

YELLOW MARKINGS	10 km	Meilhards <i>Lovely landscapes and heritage</i>
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Departure: *place de la Bascule* (enter into the market town when you come from Uzerche, at the hoarding). See the sculpture “*La Paix*” (*Peace*) and walk between the post office and the church. Turn right until you reach the *Place des Tilleuls*. See the sculpture “*La Liseuse*” (*The Reader*) and the restored old well. Take on your right a pleasant shady and steep-sided path. Pass between the lake of La Prade (private lake) and the municipal lagoon. Immediately on the left, walk up the path undergrowth. At the first crossroad, let the path of *Buchetel* on your right and continue straight in the direction to the *Ages*. On the way, you will discover on your left a lovely view on some mounts and hamlets. Cross the village of *Ages* and follow the municipal road until you reach the village of *Mavaleix*. In the village, take the left path that goes down to the valley. Cross the stream of *Meilhards* then go past the *Bissol* mill. Cross the stream of *Bradascou*, that takes its source at the foot of the *Mount Gargan*.

Walk back up to the *D20* passing by the village of *Bissol* and turn left. Pass the place called “*le Chalard*” and keep walking for 300m. At the sign “*La Gane de Minet*”, take the rural path on your right. When you arrive on the plateau, you will meet a path section of “*La route de Pouge*” that, during antiquity, was connecting the *Tintignac* sanctuary of *Naves* in *Corrèze* to these of *Villejoubert*, near *Eymouriers* in *Haute-Vienne*. While you are here, admire the landscape on your right then higher on your left, admire the view on the *Meilhards* market town. Reach the village of *Lachaud*. While you are walking forward on your right, you will see the 15th century elegant manor (private property, soon restored). Cross the *D132* and continue on the path of *Pouge* until you reach the road and at the sign *La Nouaille, commune de Chamberet*. Turn left to come back to *Meilhards* through the municipal road. After 1km, turn right at the sign “*plan d’eau*” (pond). Walk along the lake. When you have gone past the wooden municipal building on your left, look at the sculpture “*l’Ivresse*” (*Exhilaration*) and walk back up to the road leading to *Surdoux*. Turn left. At the crossroad, behind the school-town hall, see the sealed up entrance of an underground passage of the old medieval castle, entirely disappeared today. Turn left. Cross the market town and reach the *Place de la Bascule*. You can visit the 13th and 14th century church. The wall-bell tower has four niches but only two bells.

On the South front, see the “*porte des morts*” (*the door of the dead*). To the East, the almost disappeared remains of a funeral *litre* (large black strip used to be spread around the church in honour of an important person during its funeral). Inside: classified tomb of the marquis *Philippe de Meilhards*, sculpted heraldries, gravestone on the floor, remains of a funeral *litre*, a magnificent altarpiece and lately restored frescoes.

