

Route – Puy de la Bessade

Length – 9 km (3 hours) – yellow markers

Start/finish point – Claud

How to get there – Limoges road, turn left towards the supermarket and then park on the right next to the abattoirs, at the start of the small road on your right, which heads towards Claud.

1. Take the tarred road behind the abattoirs and head up towards Claud orchards (Les Vergers de Claud). At the intersection, take the dirt track opposite you. Follow this track.
2. At the crossroads take the path to the left which will lead you to the locality of 'Les Communaux'. Pass in front of the houses and cross the road. Take the path opposite you. Further on you will pass a path on your left which loses itself in the woods.
3. At the following crossroads turn left. Having arrived at a path that runs alongside a field, continue straight ahead. This path will go into the woods. Continue for a moment and pass the 'Relais Hertzien'. At the crossroads go past the path on your right and continue to the road (Eymoutiers/Ste-Anne-St-Priest). Turn left and then 50 m further on take the path to your right.
4. This path enters some fir trees. At the following intersection, take the path which goes down to your left (do not take into account the colour of the markers). Follow this path for approximately 2 km, passing a path on the right. You will then arrive at a junction with the Eymoutiers – Doms road. Take the road to your right.
5. A few metres further on, take the path on your left, which goes up through the woods. At the top continue to your left. At the following junction keep heading left. Continue straight ahead for quite a while until you arrive at a junction of three paths. Take the path that goes down opposite you on the right. When you arrive at a clearing rejoin the road.
6. Turn left on the road and continue for quite a while.
7. Take the second lane on your right heading in the direction of 'Mas Vieux'. The road gives way to a path. At the house, go past the buildings. The path will lead you to Mas Neuf, a bee-keeping orchard.
8. Take the small road on the right. Having arrived on the Eymoutiers/Ste-Anne road, turn right and follow the road to Combas. Turn left before the woodcutters, then right before the farm. At the following crossroads continue straight on and then turn left at the next. Return to the point where you started.