



The SENTIER du BARON (Sahorre)

3 hours
Climb: 500m

7 - 'Col de Fins'. We go to the left, on a track which climbs into a forest.



1 - THE START - Sahorre, road bridge over the River Rotja. The road to Vernet-les-Bains is behind us. We cross the bridge. We turn left up a lane (the 'Chemin Eglise Saint Etienne'). The lane is steep and climbs in zig-zags... We pass Saint Etienne church, on the left. The lane bears to the right.

6 - Gate and junction with a track. We go left, along the track, for a few metres. Then we turn right and we follow a path alongside a canal.... After a short distance, the path leaves the canal and descends to the right... The path meets a road. We go left, along the road.

Gate and junction with a track. Here, we re-join our outward route. We go to the right, through the gate and down the steep track, to Thorrent... We follow our outward route down to the start at Sahorre.

8 - Track junction in a small open area ('Costes'). (Here, the 'Ronde du Canigó', with its red-and-yellow waymarks, goes to the right.) We follow our track, to the left... The track bends to the left.



9 - Bifurcation of tracks. To visit the 'Tambour of Sahorre' (out and back), we go to the right. We climb on the track for another few minutes.

Bifurcation of tracks. We go through a gate on the right and we follow the track on the other side, to the left... The track winds downhill, now in semi-open country... The track eventually passes a château (not open to the public), on the left.

10 - Bifurcation. We enter the forest on the left (signposts). We bear to the right, we climb, and we follow a path (no waymarks) to the tambour.

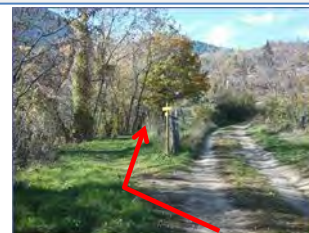


11 - The tambour - a huge drum which was at the head of a cable car which carried iron ore down to Sahorre. We return by the same route to point 9.



5 - Thorrent. From the road in the centre of the hamlet, we go to the left, up a lane. We pass the charming Eglise Sainte-Croix (restored), on the left. The lane climbs steeply.

4 - We leave the track and we follow a path on the left. The path goes alongside an orchard.



3 - Junction, track and footpath. We go to the right, up the footpath. The path crosses a canal... We cross a semi-open area (disused quarry on the right)... Our path bends to the right and continues to climb... We join a track. We follow the track, to the left, for a short distance.

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