

YELLOW MARKINGS	5,2 km	Uzerche <i>Into the footsteps of Simone de Beauvoir</i>
Family	Descents 295 Climbs 315	

Start from the Small Station, starting point of the POC (*Paris Orléans Corrèze*) until the 70's. Follow the old railway track, today GR 46, going along the *Garenne de Puy Grolier*, to the buildings of the formers cotton mills, then cross the bridge at the confluence of the Espartignac stream with the Vezere. Take the road at your right for 200 to 300 metres, then take the path on the right along the Vezere on the other riverbank at the bottom of the *Puy Chamnard* that leads to the Minoterie base "Station Sports Nature" where you can do canoeing, kayaking, archery, climbing trees, mountain biking...

Ignore the footbridge on your right. Walk up the *Rue de l'Abreuvoir* on your left, in the direction of the old town. After the Simone de Beauvoir multimedia library, continue by the *Rue de la Justice*. Once at the *Place de l'Hospice*, turn back on your right, cross the Turgot Bridge and go on your way to the Small Station.

Description of the walk "Into the footsteps of Simone de Beauvoir" also indexed in the guide of the literary walks in Limousin.

"We used to spend summer in Limousin, into daddy's family. My grandfather withdrawn near Uzerche, in the property bought by his father..."

Meyrignac... A porch house, covered with wisterias and bignonias, an aviary, a lovely park planted with rare essences, a small river where goldfishes are swimming... And all the countryside-surrounding, meadows, chestnut groves, ponds...

"I was learning what books and authority do not teach. I was learning about the buttercup and the clover, about the sweet phlox, the fluorescent blue of the convolvulus... The first of my delights was, by the early morning, to admire the meadows awakening... the red beech, the blue cedars, the silver poplars was shining so brightly like it would shine by the early morning in paradise..."

Simone de Beauvoir – 1958
Excerpts from *Mémoires d'une jeune fille rangée*

