

Walk Bégude-Malpasset

Duration: 3 H

Distance: 12 Km

85% of tarmac ways

15% of dirt road

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

N 43.195450 - E 5.754830

Height difference positive and negative of 58 meters, from 96 M to 164 M.

Throughout the walk you will discover two olds windmills, roads weaving across the Bandol AOC vineyard, you will also admire a wonderful view of hills and the bay of Saint-Cyr-Les-Lecques, a splendid alley of Olive trees and our water reservoirs.

1. / At the stop sign under the tourist office, turn left and left again and then follow “Rue du Moulin” , at the end of this road on your right one of our 5 olds windmills, “Le Moulin des Aires” .It was built around 1762 and 1770, at this time it was called “Moulin de Margot” .
On this ground which surrounded it, there was a field of carper tree.
In 1985 the municipality bought it and this place was transformed in a play area.
The term “Area” suggests the presence of a former threshing wheat area.
At the stop go straight ahead and after on your left (“cimetiere” direction), you go up and you see on your right “Moulin de la Font d’Abeille” : an old windmill, we find on its façade the date of 1574 et the owner name Philippe Rostand. This property was acquired by the Municipality since 2000.
You keep on going up, after you go down (always street “D66”).
- 2./ At the little roundabout you take the street “Ancien Chemin de La Ciotat”, at the end of the street, you recover the street D66 on your right direction the bridge.
3. / Join the principal road, on your right cross the bridge over the highway, then take opposite in the direction of “St Anne du Castellet”(D87)
After that the first left “Chemin de la Bégude”. Meaning of the term “Bégude”: Stop signal of diligences, where you can also find refreshment area. You will weaving cross the vineyard AOP Bandol.
Climb this path, beautiful view on “Le Castellet”, la Cadière and the bay of St Cyr sur mer.
4. /When you will arrive in front of a white portal, (house n°2500), you will turn left to join “ chemin de Malpasset and Muscatièrè.
5. / Go down and follow on your left the dirt marker road (red and white : GR51) you can admire an alley of centenary olive trees. From time immemorial in the agricultural life

there were olive trees. A lot of farms had their own oil mill which were activate by humans or animals. The cadastral plan of 1830 mentioned several in the village. Then follow the marker road of this GR until “Rue André Favory”: Water reservoirs: (slab on those reservoir) at first the village was only supply by “Candis’s Source”, at the forest entrance. The building of reservoirs took around 2 centuries. That one is the 4th and also the last.

6. / Go below to “Place de la Dime”, go down and turn left to arrive at “Calade St Eloi”, you are at the Tourist Office.

(Possibility to go to the 3/ by car and make a loop on foot until there (7Km))