

Between Nature and Heritage...

St Maurin - Puymirol (village + randonnée) : 10,3 km

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Built progressively from 1082, St Maurin abbey was affiliated to the order of Cluny and consecrated in 1087. The abbey suffered during the Hundred Years War and the Wars of Religion and was pillaged and burnt by the Black Prince.

Today, we can admire: the tower of the abbey house, which houses the museum of ancient crafts and daily life at the start of the 20th century; the choir with its beautifully-decorated capitals relating the life of St Maurin; a part of the cloister; St Benedict's chapel where we can see a model representing the original abbey and its gardens.

Little by little, The Friends of St Maurin Abbey are working to restore this Cluniac treasure.

The museum of ancient crafts and daily life at the start of the 20th century can be visited in the vaulted cellars of the abbey house. Through the hard work of those wishing to pass on their knowledge, the life of local artisans can be imagined thanks to tools, objects and early machines leant or donated by villagers. Some trades - such as farming, wine-making, joinery, carpentry - still exist. Others - such as barrel-making, clog-making and forgeing - have disappeared.

Continuing the visit, we see other parts of daily life: work in fields and gardens, as well as the kitchen and wash-house. You can observe long-ago methods.

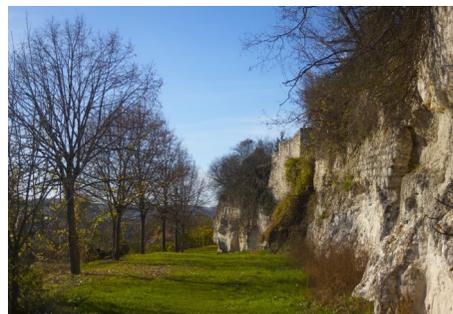
The visit ends with a souvenir of family life: how our ancestors dressed, what objects they used. You can see their clothes, their linen and also old photographs.

Tariff: 2,50€

Open in July & August from 3pm to 7pm every day, except Tuesday. The rest of the year, by arrangement.

Prendre direction Tayrac sur la D16, puis tournez à droite sur la C502 direction Saint Urcisse, continuez tout droit puis tournez à gauche sur la D274, au croisement, tournez à droite direction Puymirol sur la D248. Vous êtes arrivé.

Le chemin de ronde et les remparts de Puymirol



Situated at a height of 153m on a rocky spur, the site of Puymirol was already crossed from east to west by the Roman road "Clermontoise".

In 1246, count Raymond VII of Toulouse founded the bastide at the end of the Wars of Religion. These bastides, or new towns sprang up from that time; but Puymirol was the first to be built in Aquitaine. It was one of the main towns in the Agenais during the 13th

century and markets and fairs were held there from that time. Today, as one wanders through the alleys, one can retrace its history not only by the half-timbered 13th century houses, but also by the 18th century buildings - grain warehouses and other businesses.

A 7km walk around the ramparts and surrounding hill-tops will afford you excellent views of the bastide and the valleys it dominates.

Restaurant suggestions for lunch

Picnic area on the esplanade in Puymirol

Chez Béa 7 Place du maréchal Leclerc 47270 PUYMIROL

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Du lundi au dimanche de 8h à 13h et le soir sur réservation.

Menu à 13€

La Poule d'Or 47270 PUYMIROL

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Fermé le Lundi midi et Mardi midi en Juillet, Août et Septembre.

Le reste de l'année fermé le Dimanche soir, Lundi et Mardi midi.

Le restaurant / bar des Amours situé à la piscine 47270 PUYMIROL

Ouvert en juillet et en août

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