

PURPLE MARKINGS	8 km	Vigeois La Roche Bridge route
Easy	Descents 311 Climbs 365	⌚ 2 h 30

- [1]** Walk down on the left of the tourism office then at 100m, take the path on your right between the houses.
- [2]** After the stairs, follow the left road, then the sunken path on the right.
- [3]** When you arrive on the road (D156), continue on the right. At the “*Croix de Calvé*”, take the path on the left. Enjoy a little break to admire a magnificent viewing point on Vigeois.
- [4]** At the first houses of the “*Croix de l’Age*” (Age means donkey in patois), take a path going down into the woods (under *Meyvialle*).
- [5]** Ignore the GR46 on the right, continue in front in the direction of “*La Valade*”. At the D7 continue on the right and before the Lake, walk up on the left to “*Pontcharal*” and “*La Roche*”).
(Variant about 2 km long: while you continue on the road D7, take the path around the lake; at the end, after a small wooden bridge, take the path that leads to the market town by the “Pont de la Roche” (La Roche Bridge). This bridge was built in 1994 onto the gap of the old dyke damaged during the Revolution).
- [6]** In the village of “*La Roche*”, follow the large path on the left that leads to the stream, cross the bridge and continue straight.
- [7]** At the crossroads, continue straight in front of you. You will meet the “*Pré de l’Homme*” housing estate. Turn left, cross the D7 in the direction of Perpezac-le-Noir. Through the first road on the right, you will come back to the church passing between the school and the washhouse. Stop for a moment to discover the Uzerche yew tree, situated in the school playground. It is analysed to be between 1100 and 1400 years-old. Its base has a circumference of 10m and it is 14 metres high. Situated at 60m from the East of the Abbey Church, this yew might be a funerary tree at the origin. It is told to be planted in the abbey cemetery founded in the 6th century. It would have symbolised soul eternity and immortality.
- [8]** Keep walking in the direction of the Church.

