

Syndicat d'Initiative de Puy-Saint-Martin

Information sheets for the “**Charivari**” (6) and “**Les Ours**” (6A) footpaths
(7,4 km) (2h30) (269 m)

Common route for 6 and 6A

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, go right on Chemin des Ours. Where this ends, after the last house, keep right till you get to the Charivari stream.

Charivari (6)

Go left and cross the Charivari. Go steeply uphill, and follow Puy-Saint-Martin circuits 5,6 and 32, and Roynac circuits 19 and 70, till you get to a large field. Keep to the right of the field, and carry straight on till you come out onto the Auriples road. Turn right on this road and keep going till you reach the D6. Go through the picnic area, turn left onto a path that descends steeply.

Continue on this wide path, passing a water tank. The path comes out onto a metalled residential road (Chanteperdrix). Follow it down; it comes out onto the D6 (main street), where you turn right. Turn left into Rue du 19 mars 1962, and go back to the mairie.

Les Ours (6a)

Do not cross the stream but go right, then cross the stream a bit further on. The sunken footpath goes up in zigzags. At the intersection, look out for the turning and go left, leaving the main path. The path winds along the cliff top, with beautiful views over the cliff of “Les Ours”.

At the top of the climb, go back onto the wide path and keep left until you reach the intersection; take the second path on the left. Carry straight on till you reach a big field. Go round it to the left.

At the crossroads with Puy-Saint-Martin circuits 5, 6 and 32 and Roynac circuits 19 and 70, turn left and go into the wood. At the intersection, go left; do the same thing at the 2 next intersections. The path goes steeply downhill.

At the Charivari stream crossing, take 2 right turns and head back towards Puy-Saint-Martin. Do not take the Montee du Téron on your left; at the next intersection, go left onto Moulin d’Aure. Then take Rue des Remparts, then the second on the right, Rue du Bourg. Cross the D6 and return to the mairie.