

The bean-cache...

Poi'z : Zabeth

Route's thematic: History and monuments

Route's difficulty: 2/5

Route's ground: 2/5

Route's duration: 1h

Route's distance: 2.00Kms



Pour des raisons de sécurité, ce parcours comporte des portions aller-retour afin d'éviter des axes passants non sécurisés ou sans visibilité.



Zaaaaarthus ! Can you take our two oxen to be sold at place du foirail ? And don't let anyone fool you this time... I want you to get a decent price for them !



You can count on me, Zabeth!



Car park at place de l'ancien foirail [gps][`"N 43°34.279","W 000°55.755","43.5713167",-0.92925"`].

1 . Departure spot : the old place du foirail (N43° 34.279' / W000° 55.755')



Hi friend'z ! The Wisemen have asked me to supervise the Habas fair, to protect it against fraudsters. The fair has been a major trading spot for a very long time. In the Middle Ages, they built a castle moat to defend the area. Later on, in 1638, King Louis XIII authorized the town to have its own market here on Fridays. A great privilege !



Zarthus ! What lovely oxen you have there... Can I let you in on a secret ? It looks like this is your lucky day ! I'll take the oxen off your hands and you can have this magic bean in return. Deal ?



You've got to be kidding, Zéchopp !



Oh but I'm not, dear Zarthus... It's a magical bean ! If you plant it, it will grow high overnight, and give you more beans than you could ever dream of having ! A mountain of beans, I'm telling you ! Higher than the Pyrenees, for sure !



Higher than the Pyrenees, did you say ? ...

2 . Back home (N43° 34.315' / W000° 55.883')



Private property. Please do not enter the courtyard, even if the gate is open.



Welcome to « Maison Simon », dear friend'z ! It dates back to the late 18th century, back when rich owners invested in Habas land... This area in the south of Les Landes has extremely fertile farming soils. In fact, it is nicknamed « the attic of Aquitaine ».



And thus many great bourgeois homes were built here. This building, built in the 19th century, belonged to a doctor by the name of Jean Péborde, who was no other than Napoleon's brother.



So, Zarthus ? Did you get a great deal for the two oxen you sold ? I'd like to use the money to have a mansion built here, just like this one...



[Proudly grabbing the bean from his pocket] Look what Zéchopp gave me in exchange for the oxen ! A magical bean !



Oh, you fool ! I can't believe it... I'm ruined !



Our clumsy Zarthus is so distracted by Zabeth's reaction, that he turns his carriage around, a little too close to the gate... Thankfully, it is protected by stone wheel-guards (« arode bout » in Gascon) you can see on the ground, preventing him from crashing into the wall ! How many of these stone-guards can you see at the gate ?

Write this digit down. It is the equivalent of A. A = ____

Hint: it's an even number !



Go back a few steps, then turn right in rue des fossés.

3 . Lagelouze coat of arms (N43° 34.261' / W000° 55.872')



Well, well... Why are you crying young lad ?!



Snif. I.. I.. I think I've been swindled, Captain !



Well, you won't be the first ! Jacques Lagelouze had this « castle » built between 1845 and 1850, after having made a fortune as a merchant and ship-owner in Bordeaux. The poor chap didn't believe in steam ships and continued investing only in sailing ships... Needless to say, he went completely broke...



Something I am about to have in common with Lagelouze...



Cheer up! If you want to get yourself out of this mess, just follow the motto written on the coat of arm'z ! It says « Hard work gets you through everything ! »



Look at the coat of arms at the top of the gate. Jacques Lagelouze represented his fortune with different elements on it : his real estate (the tower), steam ships (the boat) and two types of cultures... Find the odd one out !

1. A vine
2. A corn stalk
3. A kiwi

Write down the number of the element that is not represented.

Write this digit down. It is the equivalent of B. B = ____



Walk along boulevard des Pyrénées to get to the next step.

4 . The old convent (N43° 34.271' / W000° 56.063')



Nuns from the « *Congrégation de la Sainte Enfance* » used to live here. They moved in, in 1873, and established a school here. Can you see the sentence written at the top of the building ?



It says « *Each one brings us closer, the last one unites us* »... Hmmm... That's a bit obscure...



Au contraire my friend ! It refers to an old sundial... and to time... Which is exactly what you are going to need to gather back our savings...



