and cross the motorway. After 500m, at a power station (right): turn diagonally left, via a half-paved road, ascending.
- 67.0 At a hamlet: end of road on asphalt road: turn left.
After 700m: turn left, via unpaved road, ascending to a forest plateau.
- 69.5 At the top, at the end: turn right and descend. After 150m: turn right again. A grassy path (further on, stony), descending into a beautiful valley. In the valley, after a bend: turn right, ascending.
- 71.5 **La Vigerie**. Cross the hamlet along an asphalt road and continue to the hamlet of **Mérigounaud**.
Continue 1,3 km via a wide, half-paved road.
End of road on an asphalt road: turn left. At the first side road: take the grass path to the right, descending. The road narrows and passes blackberry bushes.
- 73.9 In the valley: turn sharply left [2a].



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73.9 Turn sharply left **[2a]**, then ascend to **Biternat**.

Cross the hamlet via the asphalt road and continue.

End of road: turn right. Cross a wider asphalt road (= D44).

75.5 **Chalagnac**.

Pass left along the church. Then turn left and right between houses, via an unpaved path, descending to a valley. Near a house the road is again paved.

In a bend to the left: turn right, direction Barofy, via an unpaved road, ascending.

78.8 At a crossing: turn right, via a path, ascending.

79.0 Cross an asphalt road and continue, via another asphalt road.

80.3 Shortly after the turnoff to **Les Bourboux** (right): turn right, via a small unpaved road, slightly ascending, then considerably descending, through the forest.

Cross a wider asphalt road (= D43) and continue via an asphalt road

82.5 **Grun**.

In the hamlet: take the second side road to the right (direction Puyrance), ascending.

After 150m: turn left, via a path through scrubland.

End of path on asphalt road: turn right.

Cross another asphalt road and continue, descending considerably.

At the bottom: turn left, via a dirt path **[2b]** through the forest.

85.3 Plantation of fruit trees. Continue along the lake.

At the corner: turn right, via a long straight road that crosses the entire plantation / fields.

At the next lake: follow the road to the left and then to the right.

At an abandoned building: keep to the right.

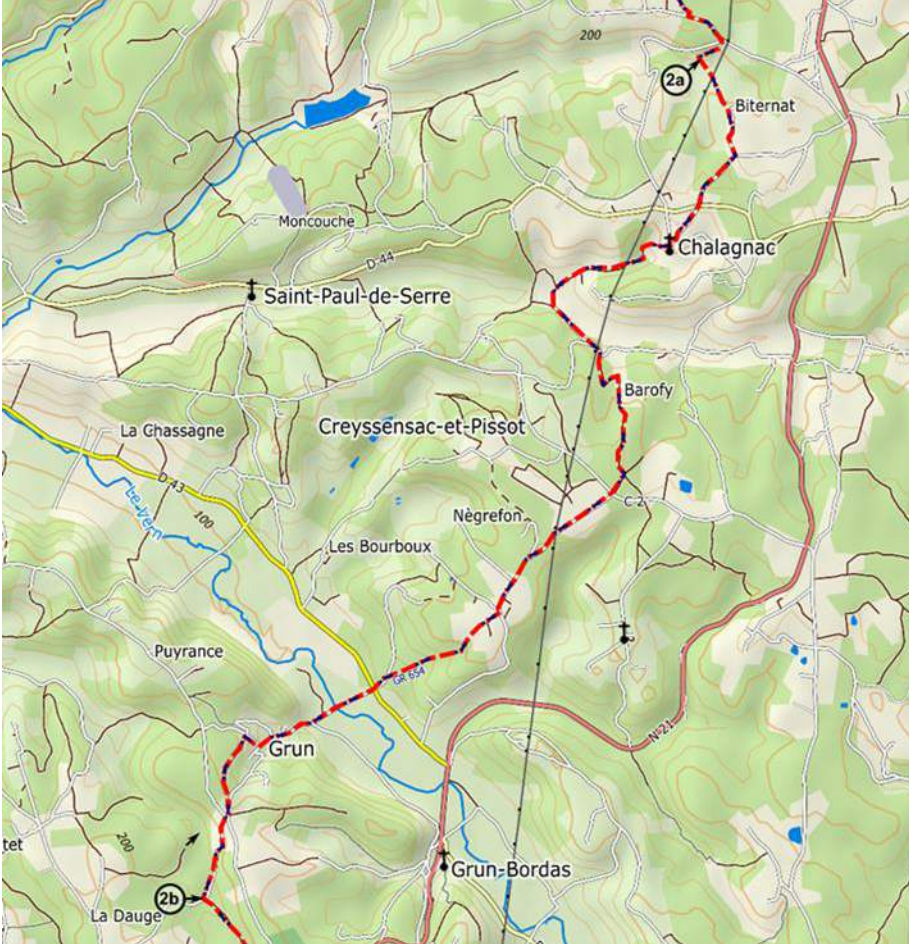
End of path on asphalt road (near transmitting tower): turn left.

