



ESPEYRAC

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At The Confluence of Three Streams

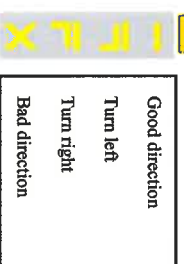
St Beauzels

Tucked away, as in a green jewel box,
the village of Espeyrac invites
us to pause on the Saint Jacques
pilgrim's way.

12 km from Entraygues, Espeyrac is named in the records of Conques, from the Xle century. It would therefore have depended on the abbey. The village had two castles. The one from the Lords of Espeyrac, there remains a building with turret. The Church is situated on the location of the other. Formerly, as now, it was a stopover village on the road to St Jacques de Compostela towards Conques and a stopover village on the road to Godescalc. Two pretty stone crosses mark the entrance of a peaceful village. Very pleasant site in the palm of the picturesque valley of the Daze: the trout river joins the Lot at 5 km.

- 1 From the place pass the main entrance to the church. Go down to the right to the hotel-restaurant and the information point (note the implement used to shoe the cattle and horses). Go left in front of the hotel for the D 42 Sénergues direction. Pass a first bridge over the Daze of Vernhettes (beautiful sculptured cross, after the bridge). Keep going on the D 42 to pass a second bridge over another stream.
- 2 After only 30 m turn left on to a sandy track. After 100 m you will come level with a restored barn. Go to the right on the wooded path to the little road leading to Saint Bauzels. Keep left for 350 m. At the first crossroads swing to the right to go up to the hamlet (lovely characteristic restored houses).
- 3 At the sharp bend, turn right and take a flat sandy track. Pass the farm and go down through the wood and pastures towards the D 42 (for fine views of the town and vale of Espeyrac). As you go down, pass a first track on the left, then a second on the right, come out on to the road and go right for 150 m. Turn left and pass in front of the mill (nut oil and flour production: visited advised).

Length: **3.6 km**
Duration: 1h45
Altitude: 360 m à 500 m
Signs:



- 4 At the GR®65 junction, 100 m beyond the mill, fork to the right, and go down to the stream by a pleasant earthy path. Cross the footbridge and go alongside the cemetery wall before going back up to the village square.

