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Located on the borders of Mayenne and Orne, close to the Alpes Mancelles and at the gates of the Parc Normandie Maine, the territory of Champagne Conlinoise and Pays de Sillé welcomes you.

A weekend with friends? A family vacation? Fill up with relaxation, discoveries and new experiences in the heart of an exceptional natural territory. Come and discover the classified site of Sillé Plage, its lake and all its activities for adults and children. Let yourself be captivated by the beauty of the green landscapes of the Sillé and the Petite Charnie state forests. Discover the castles and all that History has left behind, from the charming Chapel of Verniette to the impressive Collegiate Church of Sillé. Take the time to stroll and discover these towns and villages awarded by several labels: those of the "Petites Cités de Caractère" or the "Stations Vertes". In total, there are 24 municipalities* ready to welcome you and tell you their stories.

Discover a living territory, pampered by its inhabitants: lovers of old stones, History enthusiasts or simple epicureans, for whom receiving and telling stories truly is a passion.

Less than an hour away from the famous 24 Hours of Le Mans racing circuit, the area also lives by the rhythm of its major events. Whether festive, cultural or sporting, they attract many visitors from the entire country... and even beyond! Find them in our events supplement and on our website: www.destinationcoco.com.

Where to find us:

Tourist Office - Town Center
Place de la Résistance - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume
Open all year round

Tourist Office - Seasonal Sillé Plage - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume Open from April to September

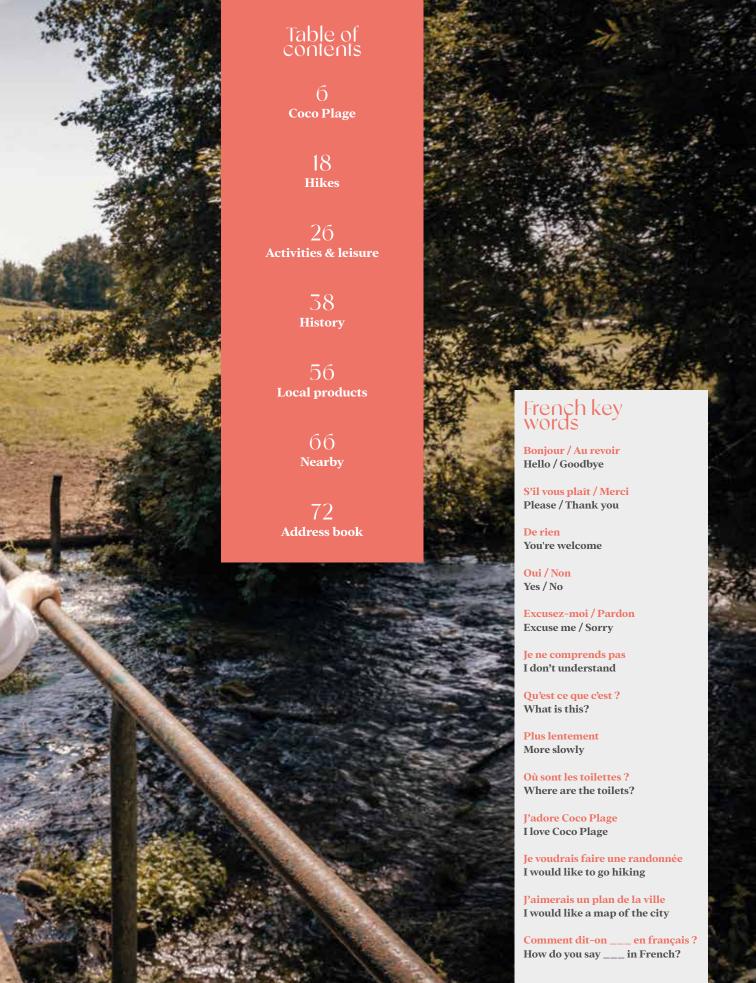
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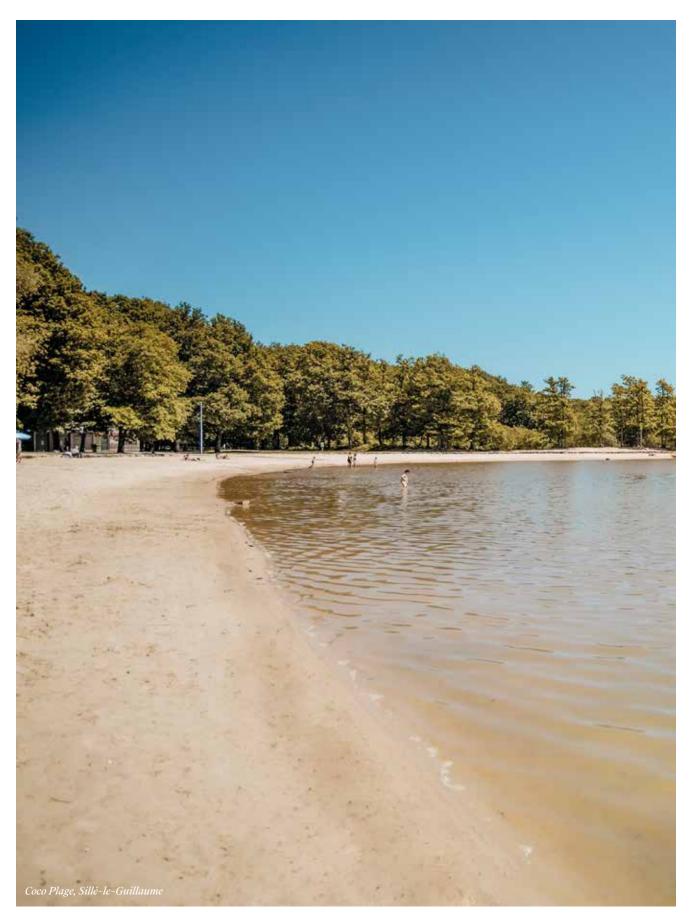
Stay informed in real time: destinationcoco.com | 02 43 20 10 32 | officedetourisme@4cps.fr

