

St Hubert's grotto

The water springing in the hamlet La Noue has been reputed to cure rabies, ever since St Hubert, patron saint of hunters, came to bless the spring.

In 1862, members of a 100-year brotherhood built a grotto. They placed a statue of the saint above it, then channeled the spring water through the grotto. The place was venerated, especially in October when people came in a procession from the church.

Time passed, the grotto was abandoned then vandalised. In 1997, the inhabitants of the hamlet launched an appeal to restore the site, and replace the statue of St Hubert.

Since then every last Sunday in October, the procession visits the grotto (even if nobody trusts the spring water to cure them of a mortal disease any more!).



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- 1 From the square, take Rue des Brodarts, turn right and cross the bridges over the Petit-Morin. Follow the road to the right.
- 2 Climb the track on your left, cut across the D222 and go straight up. At the entrance to Le Vautron, take the street on your right. Go down Chemin des Chaillots on your right and, after the wood, you'll reach a cross path.
- 3 Take the stony track on your left. In the bend, take the track down through the wood on your right and cross the Moines brook. As you leave the wood, follow the track crossing on your left.
- 4 Take the road on your right and, at the centre of La Forge, turn left to cross the Petit-Morin. Take the D31 on your left for 300m then climb the track on your right in the wood. Continue past the track on your left.
- 5 At the T-junction, go down the track on your right, then come back up the left track. Follow the road on your right and cross Marlande.
- 6 As you leave the hamlet, go down the track on your right, then take the track on your left. Follow the road on your right to cross Le Jariel and at the bend, go straight down the track. At the bottom, turn left. Continue along the road then take the D31. Take the D222 on your left, then the track on your right for 300m, then follow the bend to the right.
- 7 In Hautefeuille, go straight ahead till you reach the road, then bear right for about 250m, take the first track on your right. At Le Montcel, head left to get back to Sablonnières church.



Sablonnières: statue of St Martin in its niche



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