



Chemin de CLUNY : GUYENNE - GASCOGNE

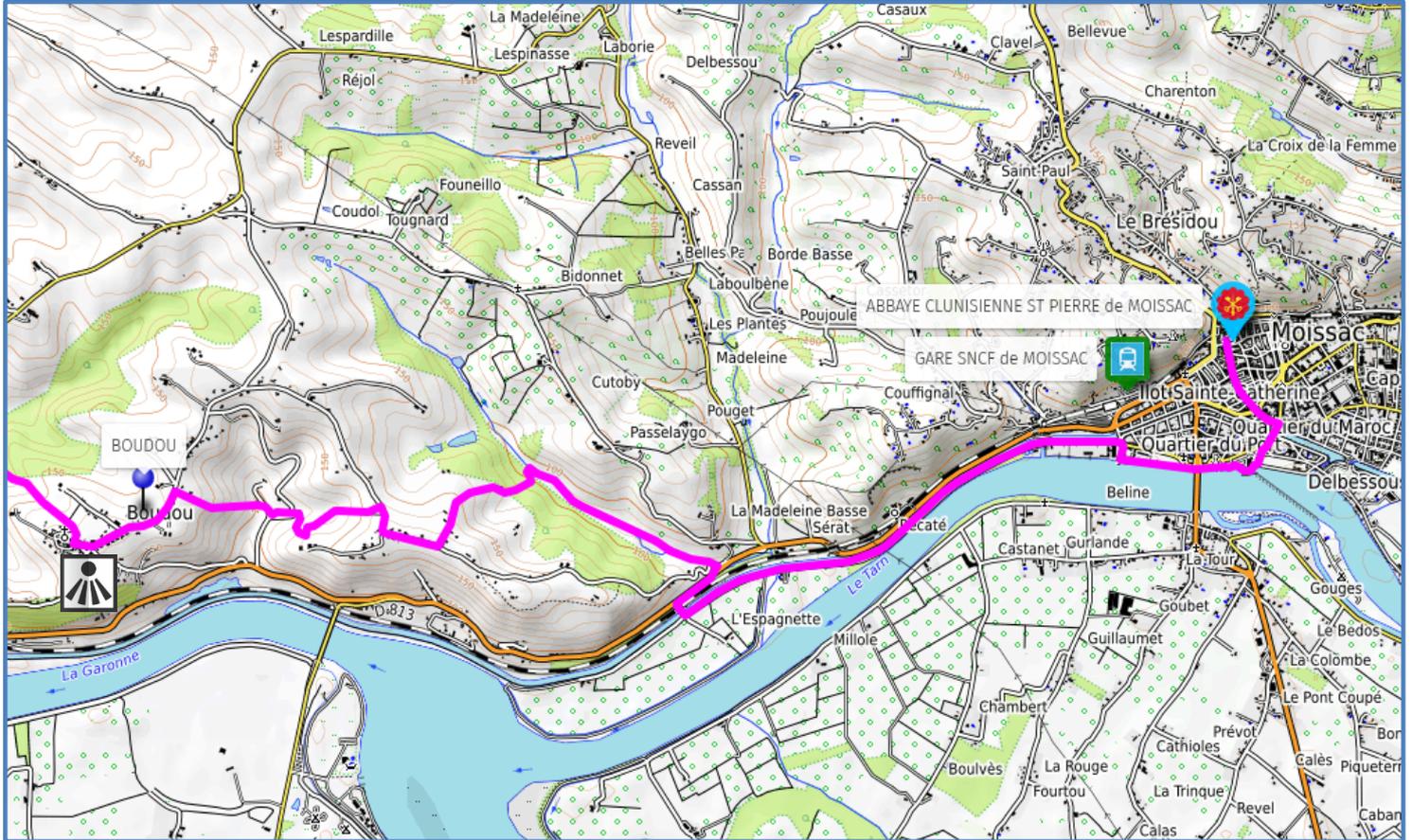


DIRECTION WEST - EAST: AGEN - MOISSAC



STAGE 1R : Boudou- Moissac

Section length: 8,35 km Allow: 2h30mn Height difference: + 80 m/ - 176 m Difficulty: easy/medium



This part of the Cluniac footpath, the **GR 65**, is shared with the route of St James of Compostella, so follow the red and white waymarking of the GR.



Boudou is located 7 km from Moissac and 39 km from Agen by car.

Parking in front of the church. Walk starts here.

Enter **Boudou**, with the church to your right (*WC on the left*). Turn left and pass the village square. (*Here, it is worth taking a diversion to the right to walk the short distance to the viewpoint. There is a tap with drinking water in a shelter on your right. At the viewpoint is a stone cross and an orientation table. Look left for a magnificent view over the confluence of the Tarn and the Garonne; then on the right, the canal created to cool the waters of the nuclear power station at Golfech*).

From the village square turn left (or continue straight ahead if returning from the viewpoint). Walk down the road out of the village, passing the boudrome on your right; **70 metres** later turn right into the **chemin Macou**. Pass several houses on your left; the road becomes a farm track which descends into the valley. (*Ahead and to the right are splendid views of the confluence of the Tarn and the Garonne.*) At the foot of the hill, turn right onto a stony track and after several metres turn left onto a tarred road. After **60 metres** turn right onto a wooded farm track and ascend the hill. At the top pass some farm buildings on your right, then turn right onto a tarred road which goes gently uphill for **140 m** then curves to the left.

Continue for **300 metres** then turn left into a cul-de-sac (**chemin Cutobi**). Follow this downhill and at the bottom of the tarred section (after about **100 m**) turn right onto a dirt track. Arriving at a rural house, bear right to pass behind it. Descend the hill under a tunnel of trees. Emerge onto a grass track, at the bottom of which you bend to the right. You are now at the **Pissevieille** stream. The path follows the stream, which is to your right, and only flows for part of the year. It is difficult to see behind all the greenery covering its banks. After approximately **1 km** walking along the valley bottom, emerge into a picnic area beside the busy **D813**. Turn right into the picnic area, walk through it then cross the **D813**. On the other side, turn right and walk for **200 m**. Turn left to cross the railway line, and immediately afterwards cross the bridge over the canal. Turn left. Go past the lock (**Ecluse de l'Espagnette**) and continue along the canal path, with the canal on your left, for **3.6 km** towards **Moissac**. At the bridge over the canal, do not cross, instead turn right onto a footpath leading towards the river. As you reach the river Tarn, the path turns to the left. Continue along this path, keeping the river on your right. The path passes a school and a shady square, goes under the magnificent **Pont Napoléon**, then passes between the hotel **Moulin de Moissac** and the river. Turn away from the river, mount some wide steps onto the **Esplanade des Justes**, keeping the hotel on your left. With the river behind you, cross the roundabout with the war memorial in its middle, going straight ahead along the **rue Cayrou** to cross the bridge over the canal. From the canal, walk a short way along a busy road, then turn left into the **rue de l'Inondation**. Continue straight ahead, crossing over the intersection, walking the length of the **rue des Arts**, then past the town square (**place du Marché**) on your right. Finally, enter the pedestrianised **rue de la République** which leads directly to the Moissac abbey church.

