

PURPLE MARKINGS	8 km	Vigeois La Roche Bridge route
Easy	Descents 311 Climbs 365	⌚ 2 h 30

- [1]** Walk down on the left of the tourism office then at 100m, take the path on your right between the houses.
- [2]** After the stairs, follow the left road, then the sunken path on the right.
- [3]** When you arrive on the road (D156), continue on the right. At the “*Croix de Calvé*”, take the path on the left. Enjoy a little break to admire a magnificent viewing point on Vigeois.
- [4]** At the first houses of the “*Croix de l’Age*” (Age means donkey in patois), take a path going down into the woods (under *Meyvialle*).
- [5]** Ignore the GR46 on the right, continue in front in the direction of “*La Valade*”. At the D7 continue on the right and before the Lake, walk up on the left to “*Pontcharal*” and “*La Roche*”).
(Variant about 2 km long: while you continue on the road D7, take the path around the lake; at the end, after a small wooden bridge, take the path that leads to the market town by the “*Pont de la Roche*” (La Roche Bridge). This bridge was built in 1994 onto the gap of the old dyke damaged during the Revolution).
- [6]** In the village of “*La Roche*”, follow the large path on the left that leads to the stream, cross the bridge and continue straight.
- [7]** At the crossroads, continue straight in front of you. You will meet the “*Pré de l’Homme*” housing estate. Turn left, cross the D7 in the direction of Perpezac-le-Noir. Through the first road on the right, you will come back to the church passing between the school and the washhouse. Stop for a moment to discover the Uzerche yew tree, situated in the school playground. It is analysed to be between 1100 and 1400 years-old. Its base has a circumference of 10m and it is 14 metres high. Situated at 60m from the East of the Abbey Church, this yew might be a funerary tree at the origin. It is told to be planted in the abbey cemetery founded in the 6th century. It would have symbolised soul eternity and immortality.
- [8]** Keep walking in the direction of the Church.

