

Welcome to Rousselonge!

Things you Need to Know...

07230 PAYZAC 44°27'50.85"N 4° 8'33.80"E

My house : 04 75 39 48 31 My cell (unreliable) 06 71 87 11 12.

Ambulance 15 FIRE 18 Gendarmes 17

Rousselonge : WHAT IS THIS PLACE ANYWAY ? (history on website)

The Residence : A big ship of a house running northwest/southeast with three storeys + separate annex. 6 small studio apts for one or two people each. **Communal spaces**: kitchen, laundry, TV room, swimming pool, meeting room in the separate building. *A residence is not a private home : everything here is for your use ! Open all the drawers and cupboards, check out everything ! on the other hand, this house is furnished with family memories, please respect them and put things back where you found them when you leave. Most paintings are by my mother-in-law, Monique Gracy. All the insect photos are by my father-in-law, Bernard Dupont.*

Residence upper right, my house upper left. Explore the whole hillside!



IMPORTANT please respect :

- 1) **Plumbing** : all WCs on a **septic tank**. Only natural contents please.
- 2) **Smoking** only outdoors on the covered terraces. But in times of draught, be very careful about setting anything alight ! Big red fire extinguishers in the TV room, laundry room, studio 5, annex.
- 3) **PLEASE dont pick things—flowers, veg, wood, stones**. It may all look haphazard but we like it like that. But WALK anywhere you want, right down to the river. Map on the wall of the TV room. If you get lost, just keep moving uphill to the road.
- 4) **Keep this place our secret...**: no photos on Facebook et al. Please ask me first if you want to invite other people to stay .
- 5) **Fauna** : spiders and ants sometimes indoors...not dangerous ...let me know if this is a problem. Biting insects at night: close windows when lights are on! Use repellent or mosquito netting over beds. No poisonous snakes. To bring pets: ask first?
- 6) **Electricity**: **cheaper between 12:30 and 15:30 or 2 and 7 am.**
- 7) **Doors and windows**: hard to open and close, sorry, push HARD or ask me. Lift handles on doors to turn a key all the way.
- 8) **SWIMMING POOL**: bottom step (going in) is 80cm off the ground, be careful! Same depth throughout 130cm.
- 9) **CODE WIFI 12345678** Small plug in boxes (four) connect to my system. A different one in the meeting room : Code 75959852 (written on the box)

HOW THINGS WORK

To Come on foot to My House High road and low road : high is where cars arrive. Leaving the residence on this road, turn left through the rusty gate and go down to my house. Low road : go downhill to the bottom of the residence, turn immediately right across the field, you will see the house. A Y junction: the upper leads to a ramp down to an arched door. The lower branch ends in the kitchen terrace. Both have doorbells on the wood. Push and stay put. Give me time to come from the other side of the house. If very frustrated, phone 04 75 39 48 31 or 06 71 87 11 12 (unreliable).

