



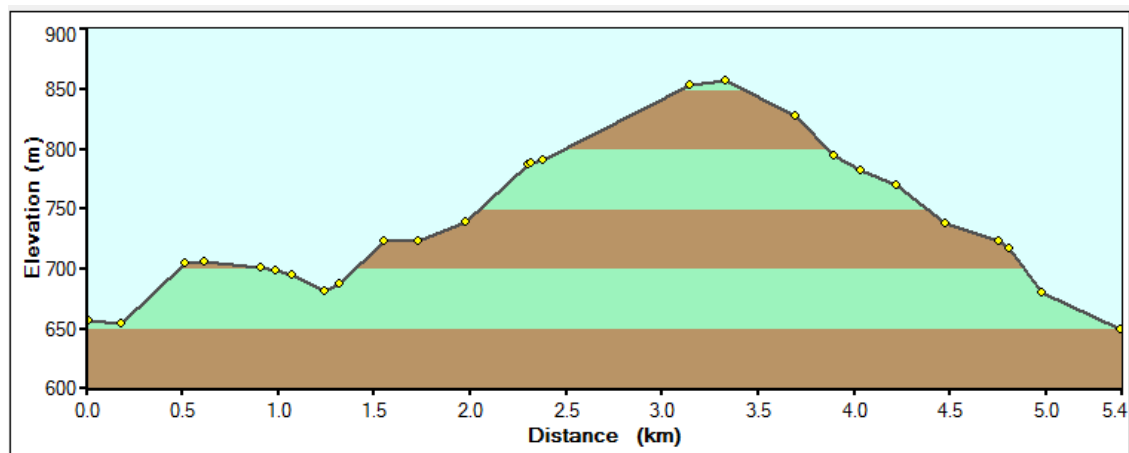
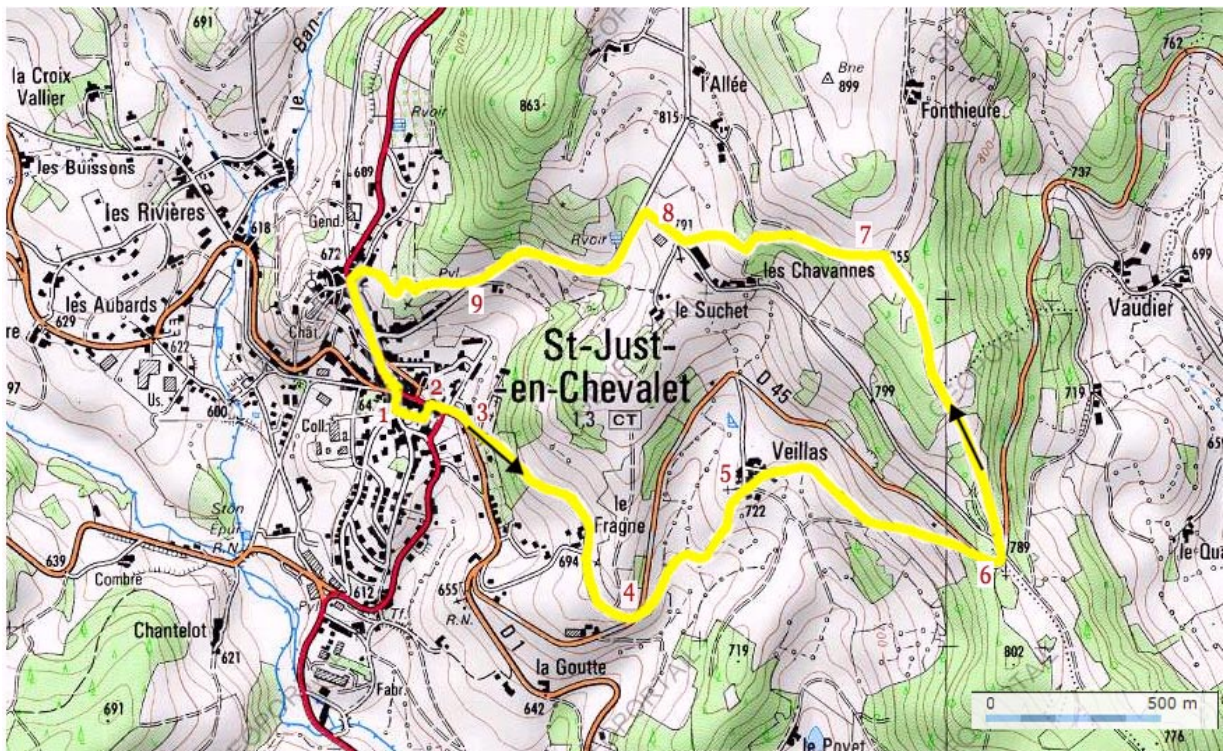
# Ville de St Just en Chevalet

