



Chemin de CLUNY : GUYENNE - GASCOGNE

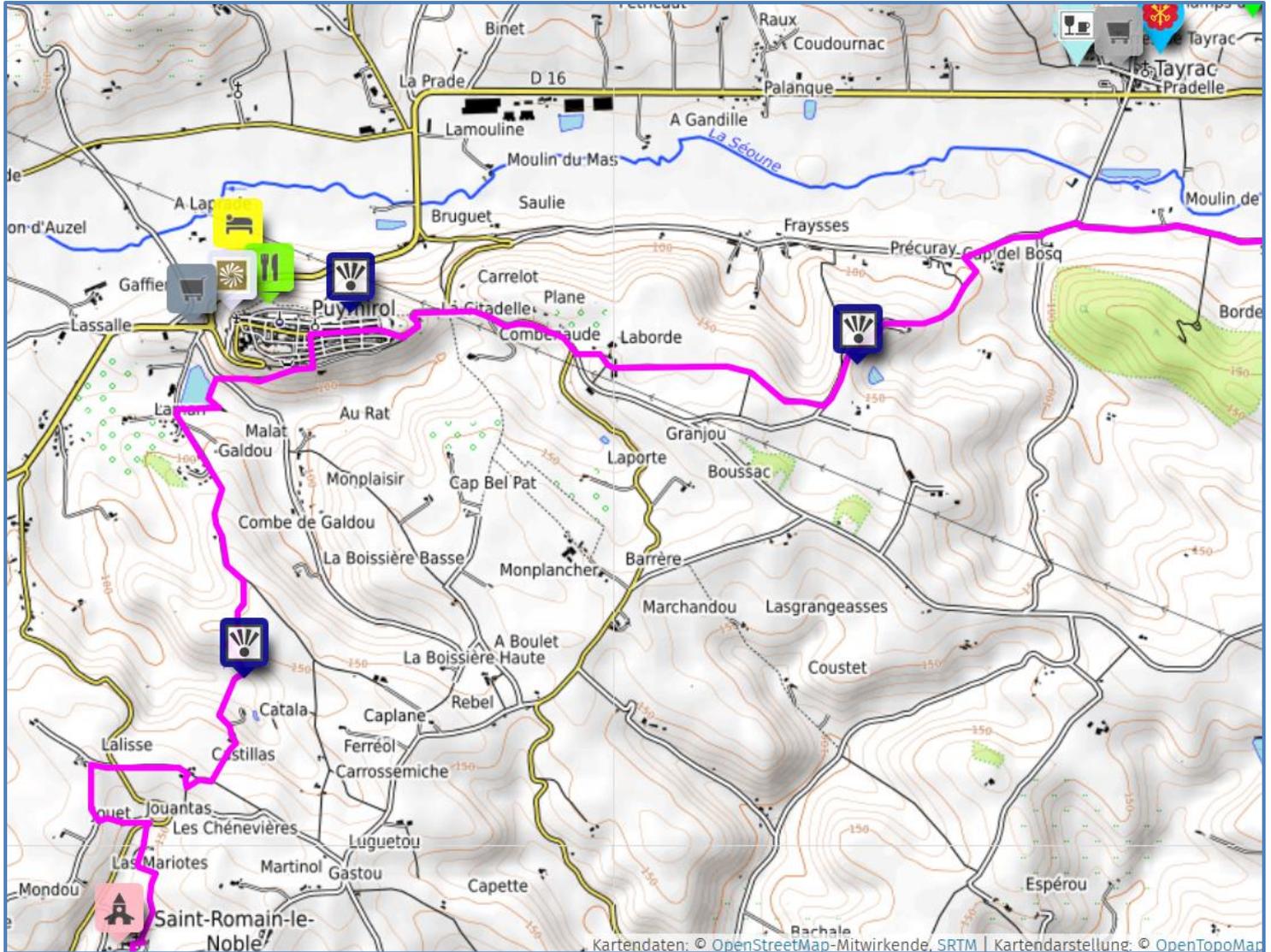


Direction EAST- WEST: MOISSAC - AGEN



STAGE 7A: TAYRAC – PUYMIROL – SAINT ROMAIN le NOBLE

Section length: 9.1km Allow : 2h45mn Height difference : + 252m / - 173m Difficulty: Easy



Way marking are red and green



Tayrac is 23,5km from Agen and 27km from Moissac.

