

Portal Vézelay Route

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Smartphone on the Camino

Apps, routes facilities on your smartphone

If you bring a smartphone on your journey, you can download several apps that will help you find your way.

On the portal Vézelay Route you will find files with tracks of the route and of the facilities that can be opened with a number of apps. This allows you travel without a hardcopy, should you decide to do so.

How does this work?

Apps

First of all, you need to install an appropriate app which can open these files. There are several: Maps.me, Google Earth, Garmin, GPXviewer, OSMand and Viewranger. All of these apps have their own pros and cons.

For the sake of clarity, we will focus on one particular app which we think is very useful: Maps.me. This app is free, easy to use, requires relatively little memory and - once downloaded - can be used completely offline. Once installed, you can download (Open Street) maps from all over the world for free. This app is available for Android and for iOS (iPhone).

If you use another app, you can still use these instructions even if the installation will be a little different.

How to install the app Maps.me ?

- Go to: Play store (android) or Apple store (IOS)
- Search for: Maps.me
- Select: Maps.me
- Accept the accessibility
- After downloading and installation: open the app

You will see a global map. You can now download the detailed maps of regions (or countries) you want. That can be done in two ways:

1. Zoom into the region you want. At some point, a screen appears asking if you want to download that particular region. Click on 'download'.
2. Click the menu at the bottom of the right-hand icon (the vertical bars). Go to 'downloaded maps' and search for the country of your choice. This way you can load a complete country at one time.

The app is ready for use!

Route, accommodation and other facilities

On the portal Voie de Vézelay you will find KMZ and GPX files that you can download on your application. These files show you the route up to street level. They also put the accommodation and other facilities along this route in the right place on the map.

Follow these steps to download the route and the amenities:

- For the route

Take your smartphone and browse to this webpage:

<http://www.voiedevezelay.eu/en/tracks-guides>

Select the KML file (Maps.me, Google Earth) or the GPX file (other applications).

Your smartphone then starts to download.

The download will take only a few seconds. Then pull down the menu from the top of your smartphone and click on 'download completed'. The first time, your smartphone will ask you to 'complete action with' or 'open with'.

On almost every smartphone, you will now see the 'Maps.me' logo. (*and/or any other app you use*). Click on the app of your choice. On an Iphone or Ipad a text may appear. Press the three dots one above the other at the bottom right.

A menu with 'Open in Safari' (*or any other browser you use*) will appear at the bottom. Click on it and the text 'Open with Maps.me' (*or any other app you use*) will appear. Click on it.

(Again: it is important to first install the app before downloading these files).

Now go to your downloaded route in the Maps.me app. If you zoom, you will see the route up to street level.

- For the facilities (*Repeat part of the steps from above*)

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There you will find six different files, indicating which file you need for which app. Check the version date of the files, updates appear regularly.

Click on the file of your choice.

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Now go to the Maps.me app (*or any other app you use*) and zoom in on the area you have just downloaded. Now you will see many colored markers. Each marker represents an accommodation or another facility. If you click on it you will find more information.

We hope you are as enthusiastic about these files as we are. Please help us to improve and to update! Use the 'feedback' button in your app or send an email to info@voiedevezelay.eu

Bon chemin!

(source : Dutch Confraternity of Saint James)