Find all the municipalities on the map of the territory at the end of this guide.

* Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne, La Chapelle-Saint-Fray, Conlie, Crissé, Cures, Degré, Domfront-en-Champagne, Le Grez, Lavardin, Mézières-sous-Lavardin, Mont-Saint-Jean, Neuvillalais, Neuvillette-en-Charnie, Parennes, Pezé-le-Robert, La Quinte, Rouessé-Vassé, Rouez, Ruillé-en-Champagne, Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé, Sainte-Sabine-sur-Longève, Saint-Symphorien, Sillé-le-Guillaume, Tennie.









Sillé Plage, better known as Coco Plage (Coco beach), is a unique place in the area. Every Sarthois and Mayennais residents know this mythical site... For many, it evokes memories of childhood and teenage years: family picnics, gatherings of friends and neighbours or even the first outings with friends.

Coco Plage is a love story between an itinerant artisan merchant Gabriel Richefeu and a preserved pond in the heart of an extraordinary forest. It is thanks to Gabriel, nicknamed "Coco", that the site of Sillé Plage knows today its fame throughout the county.

Since the beginning of the 20th century, the people of Sillé have been coming to lunch, to have fun and to relax on the shores of this magnificent 32-hectare lake. For many years, this place of conviviality has brought together people from Sarthe and from Mayenne during large popular festivals. This site, which has become mythical, now attracts many visitors from all over France... and even beyond!

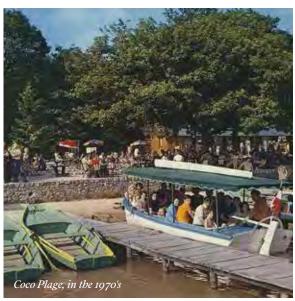


Coco Plage, a fabulous site













Coco Plage, 100 years of History

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Under the approval of the Duchess of Uzès, owner of the forest, Gabriel Richefeu set up an Adrian hut on the edge of the lake, which he took from the town's former Polish camp. He opens a guinguette there on Sundays. Success is immediate, everyone flocks to find themselves "at Coco's"!

1925

The forest is sold by the Duchess of Uzès to the State. She, who is particularly fond of Gabriel Richefeu, imposes one condition: keep the tourist facilities near the pond. Follows then the construction of beach cabins, a merrygo-round with wooden horses and water activities are developed with the help of sports associations.

• 1944

A bombing destroys all the infrastructures put in place. The Richefeu family (Gabriel Richefeu and his children) decides to rebuild everything: a café-restaurant, a games room, a souvenir shop, a tennis court and even a minigolf course.