86.1 On the D42, turn right, direction Villamblard.

3.5a - Les Trois Frères > Bergerac: 30,3 km

87.1 Turn left, via the semi-paved forest road DFCI.

87.3 Turn left, direction L'Abbayot. [3]



87.3 Direction l'**Abbayot** [3].

Past the hamlet, in a small valley: turn right, via a semi-paved road.

90.0 Cross an asphalt road and continue, via another asphalt road (= C20), direction

92.0 **Douville**.

Just before, end of the road on D39: turn left.

94.1 Pont Saint Mamet.

In the village, at the crossing with the D38: turn right, direction Montagnac.

After 400m: turn left, direction La Devinie, ascending.

Past the hamlet: continue via a semi-paved road.

95.3 Hamlet of **Le Pinier**.

Turn right, descending (the last part is asphalted).

End of the road: turn left.

After 400m: follow the asphalt road to the right, ascending.

97.0 **Le Tournier**.

At the end of the asphalt: turn left, via a half-paved road.

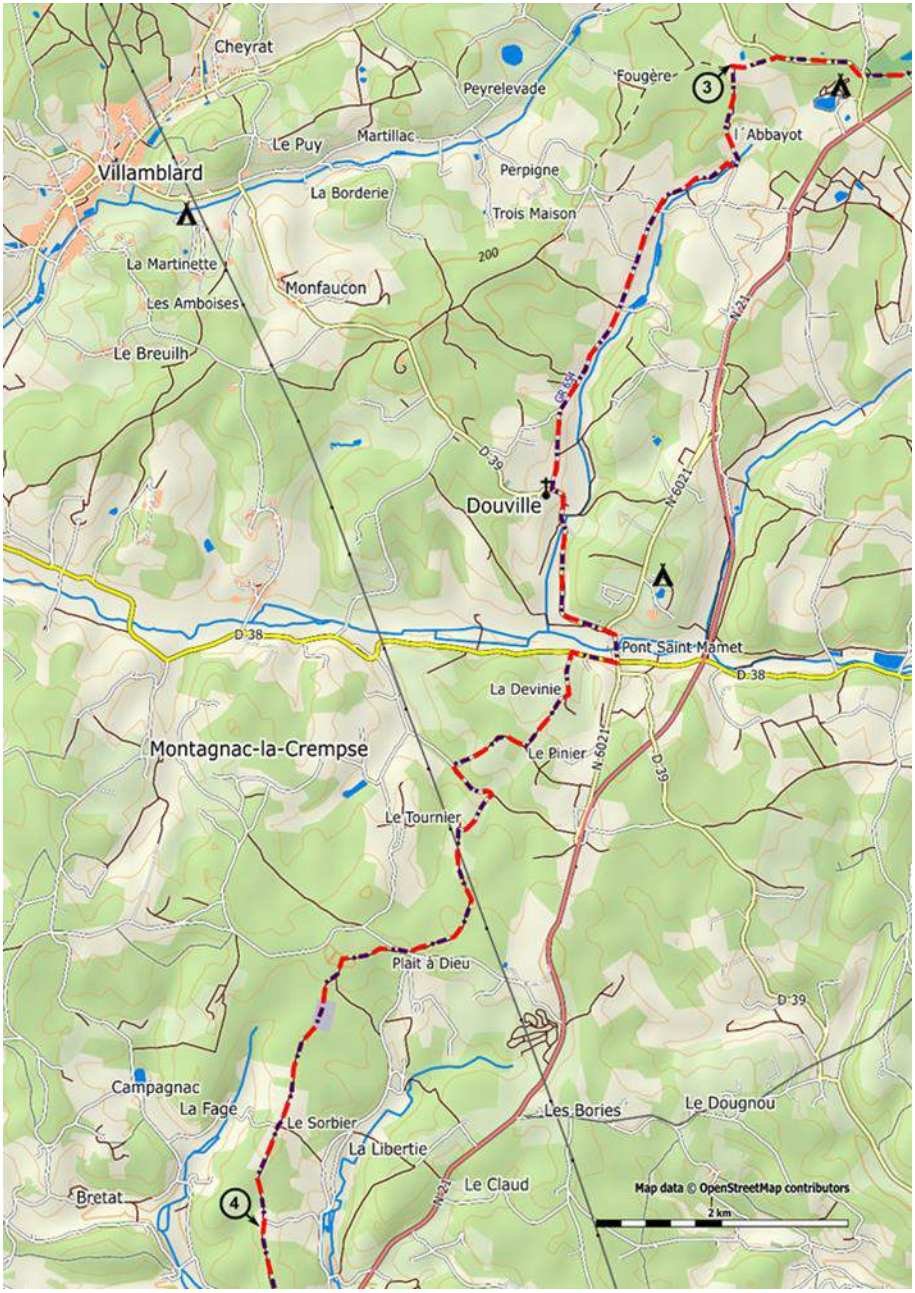
End of road on small asphalt road: turn right.