- 1) **Médical...** For headache, runs, etc medication in various bathrooms or laundry room in a basket on the table. For **herbal teas**: strip of kitchen herbs along the back wall opposite middle level. To see a doctor: **Maison médicale : 04 75 38 48 48 in the town Les Vans.** Closest pharmacy Lablachère (04 75 36 63 68) To know which pharmacy is open on weekends or holidays : call 3915.
Emergencies dial 15 :
- 2) **Opening and Closing: Doors** : to lock or unlock, lift the handle while turning the key. Each studio has a key that opens all common rooms but also itself, only. **Windows**: Hard to turn the handles. If the handle is horizontal, it's open. Vertical = closed. Some bathrooms and one window in studio 4 can open two ways. Keep turning the handle and pulling to get the second one. **Shutters**: see also below. Heavy to handle. Close only for complete darkness or during the day in summer heat. Studio 3 has a special system, let me show you.
Please close all outside doors when you go out, not necessarily locked but at least closed.
- 3) **Garbage** : small compost bins in every studio and kitchen. Empty them in a big green plastic bin opposite middle level, where the herbs grow. Big garbage cans under the arch. Paper and plastic together in a separate basket, glass in yet another. Anything else is « tout venant ». But **much appreciated if you can take away your garbage when you go** : municipal bin right by the entrance to our road : takes everything but glass.
- 4) **Electricity**: **Cheaper times for running appliances and recharging : 12:30-15:30 et 2-7h (night)** Several fuse boxes in the residence, the main connection is in my basement. If there is a general power cut during a storm, leave me a little time to put it back. If you stay a while, I'll show you how.
- 5) **Gas** : **bottles** in the « local technique » below the terrace under the vault. For both main kitchens upper and middle levels. We keep track and hope you won't run out, but let me know if you do.
- 6) **Appliances**, Every room has a grey plastic file folder with operating instructions for everything electric. Only one **Dishwasher** in the main kitchen. Program number 4 works most of the time. No need for salt or rinsing liquid. Just put the little tablette (WITHOUT its plastic cover) in the bottom of the machine rather than the door. **Washing mashine in the laundry room:**

People generally just use the programs « peu sale » et « sale » just left of centre on the dial. Liquid soap in the middle compartment on the lid. No dryer—clothesline outdoors northwest. **Iron and ironing** board: table and in the WC. **Microwave ovens** : main kitchen and all studios and annex. **Electric ovens**: communal kitchen and Studio 5. **Vacuum cleaners** : in the corner cupboard of TV room ; in armoire of studio 4 ; in dorm and annex.

7) Heating and cooling

Each room has a heat pump which is also a summer air conditioner. I will set them before you arrive. You need only push on the button START/STOP. If you want to adjust the temperature, use the FAN rather than the temperature control, it works faster. I will set it on QUIET (low flow) you can move it up to HIGH (not Auto but HIGH) to get fast action. **Shutters : the traditional air conditioning. Open windows and shutters at night once lights out, close during the day.** Open windows + lights> use mosquito netting (provided). **Fireplace** in Studio 5. Put down the black carpet, open the vent inside the chimney, and use the screen when you are not right in front. (The fireplace in the library does not work for the moment, sorry). **Woodstove** also in studio 5. Help yourselves to wood stacked under the vault and outdoors, below. There is a small stock of pinecones, paper and kindling but you can go picking up more in the woods if necessary.

- 8) Outdoor lighting: comes on automatically where there is movement around the house (a cat can set it off, not to worry). Also by the annex and the pool. **Flashlights** are provided in each room and attached to key rings. From the TV room by the outside door: a switch controls a light leading to the parking lot. You can turn it off with a second switch in the stone wall west of the path. For sitting outdoors in the evening, switches in the kitchen for the main covered terrace, in the laundry room for the entrance level. Automatic lights on a timer west side to get to studios 2 and 3. **Pool**: switch by the door inside. **Swimming pool** : Dimensions 9x4m x depth 1,30m (same all over). Steps to enter in the northeast corner (by the cabin). **ATTN the lowest step is 80 cm high !** it takes you by surprise but if you fall forward, you are already in the water ! Water is lightly salted. **Attention : never leave children unattended near the pool !** Use the skimmer to clean surface debris and empty the two little skimmer baskets from time to time.

- 9) Housekeeping : If possible, leave things clean when you leave. See “Appliances” for vacuum cleaners. **Brooms**, etc and cleaning products on each level : behind a curtain in Studio 5 ; in the corner cupboard of the TV room ; in WC and waterheater closets of the dorm; in the laundry room and storage area of the annex. **Products** under all sinks and washbasins. Clean dusters in the main kitchen cupboard and laundry room. Each studio has a little broom and dustpan.
- 10) Critters Not all local fauna recognize our right to these buildings. Please kill only for self protection. You can discover the range of **insects** at Rousselonge in my father-in-law’s photo albums (west wall of the library). Among the most friendly **birds** are “rouge-queues” (*Phoenicurus ochruros*, black redstart) who try to nest indoors in April, if you let them. Keep windows closed when you are

