

the stone house

go see....

saint guilhem le desert

what- an ancient village in the herault gorge, built in 804. visit the abbey, eat outside or inside in cafes and restaurants, shop for pottery, art and food in small artisan workshops, follow trails around the mountains , go kayaking or swim in the river

where- about 30 minutes' drive away on motorways and small country roads

accessibility- upper (paying) car park a short walk from village centre. sloping path down through village, moderately steep walk back up to car park , or a park in lower (paying) car park on main road. walks from village of varying difficulty. picnic and play area beside upper car park

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**. drive on the A75 for about 15 minutes, following signs for **montpellier** and **St Guilhem le Desert**

this will take you on to the A750, which you should leave at the exit for **GIGNAC** and go into **GIGNAC** town, following signs for **St Guilhem le Desert** , which is a left turn out of **GIGNAC**

go into **ANIANE** , take the left turn signed **St Guilhem le Desert** and cross over the **Pont du Diable** bridge, continuing up the gorge- you will see the river down on the right of the road

there are two car parks at **St Guilhem**. the first is on the right hand side of the road just as you come to the village. otherwise, take the left turn into the village and drive up to the top car park. you have to pay for both car parks except in winter. there is a cashpoint at the upper car park and public toilets at both car parks. hiking trails into the hills start at the far end of the upper car park.

walk into the village square from the upper car park, eat at the cafes, visit the abbey church and walk through the passages leading from the square to the little alley ways that lead down through the village, lined with interesting shops. at the bottom of the village, on the main road, there are some restaurants and places to hire kayaks

coming back...

back through **ANIANE** towards **GIGNAC**, right turn in gignac town centre on to the A750 towards **MILLAU**, then on to the A75 towards **BEZIERS**, exit to **PEZENAS ouest** (the third pezenas exit), follow signs to **ROUJAN** and **CAUX**