

8km walk to the north of Crozant



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They are similar to the crosses of the High Middle Ages, dated to the first millennium, which can also be found in various regions and also in England, especially in Devon (Dartmoor).

The "Collectif des croix de Crozant" (Crozant Crosses Collective), made up of local residents and the ERICA association are committed to their protection and to making them better known. E-mail: collectif50croixcrozant@gmail.com

For more information :

A booklet entitled "Crozant crosses" is on sale in bookshops (Dun-le-Palestel) or at the museum of painters "Hôtel Lépinat" in Crozant

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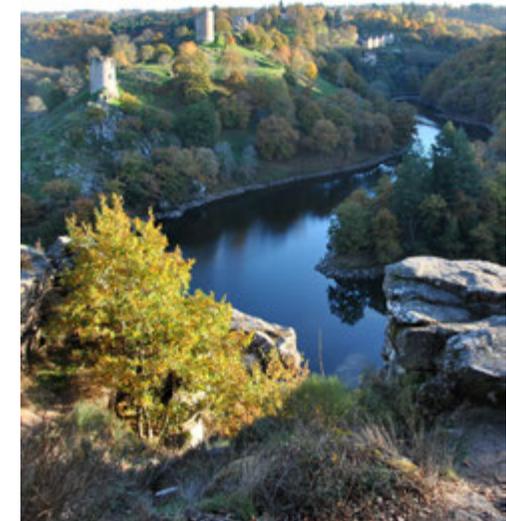
These 50+ crosses present in the villages all around Crozant are an enigma for historians.

They are difficult to date and their function is not obvious. Sited at the start of the paths and roads leading to the villages and hamlets of the commune, they were probably used to protect crops and people.

Often at the top of these crosses is a cupule, a cup shaped depression carved in the stone.

What was its role? This is still a mystery!

Go and discover them.



9km or 14km walk to the south of Crozant



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