

## 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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## Hiking guide

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Entre béal et pigeonniers

Starting point : Saint-Germain-Lembron

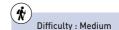




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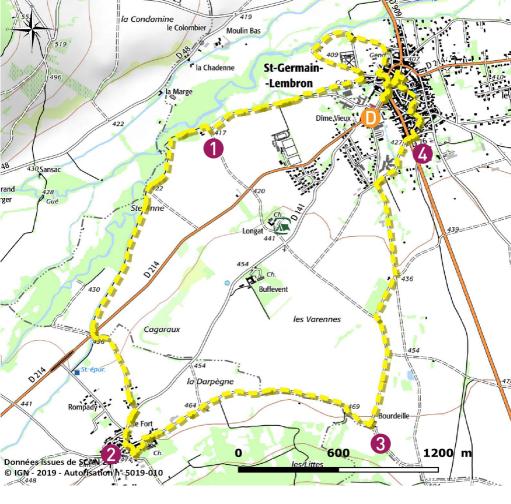








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Departure: Place du désert Saint-Germain-Lembron.

From the start sign, pass in front of the bar. At the crossroads of the D909 and D214, turn left on Antoine Porte street. At the second street. turn left at rue du Vieux Moulin, then after 50 m turn right onto the chemin du Beal. Continue opposite between the walls and turn left at the second path at the grid. Continue between the walls to get to the park. Turn right to cross it. At the exit, keep left between the walls. At the entrance of the cemetery, turn right onto the asphalt road, then right again on the asphalt road on the right on the chemin de la Plagne (view of the castle of Chalus). Continue between walls and creek to the crossroads. Go right, leave the first road on the left and go straight ahead until you reach the T-junction adjacent to the stables.

- Head right. At the crossroads, take the most left-hand path, over the rivulet, pass next to a dovecote. At the following crossroads (dovecote in sight), go straight ahead on the grassy path in front of the village of Collanges; continue to the road D214. Cross it, then after 10 m, at the fork, continue to the left and go up to the village of Collanges. At the road (D141), turn right, then go up into the village, on the left, by the Grand Rue to the fork.
- Turn left into rue du château and then leave it quickly to go up the rue du Montcelet on the right. At the double fountain (building and garden), turn left and go along the park

of the castle (building with dome in the castle grounds). At the end of the street, at the ironmongery, turn right on rue du chateau (view on Bard, the pic de l'Avoiron, the coasts of Boudes and Chalus) (Collanges castle and church). Continue straight ahead, leaving the small street on the right of the church. At the next crossroads, at the cross (view of the peaks of Nonette and Usson), go opposite on the main road to the farm.

Go down to the left, leaving the first path on the right, then 250 m further on, continue on the path to the right. At the next crossroads, at the house, go to the left. At the crossroads, turn right onto the chemin de la Ronzière to go up to the crossroads with the D909. Cross it and continue opposite for 25 m until you reach the rue du Moncelet.

Take it on the left, then successively, at left the rue de la Tournelle, right the rue des Remparts, Cross the Place du Seuil then, after a right hook, go down on the left the rue Haute des Jardiniers, and again on the left the place des Jardiniers (fountain). Continue to the right, then to the left to the Place Saint-Jean (fountain). Take the rue St Jean leading to the church, go around it to the right. Take the rue Neuve on the left, then the vaulted alleyway (church, bourgeois house). Go around the church on the right, then turn right (maison du Lembron). At the road D909, go left to reach the departure point.