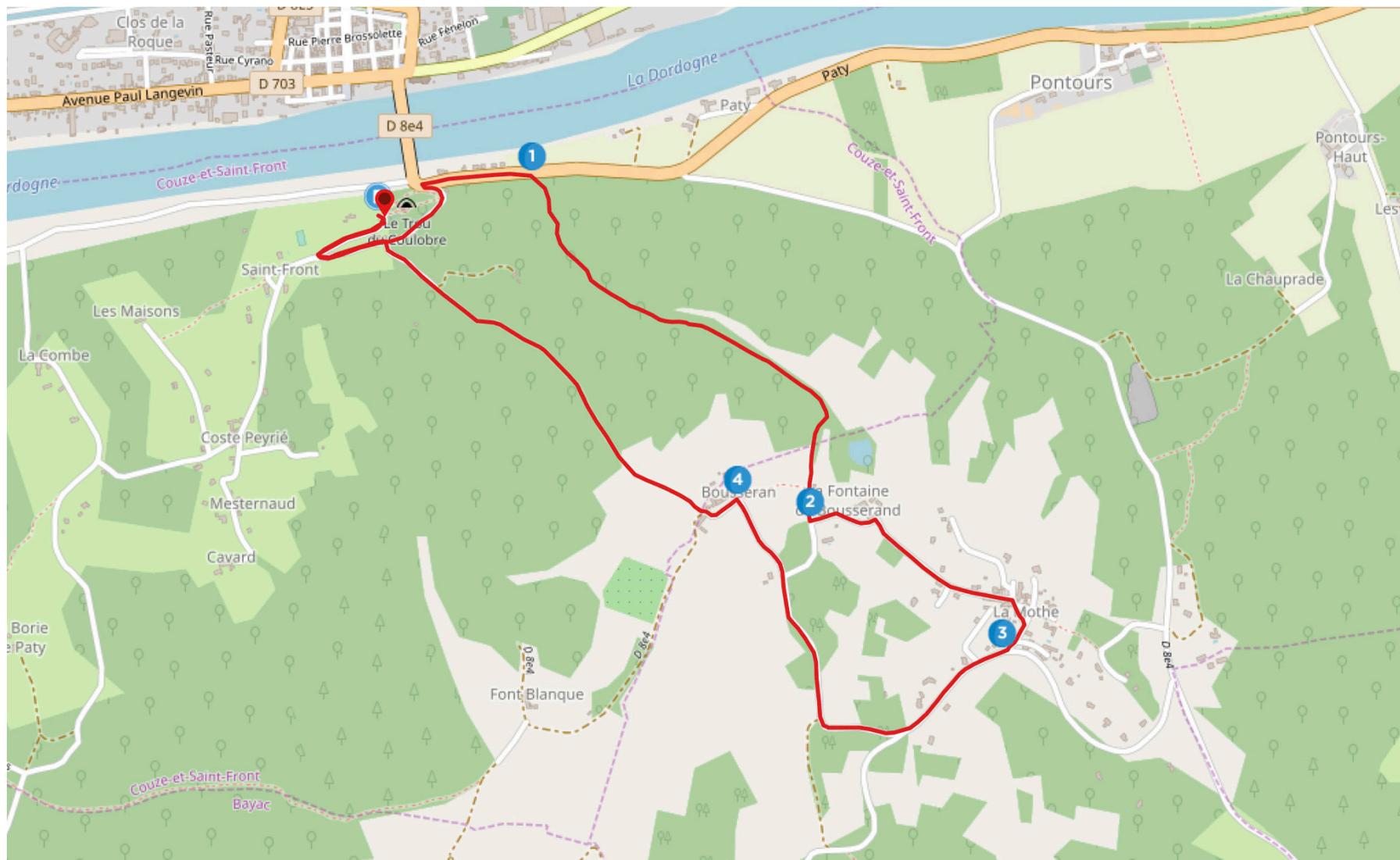


Lalinde

Walk 8

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A pleasant ramble through woodland and open country, visiting the hamlets of La Mothe and Bousserand and the 'Fontaine de Bousserand', an old well with a tiny statue and an adjacent lavoir (communal clothes wash). Good wide tracks and some surfaced roads. Short steep section at start but the overall ascent is less than 90m.

Start/car parking - Informal riverside car park South of the bridge over the river Dordogne. If it is closed, you can park near the church and then cross the bridge to start the walk. Visitors to Constant will soon realise that among the numerous possible permutations there is no good direct route to Lalinde. Choose your favourite and then cross the bridge.

Note: It would be a great help to future walkers if you could record any inaccuracies you come across during this walk and report them to reception so that appropriate amendments can be made. Thank you for your help.

Happy walking.

WALK

Set off along the road, following 'Le Buisson' and 'Sarlat' signs.

1. In 200 m turn right. The path starts behind a vehicular pull-off and there are waymarks. The ascent through woodland commences at once along a well-defined path. The gradient soon eases as you pass an open area on your right hand. Reach a more major track at a junction and bear right. Pass a large open area to the left before reaching a house on the left.
2. Just beyond the house turn left at a well waymarked junction to descend along a walking path and head for the public lavoir and the ancient well with statuette, 'La Fontaine de Bousserand'. After the lavoir bear to the right just before a large old building and go straight ahead along a lane between houses. Then follow the little hardtop road straight on dipping and then rising to the hamlet of La Mothe. In the hamlet turn right at a T-junction (on your left there is small grassy square with a tap), then in 10 m keep right at a fork and then right again in 40m, now downhill.
3. Pass an old cross on the left and join a more major road, bearing right, gently uphill. In about 300 m fork right for 'Bousserand' and 'Font Blanche' to follow a minor road, initially descending through woodland. The Grande Randonnée (G.R.) 6E soon joins us from the left. Continue along the roadway, now following the G.R. At a fork, keep left towards Fonblanche and Bousserand-Haut.

4. Fork left just before the farm (Bousserand), still with the G.R. and, at a junction between the farm and a house, building, turn right, downhill, along an unsurfaced lane. The excellent track passes through woodland; go straight on at a junction to reach a public road. On top of the wooded hill ahead is the historic chapel of St. Front.

There is a choice here. (A) The easiest is to turn right to walk by the roadside downhill to the car park. (B) More interesting is to follow the route of the G.R. by turning left uphill, then raking back sharply (around a house) to the right to walk to the chapel. In early spring daffodils flower in the cemetery, and the knoll provides a fine viewpoint over Lalinde and the River Dordogne. Walk past the chapel and take the steeply descending little path, with the aid of steps, to return to the road and the car park.

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