not there. **Spiders** : mostly useful. Put them outside if they bother you (upturned glass on a sheet of paper). Ditto **scorpions**: rare, slow and easy to catch. They come indoors before rain. **Horseflies**: mainly around the pool. KILL! swat with a hand or a flyswatter, hand is faster. **Mosquitoes and phlebotomes**—like a small transparent mosquito, no sound, varies by season. Dont leave windows open with lights on ; use mosquito netting over beds, burn spirals or incense or bug repellent products. **Wasps** : attracted by food when you eat outdoors. You can drown them in special bottles (provided) using sugar water with a drop of alcohol to avoid attracting bees, but use these only when you eat ? otherwise wasps are disappearing with the rest. Sometimes you find nests in watering cans or pots in the garden, just knock them off with a tool and stand back. **Hornets**, stings hurt and last some hours, avoid if possible. We remove nests near the house. Use special cream, or crushed plantain leaves. **If you are allergic to bees, wasps or hornet stings, phone 15 immediately for an ambulance.** **Bats**: sometimes attracted by light through open windows at night. Protected species. Turn off the light and they will leave. Their presence means pure air. **Snakes** :nothing poisonous here, precious allies in the garden. **Boar, hedgehogs and deer** : so far have not destroyed my gardens. They may make funny noises at night and leave overturned earth on the paths. During the hunting season (autumn) wear a red or yellow vest if you walk down below in case there are hunters (you will hear them).

WHERE TO FIND WHAT YOU NEED (see sketches at the end to locate different parts of the house)

INFO about flora and fauna in the library on the turning bookshelf and in my father-in-law's photo albums in the desk drawers.

Beds and bedding: each of the five studios can accomodate 2 people, as follows.

Studio 1 : 2 singles 90x180=1 electric bed with various positions+1 pull out armchair bed.

Studio 2 : 2 singles, one under the other (90cm and 80 cm) **Studio 3** : big double 180cm

wide, can be split into two singles. Room for a third bed in a pinch. **Middle level** : **Studio 4** :

Double bed 160, can be split into two singles. **Studio 5** : sofa bed 160x200cm. **Cave**: Dorm

for 2-4 singles comfortably installed, possibility of a fifth. **Bedding** : available in each studio,

with summer or winter weight quilts (duvets) or blankets. Extras in the TV room armoire by the door along with extra kitchen linens.

Board games, cards, dominos etc :TV room right drawer of desk, and in the library desk.

Chairs : 20 folding chairs available, 10 black and 10 white. In the annex storage room, on the kitchen terrace or in the laundry storage space under the stairs. **Armchairs** : the big dark grey ones are recliners, also the sofa in the library has recliners at each end Find the levers on the side flank. Cloth covered recliners also in studios 2 and 4, there you just push on the arms. Folding deck chairs on the kitchen terrace or in the annex storage.

Clothes and hats for seasonal wear: sweaters, shawls, jeans in TV room armoire by the window. **Sunhats** in a basket under the same window. **Boots** in the local technique under the kitchen terrace (entrance under the vault).

Drugstore needs : aspirin etc, Dolipran, Imodium etc, I try to keep some in each bathroom closet, also in the laundry room. If you don't find it, check the studio next door or laundry.

Easel, tripod, toys... TV room, armoire by the window.

Electrical equipment: Light bulbs, batteries, extension cords etc: in the TV room, in a wicker set of drawers under the south east window (under the hat basket).

Hammock : TV room, armoire by the window. Set up for the space between the two catalpas near the swimming pool (at the base of the steps up to studios 2 and 3).

Iron and ironing board : Laundry room, in the WC.

Instructions for appliance use: in each room, in a grey plastic file folder..

