



Chemin de CLUNY : GUYENNE - GASCOGNE

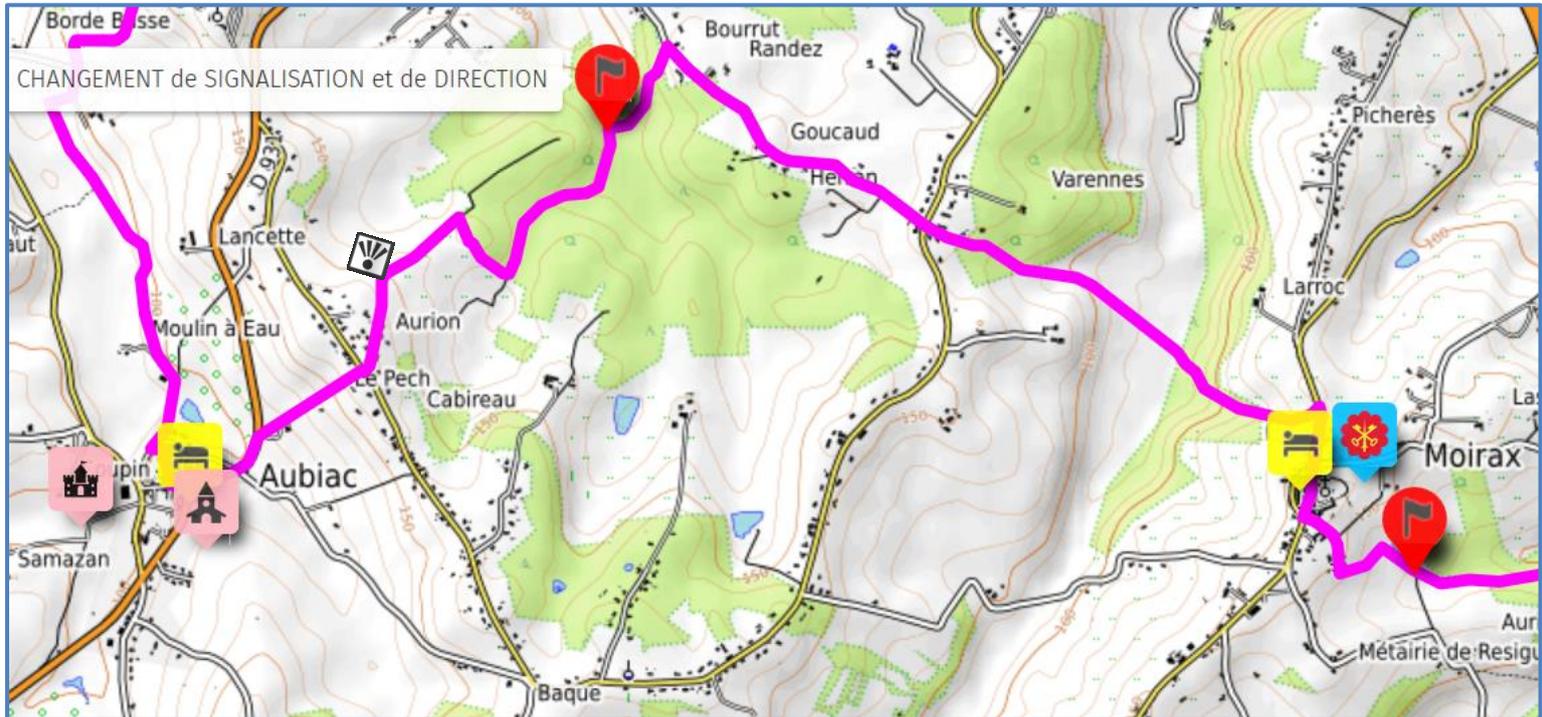


Direction WEST – EAST : AGEN -MOISSAC



STAGE 12 R: AUBIAC -MOIRAX

Section length: 5.8 km Allow: 2h15mn Height difference: + 224m / - 176m – Difficulty: Easy



From Aubiac to valley below Bourrut (red flag on map) waymarks are red and green.



From red flag to Moirax waymarks are red and white (GR652)



Aubiac is 10,6km from Agen and 57km from Moissac

Park behind the mairie. Walk starts here.

With your back to the mairie, cross the road and walk on the right along Rue des **Ecoles**.

Turn left and walk towards main road (**D931**). Turn left and walk through village.

Once out of the village, after the bend turn right on steep track uphill (**Chemin d'Aurion**). This track becomes a tarmac road.

At STOP, turn right, then immediately left (still tarmac). Further on, leave the road and walk left downhill on a track which crosses a low ridge with good views on each side.

Turn right, and follow the edge of the woods, then turn left to walk downhill through woodland.

Once across the small stream, turn right, follow the track across the valley and uphill to a tarmac road.

Turn right along this road (route de **Massée**). This is now **GR652**. Further on, don't miss two superb parasol pines and an immense holm oak on left.

At STOP leave Route de **Massée**, cross road and take **Chemin de Fontaine de Navarre** (tarmac).

Keep ahead downhill when the tarmac ends. The Fontaine de Navarre is further down on your left. Continue downhill. The track crosses fields and climbs up towards Moirax, later becoming a tarmac road servicing sewage system.

Where this meets the road (**D268**), turn right to reach the village.

MOIRAX

The Chemin de Saint Jacques de Compostella passes through the village. Part of this section follows the GR652.

Houses and ramparts dating from the Middle Ages can be seen. The church of Our Lady (ancient Cluniac priory) Saint Mary, founded in 1049, in the romanesque style, a monument classified in 1846. 130 exceptional nave capitals are worth admiring.

The engraved inscription at the Fontaine de Navarre:

Fons de Navarra-un copiera sus ma peira-Dona Jeanne sobeirana-del Brulhes s'assetet-Alavetz se miret- dins l'onda prigonda-la Reina armada ai refrescada.

« Once, the lady Jeanne du Brulhois rested on this my stone and looked into the deep water. I refreshed this much-loved queen. »

This story is about Jeanne III of Albert, Queen of Navarre. The memorial is not original. It was engraved and put in place in 1988.

AUBIAC

Romanesque church, probably dating from 12thC. Of note: three covered absidioles around the tower; the lantern tower itself; the transept crossing and the capitals.