1947

The lake of Sillé becomes a classified natural site.

1969

The site is labeled "Station Verte de vacances".

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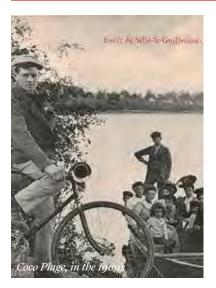
"Coco Plage" is renamed "Sillé Plage".



Why « Coco » Plage?

The name "Coco Plage" comes from its founder Gabriel Richefeu who was nicknamed "Coco". As an itinerant poultry and fish merchant, he is at the origin of the touristic development of the site. As a child, when his mother took him to the lake, she would say to him, "You see, my little Coco, whoever would set up a guinguette by the water would earn a little more money".

It is therefore thanks to this affectionate nickname "Coco" given to him by his family and entourage that the site naturally built its reputation. One went to "Coco", which later became "Coco Plage".













Coco Beach: the activities

Swimming

Get your shovels and rakes! Enjoy the beach for a family sandcastle contest and swim in the lake to refresh yourself.

Supervised swimming in July and in August, daily from 1pm to 7pm by certified lifeguards.

First aid post: 02 43 20 26 36





Le Cercle de Voile

Sailing, Paddle, Canoe Kayak, Climbing

Le Cercle de Voile of Sillé Plage offers you different activities. Come and discover water sports: from sailing (dinghies, windsurfing boards and catamarans), to canoeing or paddling! The association also offers supervised activities (from 3 people): climbing, mountain biking, orienteering and archery.

OPENING HOURS MAY VARY please contact the Cercle de Voile for more information.

Impasse de la Cale, 37 Sillé Plage 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

06 08 10 29 90 | centre-sille-sportsnature.fr | contact.cvs72@gmail.com



Les Tyroliennes de la Forêt

Tree climbing, laser game, archery game et sumo challenge

IULY & AUGUST

Every day from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Last departure at 4:30 p.m. Morning: by reservation only

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, **NOVEMBER & DECEMBER** By reservation from 12 people

Sillé Plage, 53 rte Forestière des Chalets

72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

Tree climbing from 5 € to 20 € Laser game 8 €, Archery game 12 €

Every weekend, holidays and school

APRIL, MAY, JUNE,

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Last departure at 4:30 p.m.

vacations from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

o6 70 00 01 73 | tyros72.com | contact@tyros72.com



Coco Plage Café: minigolf and bar

JULY & AUGUST
Every day from 2 p.m. to midnight

MAY, JUNE & SEPTEMBER Every weekend and holidays from 2 p.m. to midnight Allée d'Erla - Sillé Plage 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

Minigolf 4 € / pers.

o6 80 o1 20 29 | cocoplagecafe.com | cocoplagecafe@gmail.com



Pedal boats

JULY & AUGUST Monday to Friday: in the afternoon Weekends: all day long

APRIL, MAY & JUNE
Depending on the weather,
every weekend afternoon

07 70 98 08 01

Allée d'Erla - Sillé Plage 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

6 € for a 2-seater pedal boat 10 € for a 3-seater pedal boat 12 € for a 4-seater pedal boat

2 paddles et 2 canoes also available for rent



Rosalies & Poney ride

APRIL, MAY, JUNE & SEPTEMBER Every weekend and holidays, in the afternoon

JULY & AUGUST Every day, in the afternoon

06 85 40 48 65

Allée d'Erla - Sillé Plage 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

Rosalies from 12 € Poney ride from 4 €





Bars & Restaurants



Bar Coco Plage Café

JULY & AUGUST Every day from 2 p.m. to midnight

MAI, JUNE & SEPTEMBER Every weekend and holidays, from 2 p.m. to midnight

06 80 01 20 29 | cocoplagecafe.com cocoplagecafe@gmail.com



Restaurant Le Refuge du Trappeur

Traditional restaurant, pizza & crêpes

OPEN ALL YEAR ROUNDEvery day, except on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.

02 43 20 17 48



Campsites around the lake



Camping Huttopia Lac de Sillé ***

The Huttopia Lac de Sillé campsite welcomes you in the middle of the forest to experience a nature vacation with your family! Enjoy the swimming pool, the lake of Sillé and the nautical base of Sillé Plage. Relax in the heart of nature and discover the region on foot, by mountain bike or canoe, between lake and forest.