Music : Piano in the annex, with lights and partition holders in the big wooden trunk. Radios with CD players and some old ghetto blasters scattered throughout.

Paper products : WC, etc : laundry room shelves.

Toiletries you forgot, soap, toothbrushes, shampoo etc : most bathrooms have some, more in laundry room.

Tools :Please ask before doing anything? small ones in the TV room, centre drawer of the desk. Bigger ones under the vault or in the local technique. Gardening tools in a basket in the laundry room.

TV and DVD player: In the TV room, the one you enter from the kitchen terrace, going towards studios 2 and 3. It is behind a curtain on the shelves to the right. Pull back the curtain, you can pull out the TV gently, and change its direction. It needs to be plugged into the antenna (floor level, cords and plugs one big one will do for everything). DVD player on the small stand, with a selection in English and French.

Second TV in the annex, can be used for presentations also.

Sewing materials : some basic stuff in a right hand middle drawer of the desk in the TV room, no machine.

Writing paper, pads, pens, paperclips etc: in each studio, in desks.

WIFI connectors: usually in library, in annex and in lower level.

OVERALL PLAN: House axis is northwest to southeast. Look at solar panels on two levels (for hot water) they face due south. Parking is north of the house. The main entrance as you leave the parking lot is east, up steps to a covered terrace. If you see a swimming pool, go round to the other side.

COMMUNAL SPACES):

Opening onto the covered terrace you first arrive at are :

Immediately to the right up some steps : **Library**.

Corner angle : **Shared kitchen** (each studio has also a small kitchen)

Straight ahead : **TV room** (beyond this, WC opposite door west to entrance studios 2 and 3, or steps down to the pool and studios 2 and 3)

Down below, before you to up to the covered terrace, on the right :

Laundry room + passage towards the pool and Studio 1.

Separate building northeast **Annex** : meeting room, projection room, music room etc

5 studios where you can cook (a bit) read (recliner chairs) work (desks, good lighting) sleep one or two people, and clean... All have independent access.

Arrival: paved courtyard, on its right : Studio 1

UPPER : Studios 2 and 3 (through TV room or up outdoor stairs west)

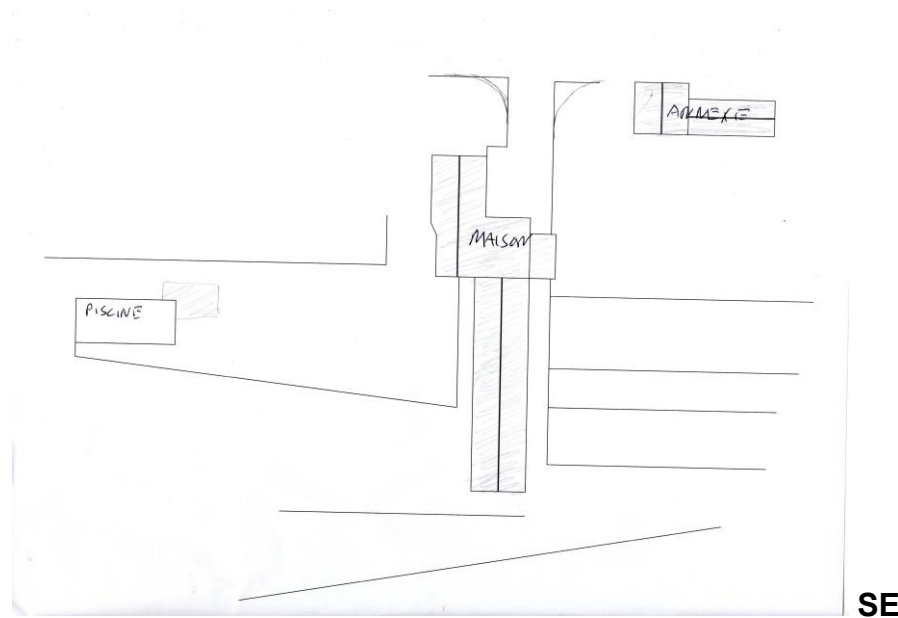
MIDDLE: Studio 4 (north) et Studio 5 (south). Stay on ground level, moving under the vault to find the doors on your right.

