

Vidourle

The river [Vidourle](#), in the south of France, enters the Mediterranean beside the Camargue. Somewhere on that river is a strong candidate to be the *Ουινδομαγος* that Ptolemy 2,10,10 located half a degree west of Nimes.

The history of this name is set out [here](#). [IO]VI ET AUGUSTO [3] [3 VI]CINIA VITOUSURIC[is on an altar inscription of the 2nd century, found between Lunel and Marsillargues, on the river, which had forms *Vidosole* and *Vitusulus* in the 900s.. This is consistent with a compound of **wind/*wid* 'meandering river' discussed by [Prosper](#) (1998) plus a relative of [συλαω](#) 'to carry off', appropriate for "*un des fleuves les plus [dangereux](#) de France*" because of its damaging floods.

The Latin name *Viturius*, (similar to the Ligurian *Veitirii* people named in a legal [decision](#) about boundaries near Genoa, in 117 BC) is probably not directly relevant. However it may be one among several names in south-east France and north-west Italy, that are possibly also related to Latin [vieo](#) 'to twist'.