

Maison Forestiere walk

Time 1 - 1.5hrs

Difficulty 2 - 3

Leaving 'Le Monastere' by car, turn left out of the car park onto the D31 heading towards Mervant.

Straight across roundabout as you leave Vouvant, then take 2nd turning on right signposted Parc Pierre Brun.

After 1km road appears to come to T-junction but stay with main road which actually continues to left signposted Parc Pierre Brun.

Pass parking for 'Arbre Remarkable' on right and 'Maison Foristierre' on left.

On the left just after a small parking area with wooden hut you will see a grey gravelled main road through the forest normally having a wooden pole stopping vehicles entering. Making sure not to block access for emergency vehicles you can park here or in the parking bay you have just passed and walk back to the road.

Walking along this road you will come to a T-junction crossing the Petite Rhee continue straight on down the hill.

You will pass a clearing on left a small path on right labelled 1, continue up the hill which takes you over the river looking for the bridleway on your right marked with an orange 2.

Follow the path through the trees to the waters edge, the path will meander along following the river eventually bringing you to a wooden bridge, here we need to cross the bridge to the other side of the river turning left to continue following its path.

The path will take you through gaps in large fern covered rocks, and reveal huge craggy rock faces to your right which brave younger souls will enjoy exploring and climbing. In summer when the river bed dries children will also enjoy playing stepping stones along the rivers path.

You will come to an area where the path is blocked by a fallen tree, the path by the river here is badly eroded and it will be easier to take the steeper climb to your right, just be careful on your decent back to the river edge as path can be a little tricky.

Passing the ford on your left follow the path which climbs uphill to the

road, which you meet quite suddenly so just be aware if you have children or dogs with you.

You come out on to the road by the Pont de Deluge where we are turning right but you may decide to take a few steps to the left to admire the view from the bridge.

*At this point you can choose to take the stone steps down to join the Pont du Deluge walk.

If choosing to continue on this walk continue right along the road, as you reach the end of the wall look for a path on your right marked 2 pointing back up the hill.

Following this path for some time you will eventually come to a clearing at the top of a hill, a tree on right marked 54, at this point we turn left between trees 52 and 46 back into forest.

You will arrive at a T-junction with tree 46 in front of you, we need to turn right and follow the path which then bends left towards the road.

As the road comes into sight look for a small path on the right which runs along side the road, on meeting the road you can choose to turn right on the road which in a few hundred yards will bring you back to our starting point.

*Alternatively you can choose to cross straight over the road to a path which will link you to the 'Douard' walk.

We hope you have enjoyed your exercise.