LOWER (CAVE) : Dorm accomodation for 4-5 people, also with kitchen, shower, WC.

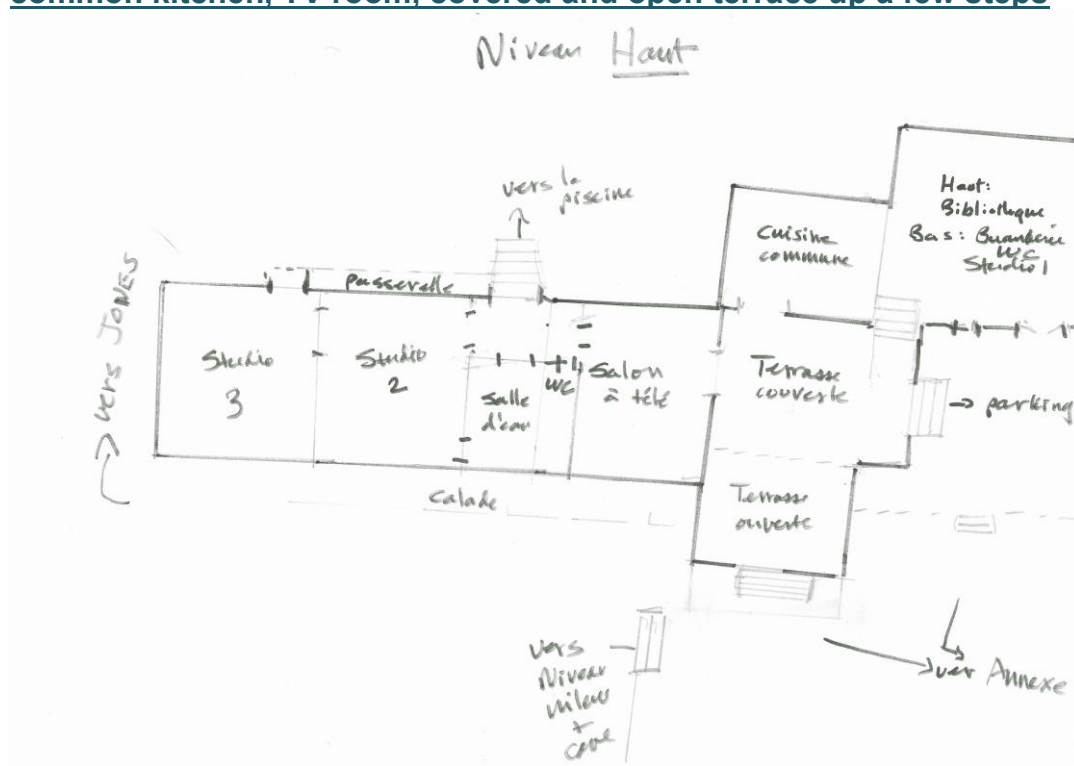
The Residence sits between the swimming pool west and the annex east :

