

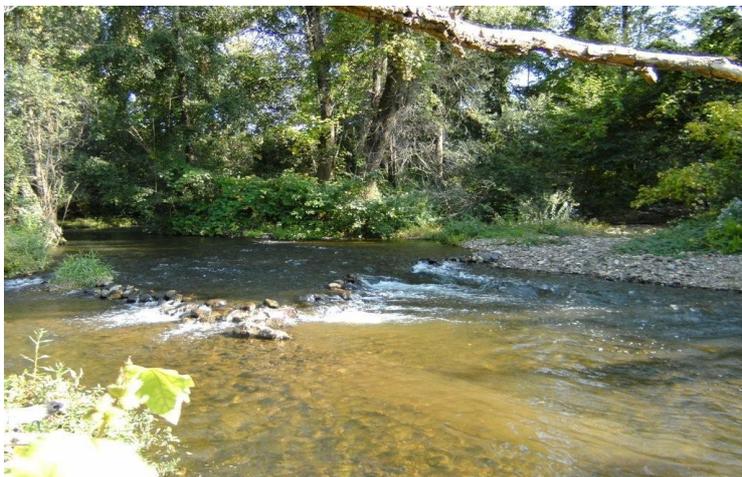
An active day with the kids

Nearby you'll find a large number of activities suitable for the whole family.

The river Lot, the pool and more

Of course La Maison Riante offers its own pool (9 x 4 mtr), which you can enjoy on a warm day. Besides the pool there are plenty of possibilities at the border of the Lot river to cool down on a summers' day.

Looking for an active day? Near Souillac you'll find leisure park [quercyland](#).



The river Lot

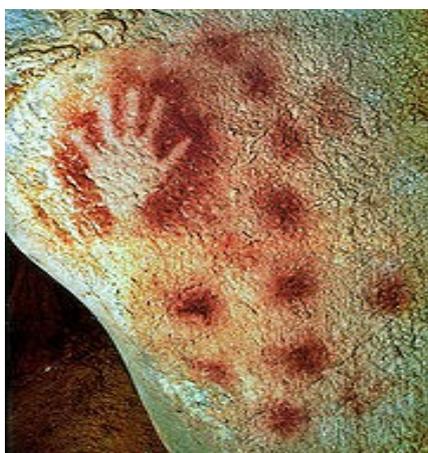


Quercyland

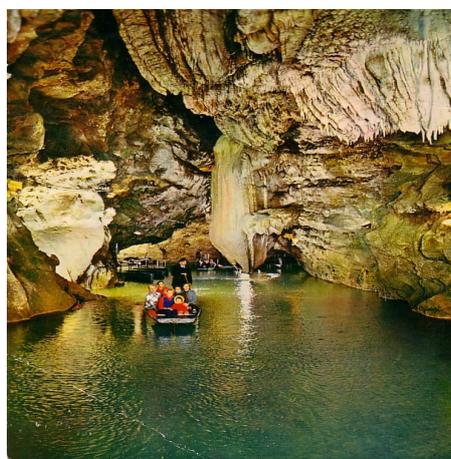
Caves

Several caves in the Lot department can be visited. The cave of [Pech Merle](#) lies in the valley of the Célé river, near the village Cabrerets. In the two-kilometer long cave prehistoric murals can be found, which are counted among the best looking in France. Furthermore, it is a beautiful stalactite-featuring cave. In the cave one can admire, amongst other things, drawings of oxen, horses, mammoths, deer and figures of which the meaning is unknown. Furthermore one will find in these caves stenciled hand-prints, drawings of people and a number of fossilized footprints.

[Gouffre de Padirac](#) is one of France's most impressive caves. The entrance to the cave is a gigantic hole 50 meters in diameter and 100 meters deep. From there one departs, first by boat and later on foot, to discover the caves. This is one sight that shouldn't be missed!



Pech Merle

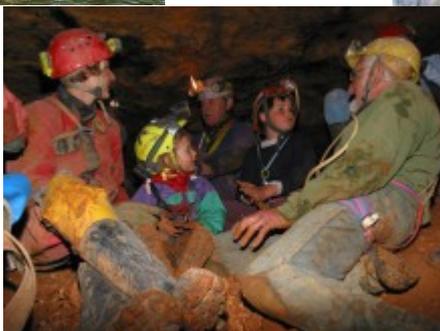
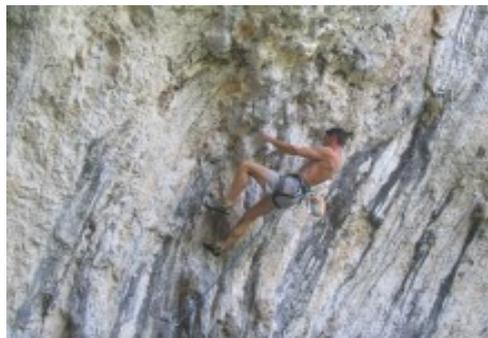


Gouffre de Padirac

Furthermore you can visit f.e.: [Les phosphatières du Cloup d'Aural](#) (ancient phosphate mine) and [La grotte de Foissac](#) (prehistoric cave with an underground river).

Canoeing, rock climbing and spelunking.

Canoeing on the rivers Lot and Célé, rock climbing or spelunking: it is all possible nearby La Maison Riante. There are several organizations who do provide these activities, one of them – at about a 20 min. drive – is [Kalapca](#).



Leisurepark Cap Nature

[Cap Nature](#) offers a days' entertainment for the entire family: paint-ball, orientation course, canoeing and an obstacle course. Activities suitable for all ages.



Horseback riding

Horseback riding in one of the most beautiful and authentic environment of France: the Regional Park 'Parc Naturel Régional des Causses du Quercy'. Nearby there are several equestrian centers who will be happy to welcome you and your family. One of them is [Chez Valdine](#) who organizes even tours for the youngest among us (2.5 years and older).

Karting

At the edge of Cahors a brand new outdoor [circuit](#) is constructed. It offers a various choice of karts: electrical ones for children up until 125cc (max. speed 100 km/hr.) for the experienced ones.



Animal Parks

In the Lot department various animal parks are located. Some examples are the park of Gramat ([Parc Animalier de Gramat](#)), [La Forêt des Singes](#) and [Reptiland](#), where you can discover over more than 80 species of reptiles. Snakes, crocodiles, lizards, scorpions, turtles and spiders. A large show with birds is held at the park [Rocher des Aigles](#), where vultures, eagles, falcons, owls are to be admired together with for example parrots in a extraordinary show.

Geo-caching.

Hiking in combination with a quest. While walking you'll be searching for a cache at the same time. In the Lot department many caches are hidden. You'll walk along beautiful spots and meanwhile the kids can enjoy themselves treasure-hunting. [Here](#) you can find all geo-caches located in the department.

Castles

A number of castles can be visited. More information is to be found in the document 'castles and other special places'.