Time and sun ! Eureka ! That's just what I need to make my bean grow. Oh and some nice fertile Habas soil, of course ! Zisséo was right ! If I work hard enough, I'll grow the tallest beanstalk you've ever seen ! Did you know "habas" means "beans" in the Gascon language?



Find the sign, in front of the old convent. Zarthus can find some rich soil there to plant his bean in. Go and give him a hand ! How many days will it take for the bean to start to sprout ? To find out, look at the sign. Find the French word for "beans" on this sign. Write the number of this answer down.

Write this digit down. It is the equivalent of C. C = ____



Continue along boulevard des Pyrénées, towards « Labatut ».



When you reach [gps]{"N 43°34.219","W 000°56.106","43.5703167",-0.9351"}, be careful crossing to the pathway on the other side.

5 . « **Maison Vignau** » (N43° 34.188' / W000° 56.012')



Thanks for your help, friend'z. The beanstalk has grown ! Now I need to give it some fertilizer... There's some by the old dovecote that used to be on the left side of the barn. Bird droppings, which contain nutriments, also called « colombine », were used to fertilize crops.



Zarthus's beanstalk grew much taller than I expected. As for « *Maison Vignau* », it was built in 1788, by the Lanusse family, related to two Napoleonic generals. These « *masters* » had their lands farmed by « *tenants* » and received half of the harvest and wine.



Sometimes I think Zabeth takes me for her own personal tenant ! But that's ok, I quite like her. Oh and look how much my beanstalk has grown ! It's going to need some water. Let's head over

to the washhouse !



Look at the plot with vines planted on it, on your right. What type of vehicle will help Zarthus to transport his giant bean ?

1. A wooden cart
2. A hand trolley
3. A wagon

Write down the number of the correct answer.

Write this digit down. It is the equivalent of D. D = ____



At [gps][*"N 43°34.178'", "W 000°55.991'", "43.5696333", "-0.9331833"*], continue straight ahead into the street called « carrerot du Vignau ». After the narrow forest path, continue on the gravel path to get to rue du Lavoir. Turn right towards the next step.

6 . The washhouse and Rachède fountain (N43° 34.056' / W000° 55.809')



Hey, Zarthus ! Do you mind ?! Your bean is drinking up all the water in the washhouse ! There isn't a single drop left !



Oops, sorry Zéïdon ! It's very very thirsty, as you can see...



What will the washers say ? They used to come here to wash their laundry and that of the rich land owners. It was also a great gossip spot ! Back then, your bean would have been the talk of the town !



Find the date engraved on the fountain, by the washhouse. Add the 4 digits together to get a new 2-digit number.

Write this number down. It is the equivalent of E. E = ____



Take rue du lavoir again, until you reach the well.

7 . The well (N43° 34.208' / W000° 55.860')



You again ? Wasn't the washhouse enough ? Now you need water from the well too ?! Friend'z, the townspeople used to get their water here...



How does the woman transport water from the well ?

1. With buckets balanced on her shoulders ?
2. Thanks to a jug carried on her head ?
3. With a wheelbarrow ?

Write down the number of the correct answer.

Write this digit down. It is the equivalent of F. F = ____



Take rue du puits, then turn right when you get to the end of it.

8 . « Maison Fortisson » aka Zabeth's home (N43° 34.199' / W000° 55.716')



Please be quiet and respect the inhabitants, when you get near the houses.



[A few months later] Wonderful ! Fantastic ! Zarthus is an amazing gardener ! Thanks to the giant beanstalk, we're doing quite well... The money we made has enabled me to make my dream come true ! Isn't my house lovely ?



It's a bit... much... is it not ?



Oh thank-you ! I chose this particular spot because the castle of the lords of Favars, which used to be the name given to Habas, is located here... It comes from the word « fabas » in Gascon, the name given to a fertile area where beans grow !



Please stand back and observe in silence. How many floors are there on the tower stairway of Maison Fortisson ?

Write this digit down. It is the equivalent of G. G = ____

Hint: it's an odd number !



Just to be on the safe side, take the street you took to get here. There is a grassy path that will lead you to the cache, safely.

9 . The cache !



Please be quiet and respectful of the area and the school equipment.



If your answers are all correct, the cache's GPS coordinates will be green on the app. Click on "locate the cache" then let the app guide you!

Coordinates: $N43^{\circ} 3(C+1).(A)(B-1)(D)'$ / $W000^{\circ} 5(F+G).((Ex4)+7)(G-B)'$
The mystery word is written in the log book, inside the container



Congratulations, you have found the cache !
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