After 50m: turn diagonally left, via the half-paved forest road DFCI.

100.4 **Le Sorbier**.

Crossing: straight ahead.

101.2 The Mas de la Pine [4]: again straight ahead.



Cheyrat

Villablard

La Martinette

Les Amboises

Le Breuilh

Monfaucou

Douville

Fougère

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Abbayot

Montagnac-la-Crempse

Pont Saint Mamet

La Devinie

Le Pinier

Le Tournier

Plait à Dieu

Campagnac

La Fage

Le Sorbier

La Libertie

Les Bories

Le Dougnou

Bretat

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Le Claud

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101.2 Le Mas de la Pine [4]: straight ahead.

After 1 km, at a left-angle turn: straight ahead, via the grass path.

102.6 **Campsegret.**

At the church: turn right, direction Queyssac. Take the first road left.

Along the lake Beausoleil. Cross an asphalt road and continue.

After 200m: turn diagonally left, via a small unpaved road.

Cross an asphalt road and continue via a small unpaved road, ascending, to Parouty.

In **Parouty**: keep left, between two barns, towards a small asphalt road: turn right, cross the hamlet, ascending.

First side road: turn left, again ascending.

105.2 End of road: turn left, descending.

106.3 **Queyssac.**

Pass between the church (with cemetery) and the market hall and exit the village, ascending.

After 800m second cemetery (on the right).

After 100m: turn left (Chemin de la Ribeyrie).

After 700m: turn sharply right (Chemin des Greloux).

108.5 After another 700m, in a bend to the left: turn sharply right, via a forest path.

Thereafter: forest on the left, vineyards on the right.

Then enter again into the forest, descending. Continue through vineyards.

End of path: turn left, descending.

At a wayside cross: continue straight ahead.

End of the road on a major road (= N21): turn right, via a footpath (left).

110.3 **Lembras.**

Pass the church at the crossing (wayside cross): turn right and immediately left, along the football field, ascending.

In the bend to the right: turn diagonally left, Chemin de la Regie.

