

Syndicat d'Initiative de Puy-Saint-Martin

Information sheets for the « **Chevrière – Sainte-Euphémie** » footpath (5)
(21,5 km) (7h) (700 m)

From the mairie (town hall) take Rue du 19 mars 1962 (the road to Manas).

Cross straight over the D6 (main village street) and go up Rue du Bourg. Turn right into Rue des Remparts, then left up Montée Portal (a short cobbled path) and right up Montée des Genêts. Immediately go left up the Belvedere path (a grassy track). Go past a well on your right (likely to have been part of the former medieval castle) then immediately climb up the footpath on your right. At the crossing, go left, then straight away right at the next fork. Keep going up till you reach the cemetery wall. Go right on the Belvedere path, which goes round the ruins of a castle destroyed in the 17th century during the wars of religion between Catholics and Protestants.

From the viewpoint (orientation table), there is a beautiful 180 degree view over the Valdaine plain. Carry on round to the right, alongside the cemetery. Continue on down Montée des Genêts, then at a crossroads go left down Montée du Téron. At the bottom of the hill, follow the Chemin des Ours to the left. At the fork, go right, then right again (Rue de la Grange). Carry straight on, on the Chemin de Chevrière. On the bend, go into the wood and start to ascend.

The footpath zigzags up to the « boucle panoramique de Chevrière », a loop which will reward you with magnificent views over the village, the Valdaine plain, Cleon d'Andran, Vieux Roynac and Marsanne (take care near the cliff edges !), and a bit further on over the mountain of Couspeau, the wind turbines, and the Forest of Saoû.

Once back at the start of the loop, go left (or, if you haven't done the loop, go right), and walk along the ridge. You will pass on your left the Roynac footpaths 19 and 70. At the next intersection, go left and stay on the ridge as it descends. After walking along a field (to your right), the footpath goes up again. Keep straight on until you reach the intersection with a wide path (with a former caravan site, called « Berthouin » on the left). A bit further on, on the edge of a small field (to your left) leave this wide path and go into the wood, climbing up onto the ridge. Pass a footpath on your left and carry on climbing gradually till you reach an intersection with footpaths 6 (coming up) and 6A (going down). To the right there's a beautiful view over La Roche Colombe. Carry straight on till you reach the edge of a large field. Leave the Roynac circuits 19 and 70, and go round the field to the right. Carry on again, till you reach the road to Auriplès. Go right on this road, till you reach the D6 where there is a picnic area.

Go up the D6 to the left; when you are almost at the foot of the wind turbines, take the path on the right. Ignore the first turning off this to the right, and take the next turning right. This long grassy strip traces the route of the Etang de Berre/Strasbourg oil pipeline. There are beautiful views over the mountain of Eyzahut and Souspierre then, a bit further down, at the level of the PK 142252 marker, over the mountain of Sainte-Euphémie and the rock of "la Bille des Fours". To the left, there is a view of the hamlet of Saudon (in the commune of Soyans); at this spot, turn left down a winding path. At the bottom, turn left, walking along on the left of a field; then turn right, between two fields. Cross the stream and, at the end of the path, turn right. As you enter Saudon, go round the farm to the right; on the road, turn left then at the cross, go right. Cross the hamlet and go up the gravel track. This track then goes winding down. Bear right between two fields and get to the D136 (the road between Puy-Saint-Martin and Saou); here there are beautiful views over the Forest of Saou and Le Grand Delmas. Turn right on the D136. Watch out here – in 150 metres, just after the bend, take a small footpath on the left; you will briefly go round the edge of a small field to the right, then you will go into the wood. After 10 metres, take a footpath on the right then go up a wide path (underground reservoir). The footpath narrows, winds and goes down. Then turn to the left on a wide path (to the right it joins up with the D136). Then take a path which has recently been widened. At the crossroads, take

neither the big path on the right nor the small footpath (a link to avoid the Ste-Euphemie loop) and continue on the path as it ascends towards the rock of “la Bille des Fours”. The ascent becomes steeper; the path narrows and winds; on the right, there is a view of the rock. At the top there is an intersection with the “Montagne de Sainte-Euphemie” circuit coming from Pont-de-Barret (fingerpost reading “Petit Plat alt. 511m”). Go right, going round Sainte-Euphemie. At the next intersection, leave the Pont-de-Barret circuit (the fingerpost reads “Sainte-Euphemie alt. 510 m”). (The footpath from Pont-de-Barret passes the summit of Ste-Euphemie (½ hour there and back)). Carry straight on but first take in the beautiful view from the Belvedere des Fours over Puy-Saint-Martin (take care! cliffs!). The footpath goes winding gently down then the descent becomes steeper. There is a lovely view over the mountain of Eyzahut. The path widens and the slope evens out. When you reach the first houses of Manas take la rue Sainte-Euphemie on the right. Ignore on the left la Callee Ouest and join up with the D107 (the road between Manas and Puy-Saint-Martin).

Turn right and, a bit further on, turn right again on Chemin des Costes. After the last house, continue walking along with the fields on your left, separated by hedges (on the left there are views of La Laupie and Marsanne). Ignore a footpath on the right; the path goes alongside a ravine (to your left) and goes up. Ignore another footpath on the right. Follow the stony footpath as it ascends. Ignore the linking footpath on the right (see above), (or take it in order to avoid the Pied Bazi loop), and carry on towards Pied Bazi; at the next intersection, go left into an oak wood. Then at the next intersection, go up to the right, then right again. As you descend, there is a beautiful view of Puy-Saint-Martin. The path widens and crosses a recently cleared area. Go round the field to the right and go back up to the col. On the road (D136) go immediately left down below. At the entrance to the field, go right and go round it by the right as you descend. Cross the Chacuse stream. On the left is the Bovet dam. Go up opposite and follow the sunken path. Rejoin the D136 and go left. Ignore, on the left, the road leading to the farm.

Here footpath 32 joins up with footpath 5. At the bend take the path opposite which runs between two fields towards a small wood. The footpath goes into the wood and winds down to a road that leads to a private property. Turn left and carry on down to the Impasse du Vieux Chêne. To the left is the Chemin des Moulins. At the intersection you join up with the « blue » circuit, which takes a path between two fields towards Puy-Saint-Martin. Pass to the rear of an industrial building and rejoin the D107. Turn right to get back to the town hall (mairie).

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