42430 Loire, Rhone-Alpes

## Discovery Walk Around St Just en Chevalet

5.4km – Around 1 ½ hrs

This walk is designed to show off some of the best views of St Just en Chevalet and the countryside around. You should see the Bois Noirs, the Loire Valley and the Forez plain as well as the Forez mountains. If the weather is clear you can see the Lyonnais mountains and the Pilat, and on occasions the Alps. Although there is a certain amount of climbing it is all on good tracks with no very steep sections. It can be done by all of the family. Refreshments and accommodation are available in St Just en Chevalet.



1). Start the walk in front of the Mairie in the Rue de Thiers. Cross the road and enter the churchyard and pass it along the left side of the church (between it and the school). At the far end of the church you will come to an alleyway to the left. Take



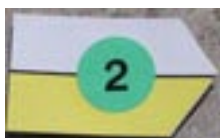
this and pass through the arch and turn right.

2). Turn right along the Boulevard de L'Astrée and cross the road signposted to Thiers, TAKE CARE – BUSY JUNCTION, passing the

office of the “Syndicat d’Initiative” on your right. After 50 m or so the road curves



around to the right and you will see a road that forks to the left and rises slightly towards the cemetery. This part of the route, until you reach the hamlet of Veillas is way marked with yellow and white markers marked with a 2.



3). The war memorial is on your left as you walk up this road. On passing the white house as the road turns sharply left at the top of the rise there is an alleyway to the right. Follow this path as passes behind the cemetery. It then climbs up a grassy path. This section may be muddy as there are springs on the slope. At the top of this climb there is a fine view of the village



and the Bois Noirs hills behind. Continue on this track until

you reach a house on your right. Join the tarmac track and bear round to the left. Follow this road until you pass a farm and descend to cross a road. PAY ATTENTION TO TRAFFIC.



4). Join the track opposite and descend into a shallow valley. The path curves



around and then climbs up to the hamlet of Veillas.

You arrive in front of the recently restored war memorial.

From this point follow the following way marks until you reach the wayside cross in a couple of kilometres.



5). Bear half right along the road through the hamlet. Do not follow the path signed "2". In about 100m you will reach a stone water trough where the path becomes



grassy and leaves Veillas.

This path climbs gently for 900m until you rejoin a road.

There are excellent views of the Forez mountains and the Chateau D'Urfé along this path.

6). Turn right along this road and follow it round a left hand bend. Opposite a cross there is turning to your left.



Take this road and then immediately take the track that rises to your right.



Follow this track as it climbs for about 1km where the path forks at a pretty wayside cross.

On the way up you will see glimpses of views to the left and the right. (If you would like a great view of the Loire valley and the Monts Lyonnais continue on the main track, the right fork at the cross for 200m or so).

7) Turn left at the cross (or right if you are returning from taking in the view).



This path starts the descent towards the village.

From this point until you reach the Fontaine de la Conche in the village follow the way marks with a “3”.



After around 350m the track forks, take the middle of the 3 tracks, following the way mark.



Continue down the track until you pass a large green shed on your left, and then turn right onto the road.



8). Follow the road until you reach a T-junction. Turn left passing the reservoir on your right. Continue down this road for around 500m.

There are fine views of the village on your left.

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Follow this path and pass to the right of the building and mast on a grassy track. You will shortly arrive on the cross on the “Champs de Foire” the scene of livestock markets and other

gatherings in the past. There are good views across the village and surrounding countryside.

Pass to the right of the cross and descend the grassy path

that winds down to the left. As you reach the wall and fence of a garden turn sharp right and continue descending.





When you reach the road turn left after the first house. TAKE CARE when you reach the junction with the main road. Across the road you will see the Fontaine de la Conche built in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. If you take the road behind the fountain to the left this leads to the old chateau and the Artisan's shop.



To return to the village turn left along the main road, passing the primary school “Ecole publique” on your right. Take the right fork into the Rue D’Urfé.



At the bottom of the road cross over into the Rue de Thiers to return to the Mairie.