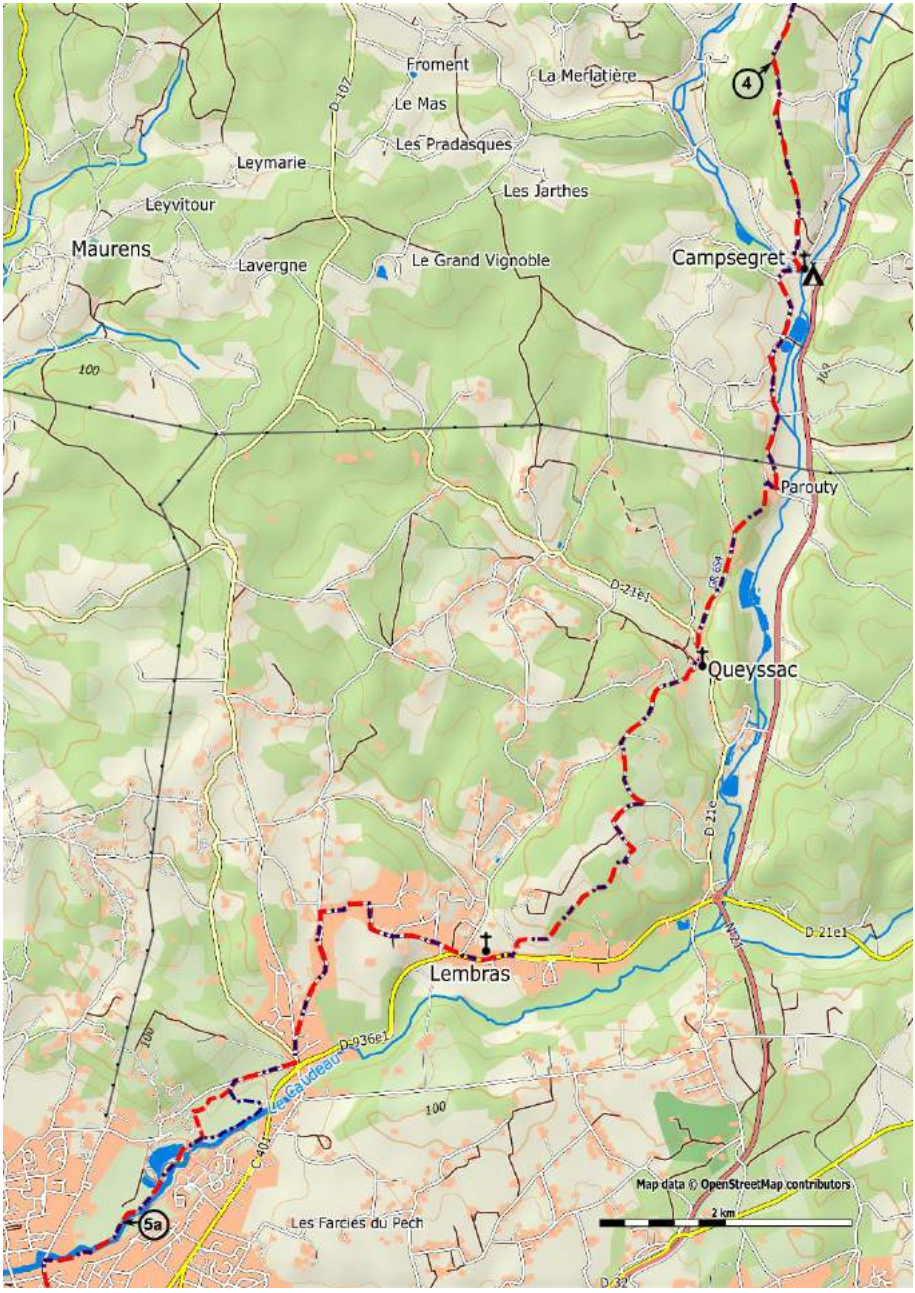
End of road on the Chemin de Beynac: turn left.

Again end of road: left again, descending.

Just before a major road: turn right (Route de Podestat).

113.5 Cross a parking space at the city park (Parc de Pombonne): turn left diagonally, via a road that winds through the park, along a stream (A).

