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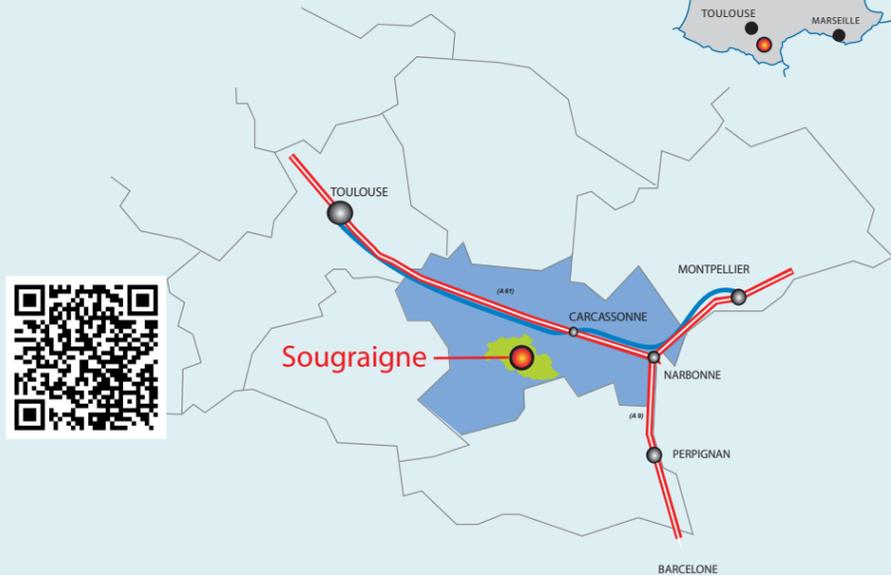
Other local sources of information :

Pays de Couiza tourist office
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ECLA: local events service, Rennes-les-Bains
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About the association

Based in the village of Sougraigne, Salicorne was formed to protect and promote the Domaine de l'Eau Salée with the aim of supporting local economic, cultural and tourist activity in and around the Sals valley.

Its members include the villages of Arques, Bugarach, Camps-sur-Agly, Couiza, Cubères-sur-Cinoble, Fourtou, Rennes-les-Bains, Serres and Sougraigne.



Events organised by Salicorne :

Annual events :

- The "Marche du Sel", early July
- The "Raid Salée", a trail race, the first weekend in September

All year round :

- Visits to the Domaine de l'Eau Salée, guided or unaccompanied



Products and souvenirs

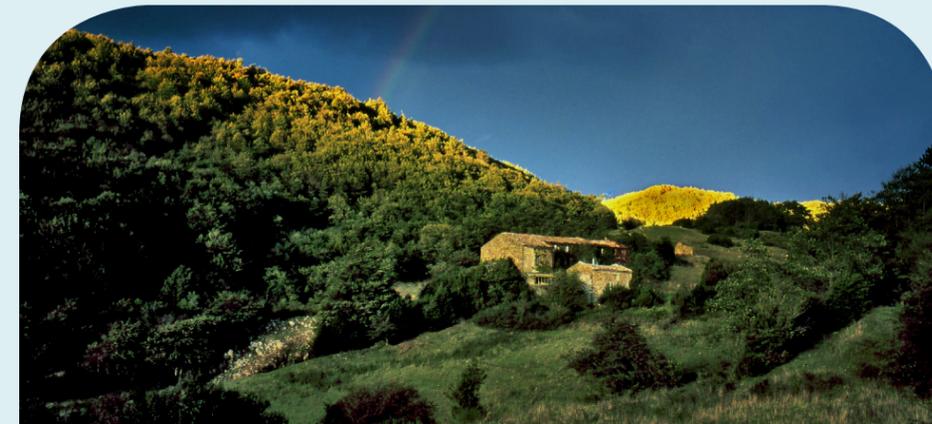
A book, "La Rivière au Bois Dormant" written by Jean-Pierre Monteils together with several members of the association, recounts the history of the site.

A number of photo CDs (taken by local photographer Jean-Louis Soquet Juglard) and DVDs bring to life the festive atmosphere of the Marche du Sel. Salt pots, made by a local potter, containing salt produced by evaporation of water from the salt water source at the heart of the Domaine.



Available from :

Either Soc-art photography or the Ecluse au Soleil at Sougraigne, ECLA at Rennes-les-Bains, and from other outlets in the area (Couiza tourist office, etc.).



Sougraigne invites you to discover
The Domaine de l'Eau Salée
"History springs to life"

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Association for the development of the Domaine de l'Eau Salée and for the promotion of villages neighbouring the Sals valley

The Domaine de l'Eau Salée

The site was formerly frequented by many different characters: Glass makers, jet miners, charcoal burners, wood cutters, shepherds, peasant farmers, peddlers, plus of course the salt smugglers and the tax officers of the *Ferme Générale* trying to catch them.



You can reach the Domaine via various footpaths from the surrounding villages, set in beautiful scenery full of surprises.



