

The way of Vezelay étape 11 - Hagetmau > Sault de Navailles

Distance : 14 km

0km000 - At the bridge of the D933 road going over the Louts river at the exit of Hagetmau. Keep on walking on the D933 road up to the top of the road. There, take the small path on the left ('chemin de Lafargue'). 300m further, it will cross the D357 road Route de Labastide-Chalosse. Take this departemental road on the right.

1km000 - From this crossroad up to Argelos, you will be on the D357 road for most of the way. You will only leave it to take a shortcut at Labastide-Chalosse. Keep heading south in the direction of Labastide-Chalosse 300m after getting on the D357 road. When the road splits in two (sign 'Quartier de Coupés'), take the right branch. Keep on the D357 road in a landscape of fields slightly hilly.

3km000 - Crossing of a river. Keep on walking on the D357 road.

3km800 - Arrival at the intersection with the Route de Momuy. On your right, you can see the nice fountain of Beugos which has been rehabilitated by Suzon Leglise, the founder of the Association of the Friends of Saint-Jacques and of the Compostellan Studies of Les Landes. Keep on walking on the D357 road. 200m further you can see on your right a beautiful statue of Saint-Michel. Soon you will be able to see the bell tower of the Church of Labastide-Chalosse.

4km800 - Church of Labastide. ATTENTION 200m after the Church, take the path on the left : it is small and goes down steep through the woods during 400m. It will lead you to a small road, take it on the right to join back the D357 road on your left in the direction of Argelos. The road goes through the valley ; woods on the left, fields on the right until the bridge going over the Luy de France.

6km800 - Bridge of the Luy de France. Cross this bridge. The road goes along a son river of the Luy. Do not take the road to Poudenx on your left, instead stay on the D357 road going along the river. ATTENTION a road marked in yellow goes soon on the right. Remain

on the D357 road, which will go steeper and smaller. At the crossroad with a central crucifix, take on the right to get into Argelos.

8km800 - 150m before the Church, on a small plaza surrounded by plane trees, take a small road on the right going down in the shadow. The road arrives in the valley and goes steeply up in the forest until the intersection with the Route de Soulens. Take this road on the left until the city signpost of Beyries on a crossroad.

10km800 - Crossroad of entrance in Beyries. Two solutions are offered to the pilgrim :

1°) If he is in a hurry, the pilgrim can : take right and follow the marks to join Sault de Navailles more directly.

2°) If he wishes to be sheltered at the municipal refuge of Beyries or simply visit the nice chapel of the village : join the cityhall 300m further away by walking straight. To take back the marked road, you will have to go back to the crossroad. To go to Sault de Navailles, take right (south-west direction) then 50m further take left in the direction of Lahitte. The small road goes between the spare houses amongst which the Castle of Beyries. If the weather is clear, you may see the Pyrenees in the back.

ATTENTION 200m after the castle, do not take the road, instead take the small path of white stones that goes straight and then plunges into the forest until a small asphalt road ('chemin du moulin'). Take the road on the right by crossing the small bridge ; you will arrive into Sault de Navailles 300m further.

14km000 - Sault de Navailles. Friend pilgrim, you are now in the Pyrénées-Atlantiques department. By following the same road marks as we proposed you, you will soon arrive in Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port. The beautiful and 'powerful' journey in the Pyrénées will take you into the steps of Roland until the Abbay of Roncesvalles. In front of you will then lay this Spain, maybe concerning at the moment, but that will become more and more attaching as you will plunge into it ... Saint-Jacques is waiting for you 800km west : may the force be with you.

ULTREIA !!!