115.0 [5a].

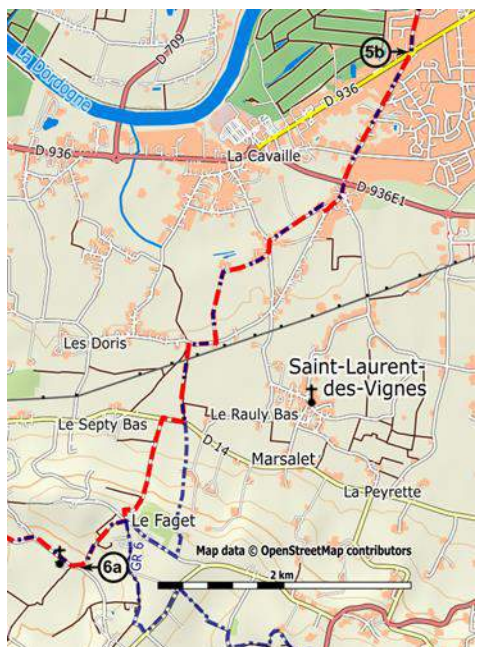


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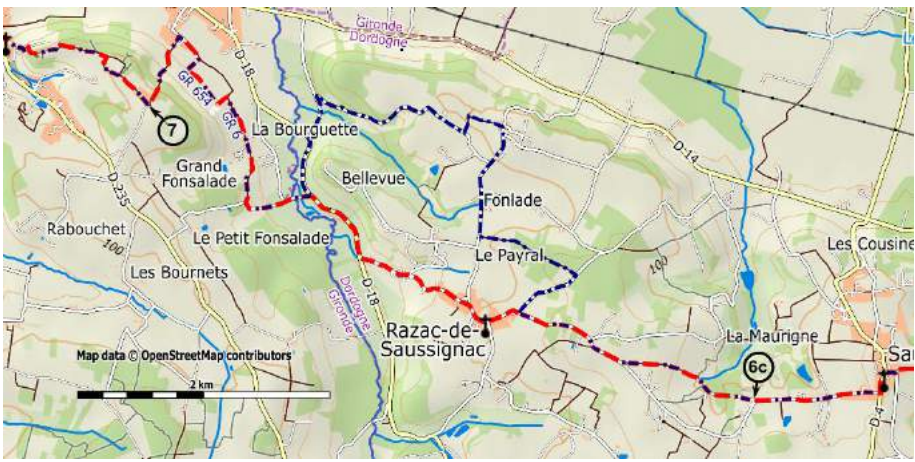
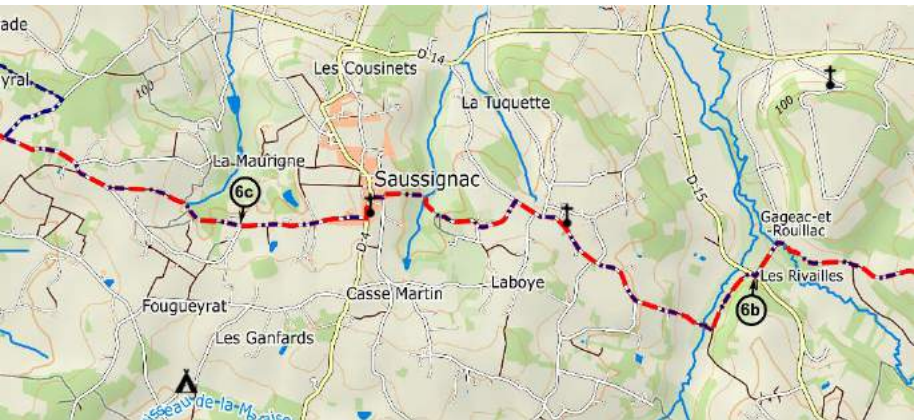
- 115.0 Park **[5a]**. After 500m, end of the park road: turn left (Rue Montesquieu).
Keep following this street (at a roundabout: keep left; at a junction: keep right).
After the railroad: straight ahead (Rue Saint Martin).
Continue along the Place Gambetta.
End of the road: turn left.
- 117.0 **Bergerac**: Église Notre Dame.
Opposite: continue via the Grand Rue (pedestrian zone) to
- 117.3 Église Saint Jacques (Church of Saint James).

