



Chemin de CLUNY : GUYENNE - GASCOGNE

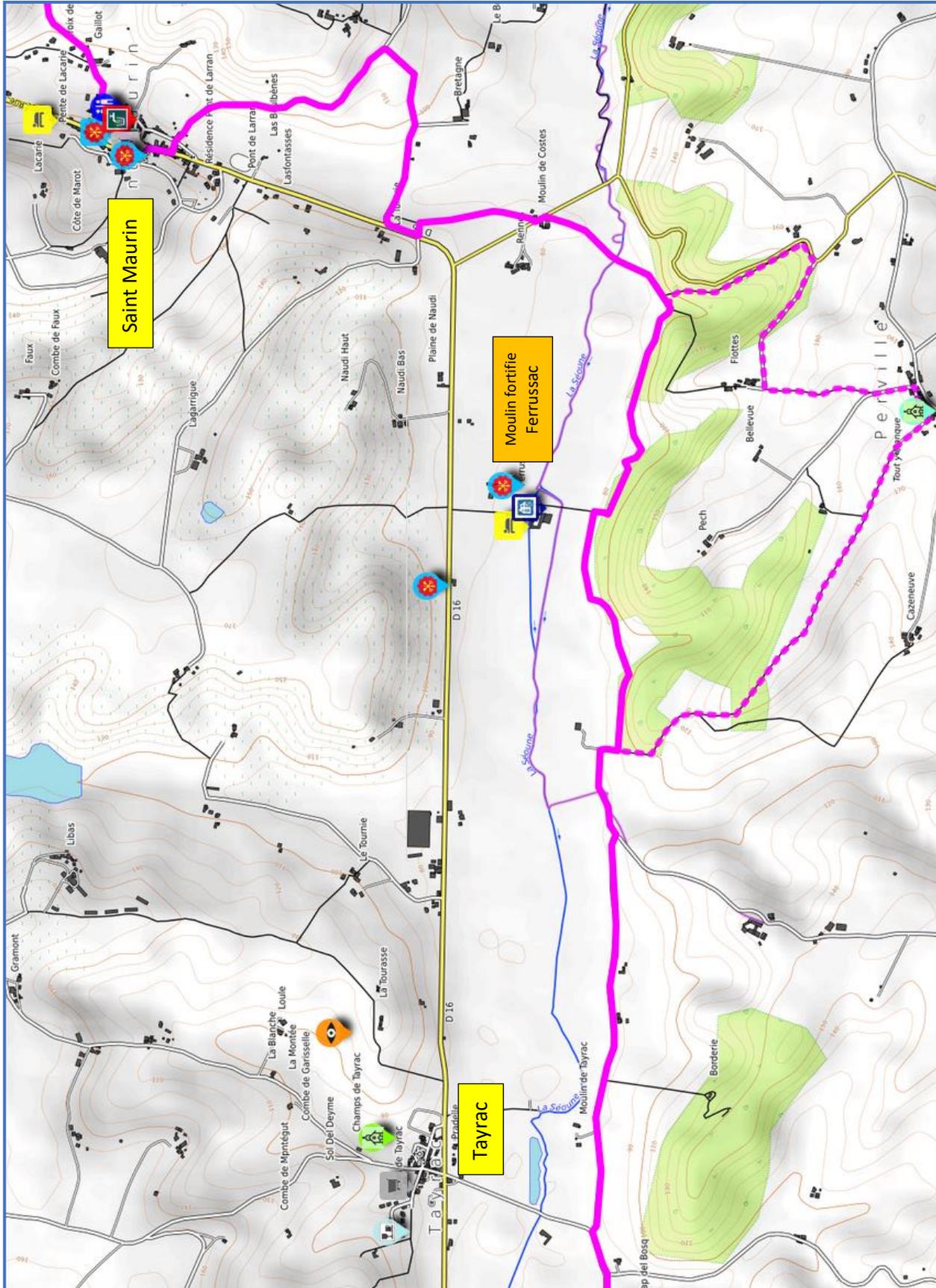


DIRECTION EAST - WEST : MOISSAC - AGEN



STAGE 6A : SAINT MAURIN - TAYRAC

Section length: 7.5 km Allow: 2h00mn Height difference: + 123m /- 95m Difficulty: Easy



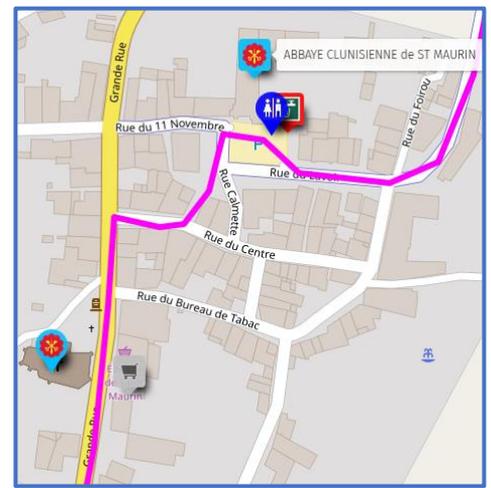
Waymarking for this section: red and green

Saint Maurin is 25km from Agen and 25km from Moissac

Park in the village square. Walk starts here.

*In **St. Maurin** it is well worth visiting the remains of the ancient Benedictine Cluniac abbey. Follow the arrows of the bilingual information signs, taking you from the cloisters to the choir, passing the absidioles, the clock tower and the Abbot's garden.*

During the summer there are late afternoon guided visits of the abbey. The ethnographic museum in the abbey building is also open between 15.00hrs and 19.00hrs.



Leave the village square beside the ancient half-timbered house.

Turn right towards village street.

Turn left. Pass in front of the shop with the parish church on right and turn left at next junction.

Cross straight over next junction (direction **Montjoi**) and walk ahead up the winding road.

At the top of the hill, turn right on a shady path which descends between fields.

Where the path joins a tarmac track keep ahead to reach the road (**D16**).

Turn left and after about 100m, turn left onto a grassy track which descends to a hedge.

Turn right and keep alongside the mill stream between the hedge and an orchard of plum trees.

Cross the road diagonally left and follow the track beside the property **Val de Costes**.

Cross the bridge.

A little further on the Perville variant climbs sharply uphill on your left.

Keep ahead on the lower track, immediately crossing the **Furet** stream (culvert).

Further on, the fortified mill at **Ferrussac** can be seen through the trees on your right.

Nearer the mill, the track leaves the woods and turns left steeply downhill.

After a few metres, turn left along a grassy track beside a fence.

The track continues below woods, crossing the **Tuilerie** stream at a ford

Keep ahead.

Further on, at the corner of the woods, the Perville variant comes downhill from your left.

Turn right downhill for a few metres, then left onto a stony track which leads up to a tarmac road.

Here keep ahead along the contour. Views of **Tayrac** on your right.

At the junction, turn right and walk along the road to the village.

Tayrac

The church of Saint-Amans de Tayrac was linked to the abbey of Saint Maurin, later becoming a priory, but disappearing during the 100 Years' War, when its lands returned to the abbey revenues. The church, entirely vaulted, was built in the 12th century. Two vaulted chapels were added in the 16th century: that to the north, dedicated to Saint Antoine, the other to Saint Catherine. The north chapel bears the arms of the du Sorbier, lords of Tayrac. The Devil's Cross or Stone is a standing stone or menhir 2,60m high and 1,75m wide - the largest menhir in the department. At one time in the past it was christianised.