

Chemin de CLUNY: GUYENNE - GASCOGNE



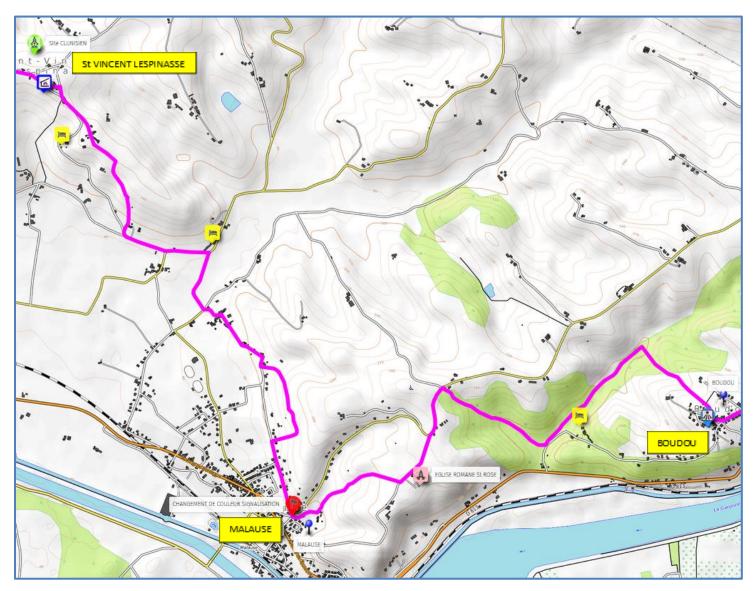


DIRECTION EAST – WEST : MOISSAC - AGEN



Stage 2A: Boudou - Malause - St Vincent Lespinasse

Section length: 9 km Allow: 2h 55mn Height difference: + 237m / - 252m Difficulty: Medium/Easy



The route follows the GR 65 (red and white waymarking), until Malause.



From Boudou to Malause (4.6 km; 1h50mn)

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

Parking in front of the church. Walk starts here.

From the centre of **Boudou** go towards the church. There turn right into the **chemin de Ronde**. (*Here, on the right, WC*). Go straight downhill, now on the **chemin de Roubi**. After about **10 m** bend to the left onto a stony track skirting an orchard, then descend beyond it on a grassy path (to your left is a water purification plant). After **500 m**, at the end of the descent, turn left and walk along the valley bottom under trees. (*After 850 m is the walkers' entrance to the Gîte rural and chambres d'hôte of Pugnal.*)

At the end of this section, turn right and shortly afterwards begin to climb uphill, still on the wooded path. At the top of a long ascent emerge at the crest of a hill, at the **lieu-dit Bourdailles**, and turn left onto a tarred road, the **D4**.

After **400 m**, at the junction, keep left, leaving the D4, and continue along the **route du Phare**. After **350 m**, on the left is the pretty Romanesque church of **Sainte-Rose**. Continue straight on, and **40 m** later, turn right at the **stone cross**, taking a wide grassy track going downhill. Follow the track for **750 m**, then turn right onto a small tarred road. At the crossroads of 5 roads, go right up the hill. Cross the **route Royale**, which leads down into **Malause**.

• In Malause are WC, drinking water, shops (groceries, baker, butcher, bar-pizzeria, newsagent, pharmacy, etc.), lavoirs and the Canal des Deux Mers with its marina across the D813.

Malause – St Vincent Lespinasse (4.5 km; 1h45mn)

From this point to Moirax the waymarking is red and green.



After crossing the **route Royale** you leave the **GR65** to mount the slope directly opposite, the **chemin de Las Moles**. Below on the left is the pretty village of **Malause**. After a few minutes' walk **(500 m)**, turn up to the right, between houses numbered **490 and 464**. Go straight uphill on a grassy farm track. After **170 m** the path turns to the left; continue along it, ignoring the path going off to the right. Soon, the path turns downhill and emerges onto a tarred road at house **No. 1100**. Turn right, then shortly afterwards at the junction turn left into the **route de Bretounel**, passing between the pigeonniers of **Bordes**. At **Bretounel** follow the road to the left, then to the right. At the crossroads go across towards **St Paul d'Espis** on the **D74**. Cross the stream **La Saudèze**. At the crossroads **350 m** later, leave the **D74**, going left onto the **D96** signposted towards **Pommevic** and **Valence d'Agen**.

(If you continue along the D74 for 300 m, you arrive at the Gîte d'étape the "Grenier du Levant". Lodges 14 people, food also provided.)

At the next crossroads (after **300 m**) take the **C2** towards **St Vincent Lespinasse**. At the next fork bear right, then almost immediately right again, leaving the tarred road to take a wooded track climbing uphill. After **500 m**, at the top of the track, turn left. On the crest of the hill the dirt track becomes tarred and passes between houses. Ahead the cross on the church at **St Vincent Lespinasse** is visible. As you approach the village, turn right at a wide junction into the route **St Paul d'Espis**, then after approximately **60 metres** turn left into the village centre.

(Beside the **halle**, water and an excellent WC. Chambre d'hôte "Le Colombier de la Bastide").

The village of St Vincent Lespinasse is itself a Cluniac site, the ecclesiastical rights having been ceded in 1278 to the abbey of Saint-Maurin by the bishop of Agen.