Parking>

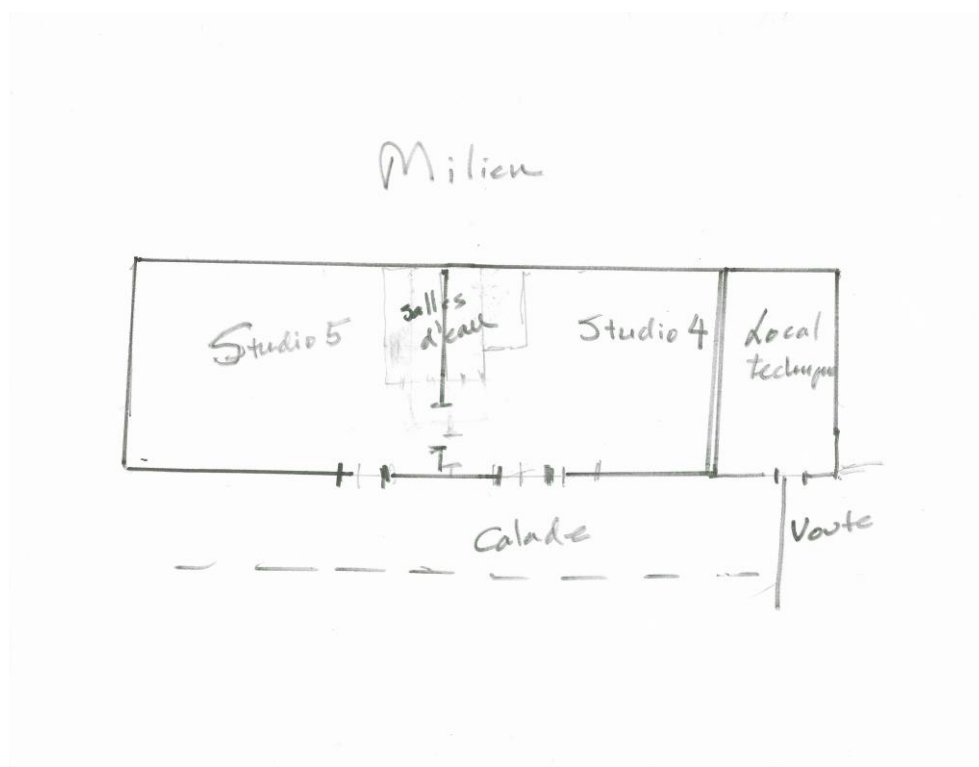
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UPPER LEVEL : Studios 1,2,3 ; library (top), laundry room (ground level), common kitchen, TV room, covered and open terrace up a few steps



MIDDLE LEVEL: « local technique », Studios 4 and 5 + herb garden



ROOM BY ROOM: each one has its peculiarities...starting north moving south :

STUDIO 1 :

Shower and sink in the room but WC outside in the laundry space, by west door, next to kitchen sink. Use this kitchen space (microwave, fridge etc). The studio has two beds: the electric one gives you a choice of positions. You can sit up and look at the garden from the bed. The second is an armchair that opens just by pulling. Bedding in the armoire and drawers of the dresser. Attn : **to light the outside terrace** the switch is by the laundry room door. Not automatic. The key provided lets you lock yourself in completely if you want. The double doors have double shutters too, you can close the bottom and leave the top open.

LAUNDRY ROOM:

East-west passage for everyone, leads to the pool and its kitchen facilities can be used for the pool. Trays and glasses and big fridge. **Washing machine here**, best setting is « sale » or « peu sale », liquid soap right there. Clothesline outside. Iron and ironing board in the WC. Fold up rack also. House cleaning products under the sink. Folding chairs under the stairs. Basket with gardening hand tools. **On the shelves** : household cleansers, clean rags, extra toiletries and medicines. **By the door** : fire extinguisher. By the fridge: small broom and dustpan, trays, bags for shopping (one freezer bag). The table pulls out to be a bit bigger.

BIG RAISED TERRACE

One big round table and one long against the wall. Various chairs and cushions, some in a FNAC bag in the kitchen. The big armchair can be adjusted and has a side plaque to open for glasses. There should be also wasp traps, some portable solar lamps, ashtrays, baskets for picnics on the grass.

Two lighting systems : to sit on the terrace, use the light switch by the kitchen door (inside). To go through the terrace to the parking lot, light it from inside the main (TV room) door and turn it off below, west side of the path, switch in the stone wall. Other path lighting is automatic.