Pitch from 15 € Rental from 294€ per week

02 43 20 16 12 | huttopia.com | lac-sille@huttopia.com



Camping Seasonova de la Forêt ***

At Camping de la Forêt, with family or friends, for a holiday or a weekend, come and recharge your batteries in the heart of nature.

Pitch from 10.90 € Rental from 183.50 € per week

o2 43 20 11 04 | campingsilleplage.com | contact@vacances-seasonova.com

A few minutes away...



Camping Les Tournesols ***

Le Landereau - 72140 Le Grez

Laetitia and Remond offer you an unforgettable holiday at the Tournesols campsite, a charming small, unusual, quiet and friendly campsite with large pitches in the heart of a preserved nature, 500 meters away from the forest and 2 km away from the lake of Sillé-le-Guillaume. A warm and personalised welcome awaits you!

Pitch from 8.50 € Rental from 168 € per week

02 43 20 12 69 | campinglestournesols.com | campinglestournesols@orange.fr



Camping Ferme de la Groie

La Groie - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

The campsite of la Groie is the ideal place for motorhomes who wish to stay in a green setting, in the middle of nature, while taking advantage of the facilities offered by the site.

Rates on demand

02 43 42 89 99 | jacques.lefevre98@sfr.fr



The Lake





What you need to know





Mountain biking and hikes

From Coco Plage, you will find several hiking trails, for all levels! Discover the state forest of Sillé thanks to its marked routes.

Find all the hikes on destinationcoco.com in the hikes section or scan the QR Code.





Fishing

Fishing dates are indicated on the information boards at each pond.

- Daily fee: 6 € adult et 3 € child
- Weekly fee: 30 € adult et 15 € child
- More rates on the regulations

How to get a fishing permit?

Fishing on the Sillé ponds requires the purchase of a special card (holding a federal card is not suitable.)

Points of sale:

Sillé-le-Guillaume:

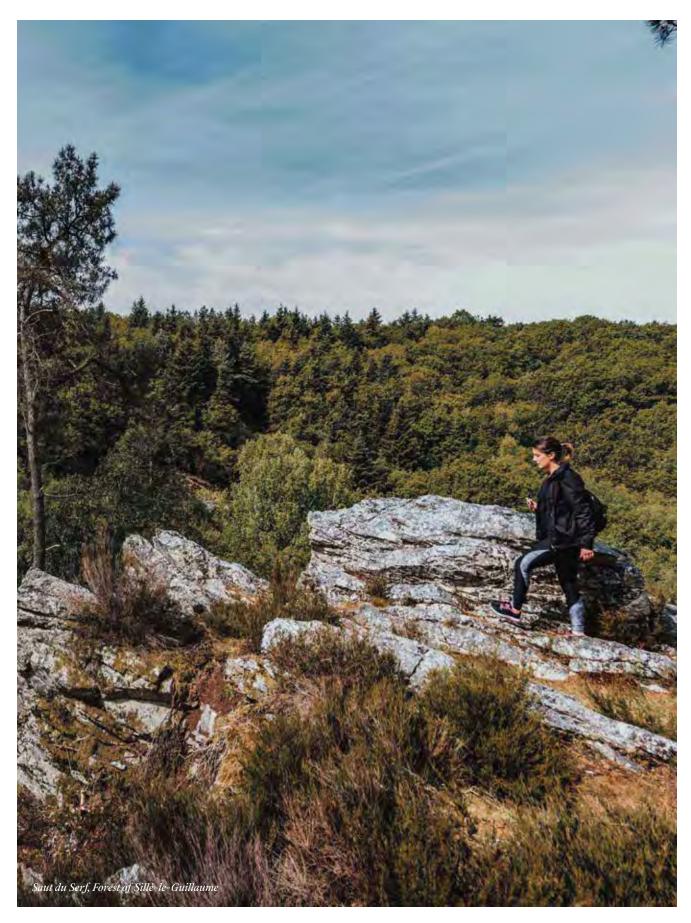
- PMU, 11 rue du Docteur Touchard
- · Maison de la Presse, 18/20 place République
- Proxi, 24 place St Etienne
- · Camping Huttopia, Sillé Plage
- · Refuge Le Trappeur, Sillé Plage

Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé:

• Super U

Find terms and regulation on: www.destinationcoco.com;

« Pêche »





Hikes

The territory of Champagne Conlinoise and Pays de Sillé offers you a green setting! Make the most of your days to discover it on foot or by bike: a wide range of hiking trails are available for you! Between plains and hilly landscapes, you will find a path at your level.