3.6a - Bergerac > Sainte-Foy-la-Grande: 31,5 km

- 117.3 Bergerac. Église Saint Jacques.
From the church: continue, via the Place Péliissière to the Dordogne.
Cross the old bridge (Vieux Pont).
First side road: turn right, between houses (Rue Barbacanne).
Continue via the Quai de la Pelouse (park along the river) and the Rue J.J. Rousseau.
At the end (sign 'Promenade Jean Dalba'): turn left (Rue J. Martheille).
- 119.8 Roundabout **[5b]**: straight ahead (Route de St Laurent des Vignes).
Cross the ring road (D936, *attention*).
Shortly after, at the Fontaine Gabanelle (*former pilgrim hospital*): turn right.
After 200m: turn right again (Route du Lac).
- 121.8 At the end: turn left. First side road to the right (Chemin des Cressonnières).
Near houses: turn left, via a small unpaved road.
End of road on asphalt road: turn right.
After 200m:
- 123.3 Turn left, via a path through vineyards. Immediately after, at a junction: keep left.
End of path on an asphalt road (D14): cross and turn right.
First side road left.
- 125.0 Château **Le Fagé**.
Cross the road and continue via a grass path.
End of grass path on asphalt road: turn right.
- 126.6 Chapel St. Mayme. **[6a]**



- 125.6 Chapel **[6a]**: pass to the right and continue. First side road: turn left.
After 1 km: turn left, via a half-paved road, descending.
After 150m: turn right to the
- 127.6 hamlet of Gamarde. Cross a wider asphalt road diagonally and continue, ascending. Pass in front of a house and continue, ascending, via a small unpaved road.
At the corner of a vineyard: turn right, first descending, then ascending, between vineyards. End of path on asphalt road: turn right.
- 129.3 **Malveyrin**. In this hamlet: turn left. At the end: turn right. (Leave the GR). Again at the end (wayside cross): turn left. At the hamlet of **Larchère**: straight ahead, descending. After 250m: turn to the right.
- 130.7 At the next hamlet: the asphalt road turns into a small unpaved road. Continue, descending (the GR reconnects), thereafter along a stream. End of road (muddy) on an asphalt road: turn left, cross the bridge. End of road on a larger road (= D15): turn right. **[6b]**
A little further, past a house: turn left, via a small grass road.
- 132.3 After 600m: turn right, via a path. Cross a stream and continue, ascending. Near a farm, the path turns into a half-paved road, still ascending. End of road: turn right, direction:
- 134.3 **Gageac-et-Rouillac**. Continue straight ahead, ignoring side roads. Pass in front of the castle. After 100m: turn left, to **Ferriol**. Continue, a little further via a path that first descends and then ascends, to
- 136.3 **Saussignac**. End of the road near the church: turn left.
First side road to the right, direction Razac.
- 137.5 In a bend to the left: straight ahead **[6c]**, via a half-paved road that first descends, then rises. End of road on the asphalt road: turn right, to
- 140.0 **Razac-de-Saussignac**. (*Past the cemetery, just before the village, the GR turns right*). Continue, crossing the village: pass the church (right) and, thereafter, a wayside cross. At a junction: turn left, descending.
- 141.2 End of the road on the D18: turn right.
After 700m: turn left. (The GR reconnects).
After 200m: ignore a side road (right) and continue towards Sémelot.
- 142.4 In a bend to the left (shortly after a bend to the right): leave asphalt road and go straight on, via a dirt road (always following the GR).
- 142.9 Arrival on a paved road: straight ahead (left: Château **La Bourguette**). Shortly afterwards, in a bend to the right: leave the paved road and go straight on, 'winding' through vineyards, always in approximately the same direction.
- 143.9 Arrival on asphalt road at (wine)Chateau Guillaume Blanc: straight ahead.
After 100m turn left, via a paved road, uphill, further on through forest.
- 144.7 Arrival on asphalt road (right, on hill: old mill): turn right, between two houses. **[7]**



144.7 Between two houses [7], asphalt turns into half paved, through vineyards.

T-junction: turn right, then turn left along the edge of the forest.