SHARED KITCHEN

A round table can take six chairs. The long table along the wall can replace it (fold up the round one) and seat ten. Add at one end the small white garden table if necessary. The long table has drawers on both sides with some extra things like nut crackers. **Built in closets** : dry food kept in the small one by the marble table and hot plates. (Tea, rice, pasta, some cans, depends what people leave). Oil and vinegar and spices. Big built in closet to the left on entering has dishes, glasses, small appliances, clean rags, extra bags, etc. Wooden bottle holder near the door: hanging scissors, bottle opener, etc; small appliances, thermos, etc. **Hot plates : two electric (induction) two gas. Induction means only works with a pot on it already.** The gas should be open (switch lower wall). Comes from bottles under the terrace which should also be open. Otherwise ask me. Both plates covered when not in use, covers can be used for chopping boards. **Other appliances** : hanging oven, microwave, dishwasher. **Program 4** works most of the time. Use a tablet from under the sink, take off the paper and put it in the bottom of the machine (not the door). No need for salt or rinse. **Instructions for use** of all appliances under the hanging oven.

Heating : heat pump here as elsewhere (see general instructions). Telecommand on the wall by the marble table.

LIBRARY

Up a few steps from the raised terrace, over Studio 1. Details : the **fireplace** does not work because the room is now too well insulated ! Each end of the **sofa** can be used as a recliner chair, little handles on the side. Under the east window is a **bench** which opens, shawls and throws inside. The **corner cupboard** opens and folds down to make a desk. Inside, dictionaries of various kinds. The **turnstyle** contains books for identifying wild flora and fauna. See also west wall, **photo albums of insects** made by my father-in-law (some with lists of species at the end). Various **lamps** including one that attaches to a desktop computer. Main wifi assemblage here, best reception. In the double desk : paper, etc and some games. **The books are organized by theme**, see labels on most shelves. There are also collections of some **magazines** : *The Garden*, *Garden Design Journal*, *Gardens Illustrated*, *Mediterranean Garden Journal*, *Les Quatre Saisons du jardin*, *L'Art des jardins*, *Bulletin de l'Association des parcs botaniques de France*, etc.

The antique carpet : I had to remove an edge of 30 cm all around to fit it in the room. My in-laws refused this sacrilege so it sat for 40 years in the attic. I left it on the lawn for six months to clean it. But the holes are there for good.

LIVING ROOM--TV room

In this room there is : **a desk** with paper, envelopes, hand tools (middle drawer) some sewing things and some games. On top: books (many by former residents) and brochures, flyers, also a **guest book to sign**. Bookshelves in the corner hide a **TV** which can be pulled out and turned left or right (behind the curtain). Below on a small table is a DVD reader and a selection of DVDs (more on request). To use either, you need to plug in the master switch on the floor. On these bookshelves also are detective stories in English, cookbooks, some of my own books, an miscellaneous. **Corner cupboard** to the right as you enter : vacuum cleaner and other cleaning equipment. Also the electric controls (you should not need these). **South wall : two armoires**. By the door: bedding and linens, blankets . By the window: an easel, tripods, extra seasonal clothing, hammock (if not already outside), etc. Under the window : **a wicker dresser** with electrical supplies : bulbs, cords, batteries. On top: **a basket with sun hats**. Winter visitors may want to eat in this room. There is a **round table upright** against a wall (for four) and five low chairs, all a bit miniature but fit the room. Folding steps also, the better to examine **Maps of the hillside** : west, an architect's; east: an artist's.

PASSAGE WC for general use, access to the pool via outside door. Inside door opposite leads to **Studios 2 and 3** (this also accessible from the balcony outside). **Bathroom** : belongs to Studio 2 but it has the only bathtub for those who prefer this.

STUDIO 2 :

2 Single beds: one 90cm wide, underneath a pull out bed of 80cm wide. **Armchair** semi recliner (push on arms). This room could be used for children with parents next door: toys under the frige, and childrens' book bottom of shelves. Glasses hidden in a drawer. The big bathroom next door belongs to this studio and also has dishwashing equipment. **Bath** (the only one in the house) and shower.

