



Chemin de CLUNY : GUYENNE - GASCOGNE

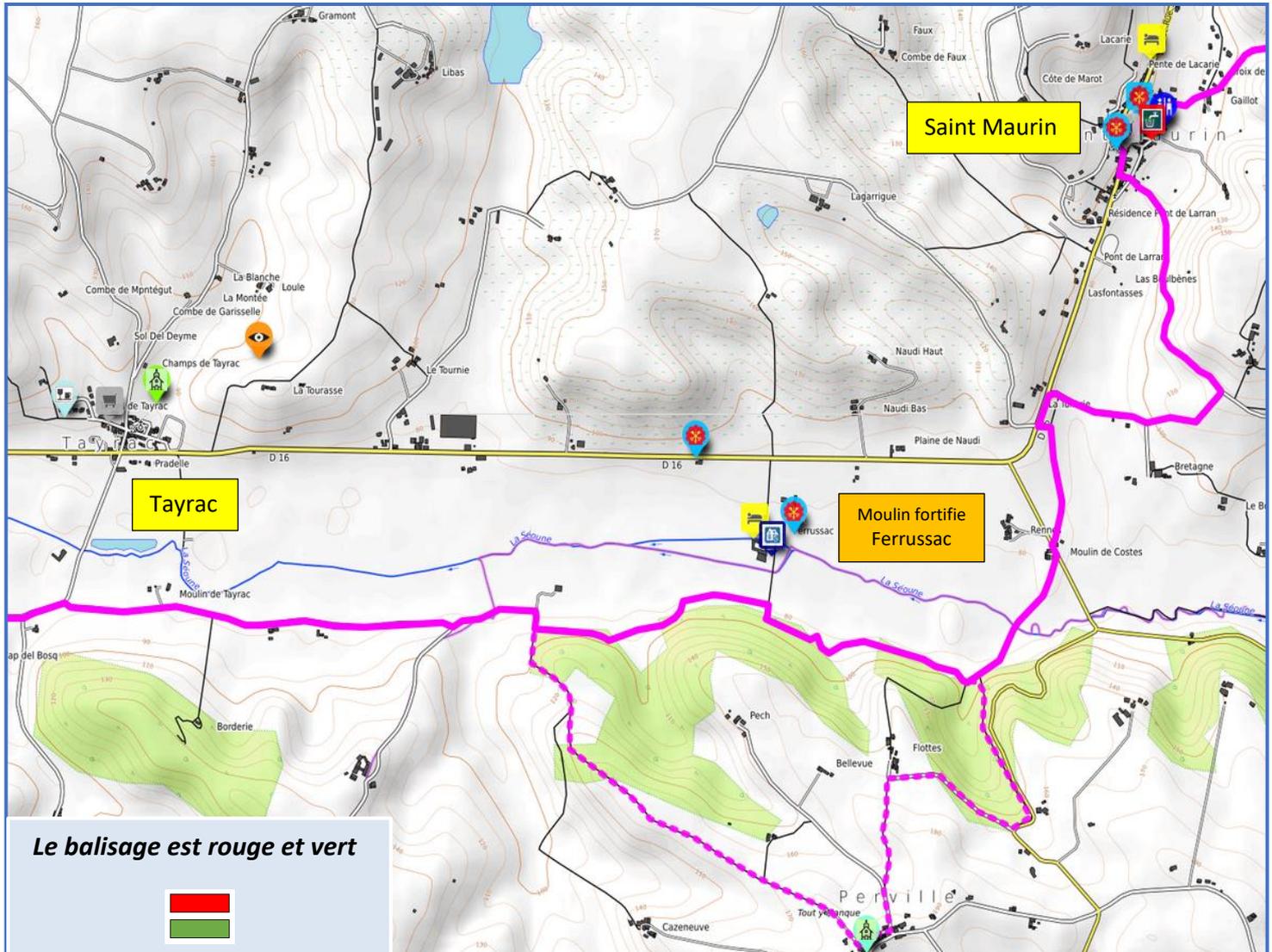


DIRECTION EAST - WEST : AGEN - MOISSAC



STAGE 6 Bis R: Tayrac – Perville – Saint Maurin

Section length: 9.4 km Allow: 2h 40mn Height difference: + 267m /- 243m Difficulty: Medium



Tayrac is 24km from Agen and 27km from Moissac by car

Park behind the shop. Walk starts here.

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.

Walk along the minor road behind the parking. Cross the Séoune and note the château on your right.
At the junction, turn left and continue along the valley (tarmac road).
At the right-hand bend, leave the road and walk leftish down the track.
Turn right uphill towards the edge of the wood.

The Perville variant continues straight uphill here (those wishing to walk directly to St Maurin turn left here).

The Perville variant skirts the edge of the woods, climbing towards the ridge leading to the village.

In **Perville**, opposite the cemetery entrance, go down the steps and turn left (non-drinking water available nearby).

Continue along road, but at the wayside cross turn left and leave the houses on a tarmac track.

Opposite the third telegraph pole, turn right down a grassy track.

Before the steep descent there are good views of St Maurin in middle distance.

At the foot of the track, turn right along the road.

Immediately after the rubbish containers, turn left down a stony track, passing a rocky overhang, two small rivulets and a *lavoir*.

At the foot of the slope, you join the lower footpath. **Here the variant ends.** Turn sharp right.

Cross the river **Séoune**. Keep ahead on the track towards the road.

Cross the road, diagonally left, and turn right on a grassy track at the side of an orchard and with the mill-lead on your right.

Turn left uphill to **D16**.

Turn right along road for a short distance. Then turn right down access road to properties.

At the right hand bend, go uphill between hedges. This track leads to another road.

Turn left on road towards St Maurin. You will cross the **Escorneboeuf** and the start of the mill-lead.

At the junction, keep ahead for a short distance, then turn right and continue on the **D16** until second road after village shop.

Turn right, then first left, to the village square.

Saint-Maurin

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.

