



## Ilet Alcide

Hello! Welcome to another podcast from Anglais.re.

Here I am up in the west of Reunion Island, in an area that's called Le Maido. Le Maido is a **viewpoint** looking out over the cirque of Mafate at around 2600m altitude. It's a phenomenal viewpoint. To be more precise, I am exactly on a **footpath** which runs down from Maido to a village called Sans Souci. As you can see from the **signpost** here: 'Ilet Alcide' 'Sans Souci'. Sans Souci is that way, about an hour and a half's jog, or a couple of hours' slow walk if you're Richard!

Going up to the right is a place called Ilet Alcide. This is a place where about 60 years ago there was a **guy** who lived there, all on his own in the middle of nowhere, **perched** on the **edge** of this **cliff-face**. There was a river running through the area where he lived and he had a **makeshift** hut in which he slept. His name was Gerard Alcide Clain, and he lived there for quite some time - about fifteen years if memory serves me correctly.

In any case, this viewpoint, in fact this walk has a whole range of viewpoints, and as you walk down from Le Maido **towards** Ilet Alcide, I have to say it is for me the most beautiful and spectacular footpath the island has to offer. People don't generally take this footpath, so there's no **litter**. **Having said that**, the ONF people (the National Forestry Commission), they come down here quite regularly to **maintain** the footpath, and they do a great job. I often come up here, just with the dog who's **sniffing** something down there as I speak. And we have an hour and a half jogging around here, there's no-one to be seen. It's a great break from the crazy life of living down by the coast. We all need **to get away** from it from time to time, I know I do!

Anyway, thanks for joining us, and see you next time on Anglais.re!





Vocabulary:

viewpoint = point de vue  
footpath = sentier pedestre  
signpost = panneau d'indication  
guy = type  
perched = perché

edge = bord  
cliff-face = falaise, paroi  
makeshift = improvisé  
towards = vers  
litter = dechets

having said that = cela dit  
maintain = entretenir  
sniffing = renifler  
to get away = s'échapper