



Did you know ?

→ THE ORIGINS OF SAINT-GERMAIN-LIZINIAT

Grégoire de Tours reports that along the Gallo-Roman road and the couze d'Ardes, in a site conducive to agriculture and trade, Liziniat in the 5th century was a vicus, a small town that already housed the seat of a parish with a baptisterium. In the 10th century, three religious buildings are protected by a large enclosure, including the church of Saint-Germain, which since has given its name to the town. In 945, the powerful canons of Brioude installed a chapter here of twelve religious orders who were under their authority until the Revolution. The Canon Lords acquire a castle, protect the ecclesiastical village in a new oval enclosure whose main street perpetuates the layout. Saint-Germain prospers, a franchising charter binds the inhabitants and the canons at least from 1325, the town becomes one of the «thirteen good towns of Auvergne ». The walk goes along one of the beals (or biefs) of the lower valley of the couze d'Ardes. Both on the right bank and the left bank of the river, these canals diverted the water from its main course to supply power to the wheels of the mills, to irrigate gardens and flood the apple orchards until the mid-20th century.

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Entre béal et pigeonniers

Starting point : Saint-Germain-Lembron

**Auvergne
Pays
d'Issoire**
Ressentez - Vibrez - Savourez



Distance : 10 km



Hiking Time : 2 h 45



Difficulty : Medium



Marking Out : Yellow



Height Difference : 105 m