Thereafter: through the forest.

At the end of the forest and the path: turn left, via a small road, descending.

Past a hairpin turn to the right, in the hairpin turn to the left: turn right, via a path, steeply descending.

145.8 Church of **Pineuilh**. End of small road on asphalt road: turn right (Rue de l'Église).

After 100m: turn left, via the D235, direction of Sainte Foy-la-Grande.

Roundabout: straight ahead, direction Sainte-Foy (Avenue Jean Raymond Guyon).

On two-lane road (= D708): turn right and cross the railroad.

Cross the wide motorway (= D936) and straight ahead, Rue Victor Hugo.

After 400m: turn left, Rue de la République.

148.8 **Sainte-Foy-la-Grande**: church.

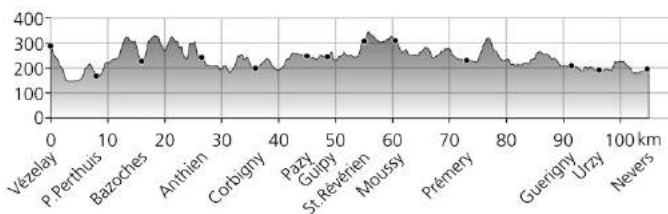
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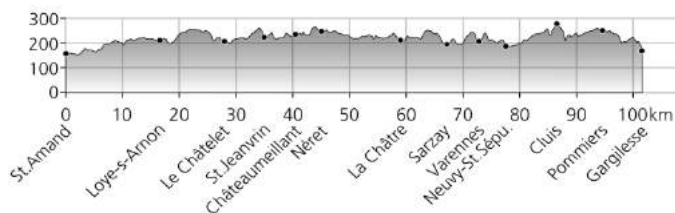


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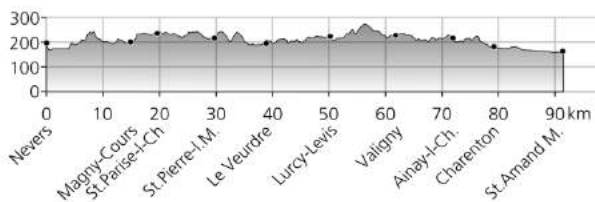
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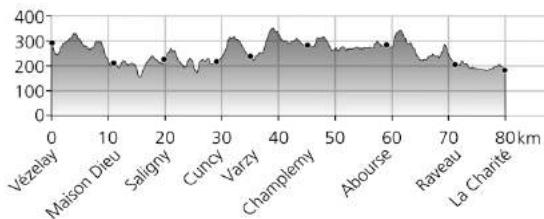


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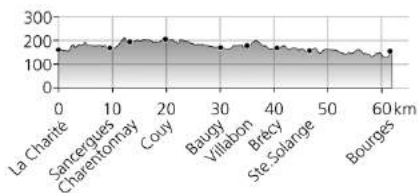


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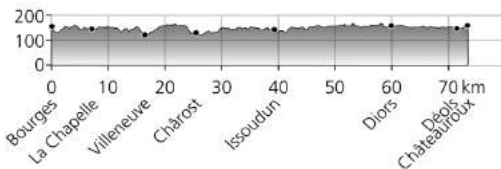
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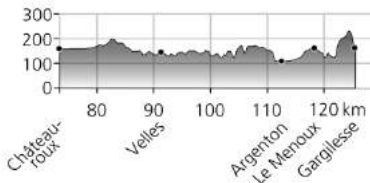
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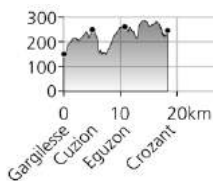