The salt water source

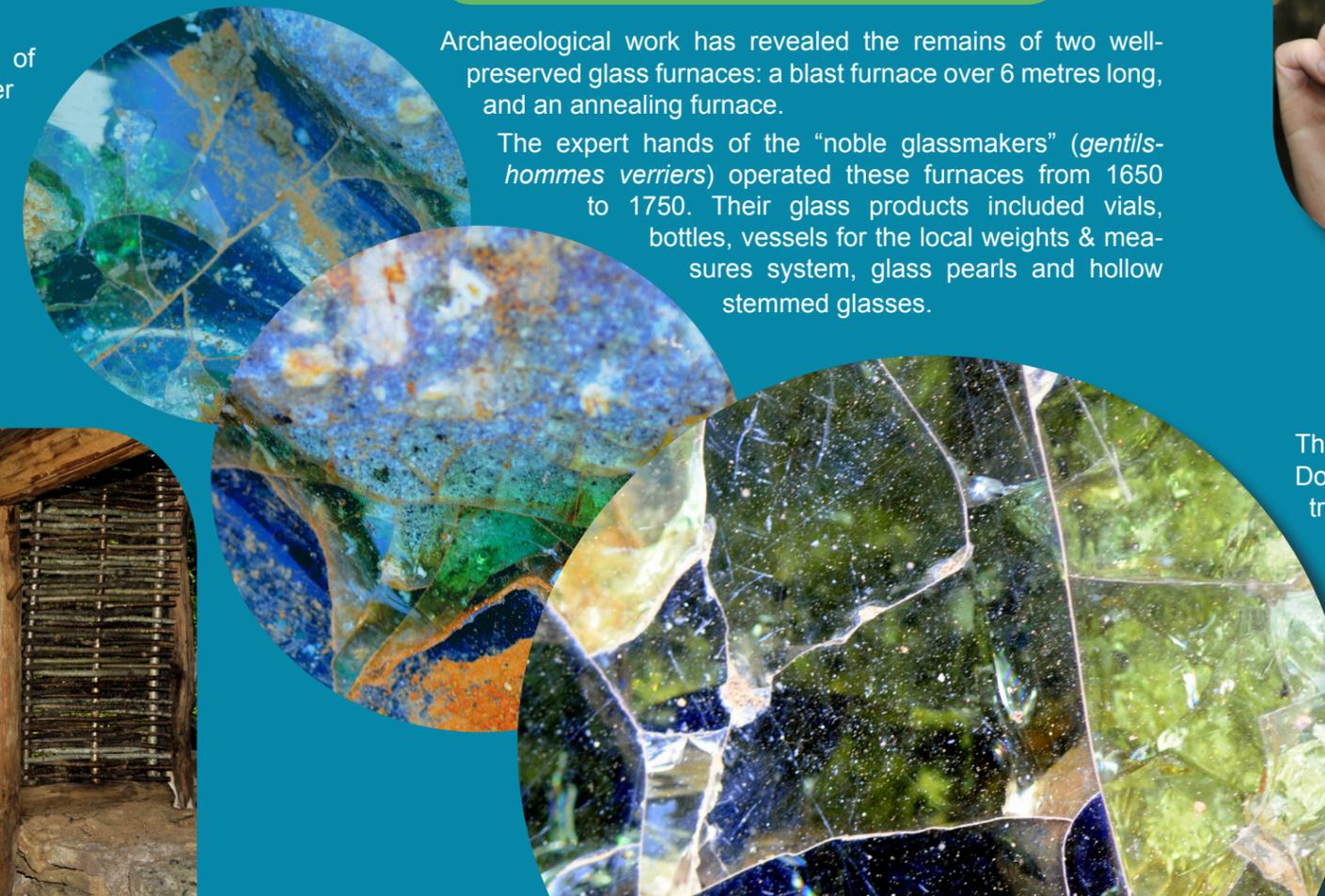
At the heart of the Domaine, a source of salmon-pink salt water gives birth to the river Sals. The salinity varies with the seasons. In the time of the unpopular Gabelle (salt tax), this source was the origin of a vigorous salt smuggling activity. Customs officers were posted at the site to try to regulate the salt trade. The former guard house close to the source remains as a silent witness to this troubled period.



The forest glassworks

Archaeological work has revealed the remains of two well-preserved glass furnaces: a blast furnace over 6 metres long, and an annealing furnace.

The expert hands of the "noble glassmakers" (*gentilshommes verriers*) operated these furnaces from 1650 to 1750. Their glass products included vials, bottles, vessels for the local weights & measures system, glass pearls and hollow stemmed glasses.



Permanent orienteering course

Designed for walkers and runners, this permanent orienteering course allows you to find your way around the site using a detailed orienteering map and a network of wooden orienteering control posts, while discovering the history of the site.



Maps available via local tourist offices and through the various local partners (see last page)

Cultural and sporting events

The Marche du Sel takes the history of the Domaine as the theme for an original theatrical day out, with actors and storytellers in period costume, mixing walking with discovery of the local heritage and of the Occitan language. The walk starts each year from one of the surrounding villages.

The Raid Salée is a trail race starting from Rennes-les-Bains and taking the runners round the small footpaths formerly used by the salt smugglers.

