

YELLOW MARKINGS	11,5 km	Salon-la-Tour <i>Between ponds and castles</i>
Athletic	Descents 407 Climbs 471	

Departure from the school car park, behind the town hall. See the sculpture **|1|** by Philippe Barzic “*Les marches de la connaissance*” (*The steps of knowledge*). Walk in the direction of Saint-Georges to observe the Strong House of Fraisseix 50 metres away **|2|**.

Go back to the starting point to take the road of Puy Vigeraud facing the car park.

At 300 meters on your left, the old manor **|3|** of the Baillot family of Estivaux, dated 1636. Panorama on the market town of Salon. 200 meters further, turn left along the field. At an altitude of 472 meters, general panorama **|4|**.

Enter the wood to reach the road, turn right to the phone tower, and go straight on to the dirt road on your left.

Take it for 250m and turn left at the crossroads. Walk down the wood until you reach the tarmac road. Observe the circular pond and the sculpture **|5|** by Sestilio Burattini “*Diapason*” (*Tuning fork*).

Walk down to the Castle of La Grènerie **|6|** to admire its 15th century frontage, the main courtyard and the gate

(remains of the neighbouring forges). Follow the path on the left, until the walk on the right. The 1999 storm knocked down many trees. Walk on the pond dyke **|7|**, follow the path and turn right in the direction of the buildings of La Rousserie. Bypass the farm and walk down to the castle. Observe the old agricultural tools, then the pond and the back of the castle **|8|**. Cross the farm buildings to reach the tarmac road. Look at the different animals in the meadows nearby **|9|**.

Turn left, follow the road for 200m and take the stony road in front of you that will lead you to a third pond **|10|** with its pleasant green setting. Cross the road and turn right in a path along the pond until the wood pigeon hunting base **|11|** and then to the right until the apple orchards **|12|**. Go along the plantations until you reach the village of Boussey.

Panorama on Les Monédières and the Auvergne mounts **|13|**. Go down to the market town by the cemetery. Sculpture by Ludovic Thonet “*La Paix*” (*Peace*). Turn left then right to reach the church. 20 metres away on your left, an old washing place with two trays **|15|** and in front, the public scale.

Walking down to the town hall, notice the church stained glass windows and the 11th and 12th century Tower. On the right, a sculpture by Jean-Benoît Hannecart “*Source de vie*” (*Life spring*) **|16|**. In front of the town hall on your right, a small dead-end path leads to a second washing place **|17|**.

Reach the car park behind the town hall.