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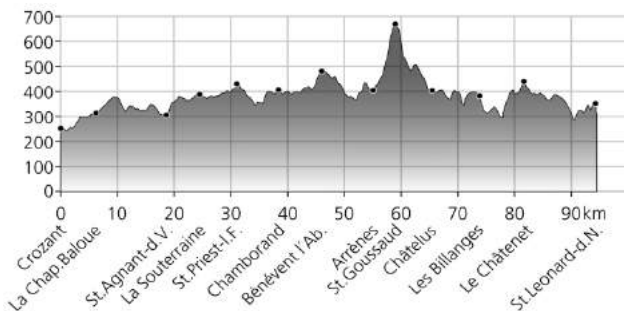


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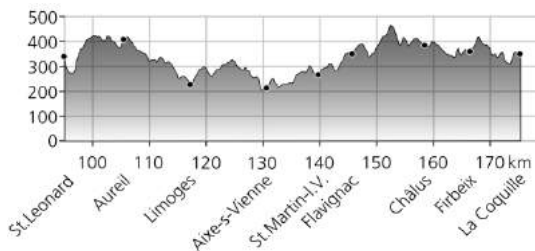
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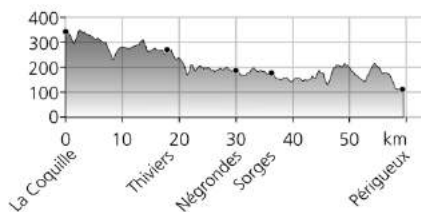
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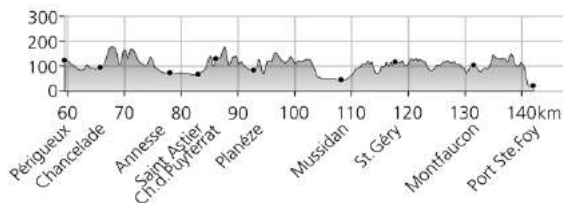
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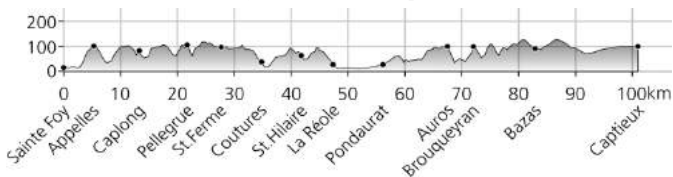
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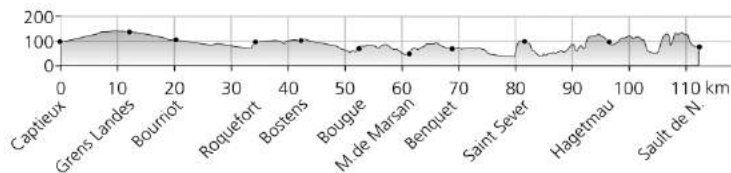
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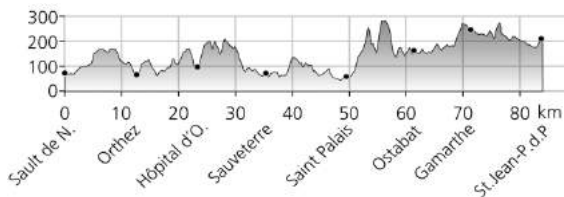
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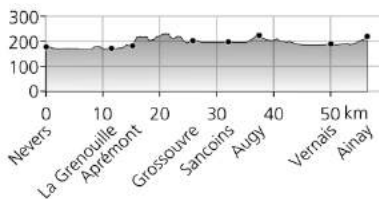
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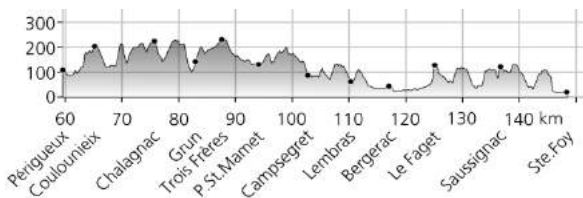
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