

Fontanieu Fountain Walk

Duration: 2h

Distance: 7km

100% tarmac ways

Start: Car Park Square Charles de Gaulle or Square Athanase Bonifay.

N 43.195450 - E 5.754830

Height difference positive and negative of 46 meters, from 124 M to 78 M.

Throughout the walk you will discover the vineyard principally AOP Bandol, a wonderful view above villages la Cadière d'Azur and le Castellet and also the "Fontanieu" Fountain

1. / At the stop sign under the tourist house cross the road at the zebra crossing, take opposite "la Calade St Eloi"
At the end of this road you will arrive to a stop sign, turn left, at the second stop sign turn right and you will pass in front of the new Saint Jean oratory.
The pillar with stoup is compose of rock "", this oratory was built in 1866, restored in 1934 and 1980.
2. / Take first right "Chemin de l'Argile", 10 meters after, turn left at the junction (chemin de l'Argile). Keep this way. You will walk on a path snaking in AOP
Bandol vines : Under cover of wooded hills like Sainte Baume Mountain, the vineyard goes down in terraces towards the Mediterranean sea. This terroir is concentrated on 9 villages La Cadière is located at the center of the appellation. Bandol wine offers three colors : white, red and rosé.
3. / At the crossroad take on your right (chemin de Fontanieu)
4. / Take le chemin de Fontanieu Bis at the junction.
5. /Straight ahead, then take chemin de la Paguette and you will find at some point "Fontanieu" Foutain, below, on your left. We haven't found yet its date of creation in the archives. Its consists of three ponds. In the first, farmers, coming to work in the vineyard, put their drinks cool, it aslo served of watering place for horses and the two others were laundries. Near, it was a lignite mine, in activity from 1540 to 1940. It is no longer accessible nowadays.

6. / Then, make a U-turn