

Research institute for the conservation of Mediterranean wetlands

HOW TO GET TO THE TOUR DU VALAT?



By road

- From Nîmes, Avignon, Aix-en-Provence, or Marseille via Arles: from Arles head towards Les Saintes Maries de la Mer then turn left toward Salin de Giraud on D36. Go through the village Le Sambuc. After about 800 m, take the first turn on the right (C136, Fiélouse du Sambuc). After three kms, just after the bridge over the canal (S-bend), continue straight on, up the Tour du Valat driveway. NB, there are no service stations on this route.
- From Marseille by the Bac de Barcarin ferry: head towards Martigues on the A55, then Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhone, Salin de Giraud. Before reaching Port-Saint-Louis, take the D35 (on the right after the bridge) towards the Bac de Barcarin ferry (fare). After crossing the Rhone, go right towards Arles (D36) and continue for about 12 km. Before arriving in the village of Le Sambuc, turn left onto C136, Fiélouse du Sambuc. After three kms, just after the bridge over the canal (S-bend), continue straight on, up the Tour du Valat driveway.

By train

The nearest station is Arles, which can be reached by all the major train lines, or the Mediterranean TGV high-speed line, via Avignon, Marseille or Nîmes. From Arles railway station the ENVIA network's n°10 bus line runs from Arles to Le Sambuc several times a day (see bus times).

By plane

The closest airport is Marseille-Marignane (65 km). There is a shuttle bus (every 30 min) linking Marseille-Marignane airport to Vitrolles SNCF railway station, from which there are trains to Arles.