Parking behind the shop. Walk starts here. (parking available also in front of the church)

To regain the footpath, walk out of the village by the minor road behind the shop. Near the château on your right, the road crosses the river **Séoune**. At the intersection bear right and cross the bridge over the **Belpé** stream, direction Puymirol. After about **100m** after the property « **Cap del Bosc** » turn left then right up a wooded track. Keep on this track uphill (*good views on right*), which eventually joins a tarmac road. Keep ahead.

After a wood on your right, turn sharp right along a track beside the wood. The track crosses fields and arrives at the property « **A Laborie** ». Turn down the tarmac track to reach the road (**D248**). *Good view of Puymirol here.* Keep on this road, which leads to the bastide. You arrive at the Place **du Foirail** (right) *where there's a fine viewpoint.*

Continue along the **rue Royale** to the place **Maréchal Leclerc**.

Walk under the arcades in front of the pharmacy and downhill by the rue **St Serin** to the "chemin de ronde". Turn right on the chemin, then bear left downhill on a grassy track to the tarmac road. Cross this diagonally right and walk towards the lake on the grass beside the hedge. Keep left alongside the lake. Cross the inlet by the footbridge and turn right towards the road.

Step over the chain preventing access to vehicular traffic, turn left and walk up this road which serves the new housing development. Keep ahead on the stony track. Just before a property, keep left along the wire fence.

Superb backward view of Puymirol from here.

Further on, immediately after a metal 5-barred gate on right, turn right to follow a narrow track across contours, fields and a copse, before descending steeply into a valley.

Cross the valley and up the other side on a broad track between fences, turning left to arrive at the access road to a property. Keep right, up the access road, passing another property on your right. Near the property « **Castilla** » watch out for an aggressive dog behind his fence. Make sure to turn left before the house. The owner does not wish to see walkers very near her property. Look out for the footpath which turns right to skirt outbuildings before crossing a field to arrive at the road (**chemin de Montflanquin**).

Cross this road and walk ahead towards a house, then turn left before the property and walk downhill towards another small road. Turn left and walk down past the gîte « **Jouantas** ». At the crossroads (**route des Tulipes**) cross diagonally right (**chemin de Chenevrière**). Keep ahead, then turn left after another property to follow a footpath towards the village. At the parking, turn right, then left to arrive in front of the church steps.

Puymirol

Ramparts, built (or restored) in 1283 by Alphonse de Poitiers, son-in-law of Raymond II, were demolished by Louis XIV. Vestiges remain here and there among the rocks of the cliff. Of the citadel, built to defend the weakest east side, there remains only the foundation from which one can admire an excellent valley view. In the centre, a number of houses dating from about 13th century have arcatures with damaged arches. These stand alongside other fine examples from 15th, 16th and 17th centuries. Good information panels offer an interesting visit.

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 Christianized.

Saint Romain le Noble

In the village is a richly-decorated cross, with four hearts in the quarters forming a Greek cross in which is inscribed the Crucifixion scene. The church of Saint-Romain dates from the start of the 16th century. Note the impressive wall of the bell tower. The building is panelled and the chapel is dedicated to Our Lady. The church was remodelled after a fire, and the bell tower - formerly triangular - became rectangular. Apart from the building itself, note the 14th century doorway decorated with early Renaissance sculptures representing monsters, chimeras and foliage in a somewhat coarse manner. Inside, we can admire the stone font dating from 1750 and a 19th century statue to the Virgin and Child.