

THE ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON TRAIL

The GR70 through the Massif Central

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Robert Louis Stevenson's account of his 140 mile trek through the Massif Central of southern France has long captured the imagination of walkers and lovers of literature alike. In 1991 the Stevenson Trail was finally adopted by the French footpath authorities as the GR70. This guide will prove indispensable to the holidaymaker planning to follow in the nineteenth century author's footsteps. It includes a comprehensive list of facilities, accommodation and places of interest along the route, detailed route directions and account of Stevenson's adventures with his sole companion and beast of burden, the donkey Modestine, at each stage.

The trail is ideal for those contemplating a walking holiday for the first time, and included advice on travelling to and from southern France, accommodation, equipment, currency and insurance - even coping with emergencies like a snake bite.

Packed with snippets of fascinating information about this historic region, it is also useful for cyclists and motorists.

Key marketing points

- An ancient route recently popularised by Christopher Rush in his book, *To Travel Hopefully*.
- Suitable for a first long-distance walking holiday. Mainly drove roads, bridleways and footpaths. Takes less than two weeks.

About the author

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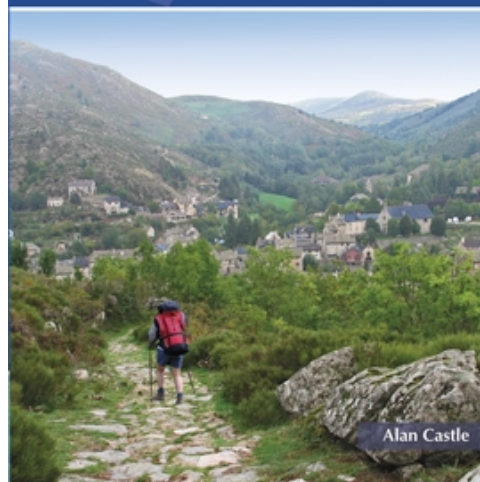
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