STUDIO 3 :

The bedroom for artists and lovers ! The biggest windows and the biggest bed. It can be split into two singles also. **Shower**: easily spills over, make sure the curtain is inside. In the drain is a little sieve, we empty this between visitors but check if it is not clogged? **Two entrances** : from outdoors via the balcony or through Studio 2. The connecting door can be locked if two separate occupancies. **Light switches** by the doors: one interior, one exterior (minuterie). Automatic after that to the parking lot. Shutters here are complicated : ask to be shown ?

MIDDLE LEVEL

UNDER THE ARCH:

To your left going downhill: gardening tools, wood for stove and fireplace in Studio 5, garbage cans. To the right: storage room with a selection of big boots, 2 gas bottles for the two stoves in main kitchen and Studio 5. Deep inside is a cistern that collections rainwater from the roof.

STUDIO 4

First door on the right after the arch. **Outdoor lighting** automatic. **Indoor lighting** a bit complicated : switches left of the door are for passage to bathroom and far corner by the bed. Kitchen switch over the counter. Frige and microwave oven (accessories in a drawer). **Bed** 160cm wide, can be split in two. **Bedding** for big bed in the armoire, for singles in the metal trunk. **Mosquito net** in the armoire can be attached over the bed. **Garbage bins** under the sink (compost can be emptied in the big bin against the house, swimming pool side). In the armoire: **vacuum cleaner** (one for this whole floor). The small wooden table has a moveable top which can serve as a tray. The **armchair** is a recliner. Insect photos by Bernard Dupont (father-in-law). On the armoire: **a photo and a painting of gourdes**, made the same day by my mother and father in law. . **Bathroom**: cleaning materials and towers under the sink. Keep the shower curtain inside to avoid flooding, and if you stay a while, clean the drain. The **bathroom window** can open two ways, vertically or horizontally, depending on the position of the handle.

STUDIO 5

Entrée indépendante, 2^e porte sur la droite après la voute en venant du nord. Si on passe par la studio 4 **ATTENTION A LA PETITE MARCHE** près de la salle de bain, traître dans les deux sens. Sur les étagères : sèche-cheveux, serviettes, sacs à courses etc. Sous le rideau contre le mur de la salle de bain : balais etc pour nettoyage (aspirateur dans le Studio 4). Salle de bain, vider le filtre de la douche sous la grille si nécessaire. Cuisine équipée de **gazinière** (bouteille dans le local technique) à four et aux plaques électriques. Batterie de cuisine sous le plan de travail, paniers aussi pour les provisions. Sous l'évier, bac à ordures et batterie de cuisine. Dans les tiroirs blanc haut, serviettes de table. Matériel à thé et à café en évidence. Vaisselle sur les étagères près de la porte, vers dans le placard au dessus de l'évier. Dans la niche près de la table, on peut stocker des bouteilles. Il y a des vases à fleur et des sets de table.

Plus loin : commode à gauche, linge de maison dans le tiroir du bas. Deux **fauteuils** relaxe (rose et gris, celui-ci a une poignée sur le côté). Canapé lit de 160 de large, facile à ouvrir. On peut y laisser les draps mais pas les couvertures. Dans **l'armoire du fond** : couvertures, grande couette, moustiquaire et place pour vos affaires.

CAVE. Dortoir pouvant coucher jusqu'à 5 personnes en lits indépendants, coin cuisine, douche, WC. Belle voute. Humide parfois en hiver, merveilleux en été.

ANNEXE Salle de réunion indépendante ; coin cuisine avec microondes et plaque, mais surtout de quoi faire du thé et du café. Petit frigo. Grande table qu'on peut réduire (planches au milieu). Local du fond : rangement de chaises, table ronde, table longue pliante, etc. Grande coffre : matériel musical. Mur est : long bureau avec beaucoup de prises pour présentations. Télé. Projecteur et écran possibles.