

the stone house

go see....

scenic hikes

what- a lake, an abandoned village and a walk around a limestone circle.

this itinerary covers a couple of different places and can be done in different combinations

moureze is a small village with a series of marked walking trails over rocks, of varying difficulty

celles is an abandoned village on the shores of **lake salagou**, with walks over hills, swimming in small coves and good picnic spots

how to get there-

from the stonehouse, take a right onto bvd anselme nougaret

follow the road right round and go straight over the intersection towards **nizas**. go up the hill and past the blue cart and out of the village. At the next intersection, go left to **nizas**, then follow signs to **adissan**. In **adissan**, go to the centre and take a right towards the **A75**- it's very badly signed!! Get on the A75 and head north towards **millau**.

leave the A75 at junction 55 and follow the signs for **lac du salagou** and **octon**. on the small road to octon, look out for a left turn down a tiny road signed for **celles**. this takes you down to the abandoned village. park the car and walk through the village. on the other side of the village there is a little creek and then a series of small bays with a meadow and hills behind, where you can walk, picnic, sunbathe or swim.

from **celles**, you can take the road towards **octon**, then **salasc**, where there is a nice little bar cafe in the village square for a simple lunch or a drink. then follow signs for **moureze**.

in **moureze**, there is a car park which costs 2 euros for the day. then go to the old village centre, turn right up a small street , past the church and find the signboard for the **cirque de moureze**. there is a noticeboard showing a selection of marked walks- yellow is the easiest and takes about 45 minutes- you can do it in any sporty shoes, but the other trails are more arduous and you will need proper walking shoes, water etc.

come out of moureze and follow the signs towards **clermont l'herault**. if you want to see an interesting old village that used to make flags for louis XIV, carry on until you see a sign for **villeneuve** on the left. if you want to come back to **caux**, then take the right hand turn towards **cabrieres**. go through **cabrieres** and over the hill to **neffies**, then carry on the road through neffies and take a left turn to **caux**.