

YELLOW MARKINGS	6,3 km	Espartignac <i>P.O.C and dolmen hike</i>
Family	Descents 283 Climbs 340	🕒 2 h

Departure from the car park of the town hall, where you can see the sculpture “Symphonie” (Symphony) by Giles Vitaloni. Take the D142 E6 face to the mill Martin and Ceyrat (D920E). 300m away, you will discover the Saint Martial fountain, which is told to have appeared from the Saint Martial stick because a woman had refused to give him water she had drawn. This fountain was renowned to cure scabies. The “Nymphe s’apprêtant à la baignade” (Nymph about to Bathe) by Roger Desfauchaux has been installed on top.

Walk down to the former route of P.O.C. (Paris Orléans Corrèze) and turn right for 1km, you will find the bridge of La Planquette on your left. Around 200m further on your right is located the former train station. Keep walking until you reach the D142 and there you will discover “Prométhée” (Prometheus) by Viorel Enache. Face to you, take the road of the right and at 50m on the right, take the wooden steps in the embankment. Then, follow the path through woods and fields.

At the crossroads, turn left in front of the sign “Dolmen”, you will reach a steep path. Keep walking into a periwinkle field and down below you will find a rocky edge where there is a shelter, known as the “Maison du loup” (Wolf Shelter). This shelter is actually an old lookout, in the past situated on the Precious Metals Route, wrongly analysed as a dolmen.

To come back, take the same small path and at the crossroad at the middle of the wood, turn left until you reach the cemetery road. Continue on this road until the Roman-style church rebuilt during the 14th century. It takes in a sarcophagi dated of the Merovingian times, discovered in a field above the cemetery. Keep walking to the town hall car park.

