

# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ANDRÉ BRETON

→ SITUATION : Bouziès, 28 kms east of Cahors via the D653 (towards Figeac), D662 (from Vers) and the D40

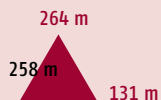
→ START POINT : Car park beside the Lot in Bouziès.

GPS Coordinates : Coordonnées GPS : N 44.484153° E 1.644026°

DURATION : 3 hrs.

LENGTH : 8,1 kms

WAYMARKING : Yellow



“ The banks of the Lot beside the former towpath, the stunning village of Saint Cirq Lapopie and the calm of the Causse are the high points of this walk. ”

1 Take the path going up the Lot valley beside the river. It goes under a railway bridge. Continue along the path and then the former towpath carved out of the base of the cliff (bas-relief). After the lock, continue beside the Lot.

1 Veer right, then take the road to the left (pigeon-towers on an outcrop). The road passes at the foot of the cliffs. Just after, climb steeply to the right up to Saint Cirq Lapopie, to the top of the village.

2 With your back to the Tourist Office, go up to the right, and keep going up to the D8. Cross over to the car park pedestrian entrance (ticket machine, toilets), go up left towards the car park and turn right on to a footpath ; follow it for 300m. Cross the D8 carefully, go over to the D40, follow the bend round to the left, then take the path branching off to the right. Come to a road and take it going to the right.

3 On the bend, continue opposite on

the path edged with box bushes, and come down into a coomb.

4 Go past the path on the right going down to the towpath and continue on the path opposite. Cross the D40 veering right, then take the left fork. The path goes between two artificial lakes. Go through the gate on the right and leave the property (private).

5 Continue to the right on the stony track, take the road to the right and the D40 to the left. This takes you back to your departure point.

## TO SEE IN THE AREA...

- The village of Saint Cirq Lapopie
- The painted cave of Pech Merle
- Cabrerets and Cénévières castles

→ FOOD SHOPS/  
RESTAURANTS ETC :  
Bouziès, Saint-Cirq  
Lapopie and Tour-de-  
Faure

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## THE INDEFINABLE CHARM OF SAINT CIRQ LAPOPIE

André Breton, father of the Surrealist movement, first came here in 1950, on the occasion of the inauguration of the first «World Road» which was planned to start in Cahors. He was immediately struck by the beauty of Saint Cirq Lapopie and made it his summer place of residence. «Far more than many other places (in America, in Europe), Saint Cirq Lapopie has cast the sole spell on me : the one which binds you to a place for ever. I have ceased to wish myself elsewhere», he explained. The «Pope» of surrealism settled in the Auberge des Mariniers (Boatmen's Inn), where he entertained his artist friends, devoting his days to exploring the surrounding area. One of his favourite occupations was looking for different rocks, in particular the agates rolled down by the waters of the Lot. So follow in his footsteps, walk along by the river along the former Ganil towpath, explore Saint Cirq Lapopie, one of the Most Beautiful Villages in France, and return via the Causse through the green shade of the oak trees.

