

The fountain square

For several centuries the inhabitants of Puget were deprived of a public fountain. The Roudoule river in its flooding had blocked the Font Gaillarde spring which supplied the fountain on rue Viborel. In 1832 some young people set off to look for it and after days of thorough and arduous work rediscover it. A public subscription raises 2,000 pounds and several local inhabitants volunteer their services. The plans and construction management are entrusted to Joseph Peyron. **The “new” public square is chosen for a fountain linked to a wash-house which is no longer in existence.** On the corner of the rue de Verdun and rue de Viborel, which the canal crosses, a « pitchouno fuont » (small fountain) is built.

La Roudoule sees red !

The source of the Roudoule river is found 13 kilometres upstream at the foot of the Dome de Barrot, it absorbs the run-off of a vast basin which streams through the heart of « the red rocks » conferring this most particular colour in bad weather. Despite its apparent calm aspect in fine weather, the very tumultuous Roudoule caused numerous catastrophes in the streets of Puget. 78 people died in a devastating flood in October 1525.

To be noted also, the locality of Leouvé (a commune of La Croix-sur-Redoule) situated at the confines of this valley, which was until 1866 the seat of a copper mining operation and is the subject of a small museum « La maison de la mine »