Sillé-le-Guillaume is situated on the historic Chemin Montois, which runs from Tours to Le Mans and ends at the Mont-Saint-Michel. Throughout the city you will discover old inns and all the history associated with them. Follow the route along the dedicated signposting.

For the most expert among you, take your backpack for 15 to 20 km hikes around our villages, join the GR36 linking Mont-Saint-Jean to Saint-Mars-d'Outillé or the GR365 linking Sillé-le-Guillaume to Durtal.

With your family, take a one-hour tour of the lake: on foot, by bike or in a pram. Discover the magnificent sites of Rochebrune and the Saut du Serf: they offer you the highest views of the Sillé national forest.



Forêt domaniale de Sillé, Sillé-le-Guillaume

Hiking in the forest of Sillé

The State Forest of Sillé

Perched on a long narrow hillock, in the counties of Sarthe and Mayenne, in the heart of the Regional Natural Park and the Normandie-Maine Geopark, the state forest of Sillé covers 3 376 hectares. A relic of the ancient massif that covered the Coëvrons region, the forest has undergone numerous transformations throughout history, linked to the development of human activity. Today, the stands are composed of hardwoods (mainly sessile oak, chestnut, beech) and softwoods (pine, Douglas fir, spruce, fir.)







State forest of La Petite Charnie, Saint-Symphorien

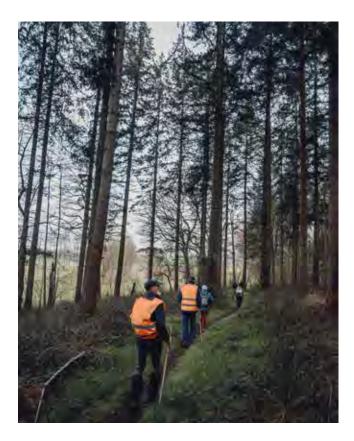
Hiking in the forest of La Petite Charnie

Covering an area of 716 hectares, this forest extends over the villages of Saint-Symphorien, Neuvilletteen-Charnie, Parennes, Tennie and Ruillé-en-Champagne. Its highest point reaches 187 meters from where one can admire the quarries of Voutré en Mayenne, the forest of Sillé and the village of Parennes.

The Chêne Moreau (the Moreau Oak) et the Camp de la Vache Noire (the Black Cow Camp)

During your hike, don't miss the "Chêne Moreau". It can be seen from the Petit Houx farm. This oak, the oldest in the forest (about 250 years old), is named after the forest ranger who, in 1928, was bought with the forest - yes, the ranger was "bought"! Indeed, prior to 1917, the forest belonged to the Cars family, owners of the Château de Sourches. When the State bought the forest, it kept its guardian. In memory of this man, the oak tree was named after him.

You can also stop in front of the Black Cow Camp. This historic site, symbolised by the Calvary, was erected in 1893 by the Cars family in memory of the Chouans.













Forest of Mézières, Mézières-sous-Lavardin

Hiking in the forest of Mézières

The forest extends over 480 hectares and in 1423 provided the bulk of the timber for the construction of Le Mans Cathedral.

This forest has many large trees such as Douglas firs, pines, oaks or chestnuts. To discover this magnificent forest, the Tourist Office invites you to take the circuit "la forêt de Mézières", a loop of about 15 km. On foot or by mountain bike, plunge into the heart of the forest where narrow paths and bumps await you!



Camping Smile & Braudières ****

Les Braudieres - 72240 Mézières-sous-Lavardin

For a weekend, for a few days, or for a week with family or friends, you will appreciate this warm and welcoming place that offers a variety of rental accommodations: mobile homes, wooden chalets, canvas lodges or canvas Bengalis. The campsite is open all year round and offers a snack bar with breakfasts.

Pitch from 16 € Rentals from 283.50 € per week

02 43 20 81 48 | campingsmileetbraudieres.com

12 hikes to discover the area





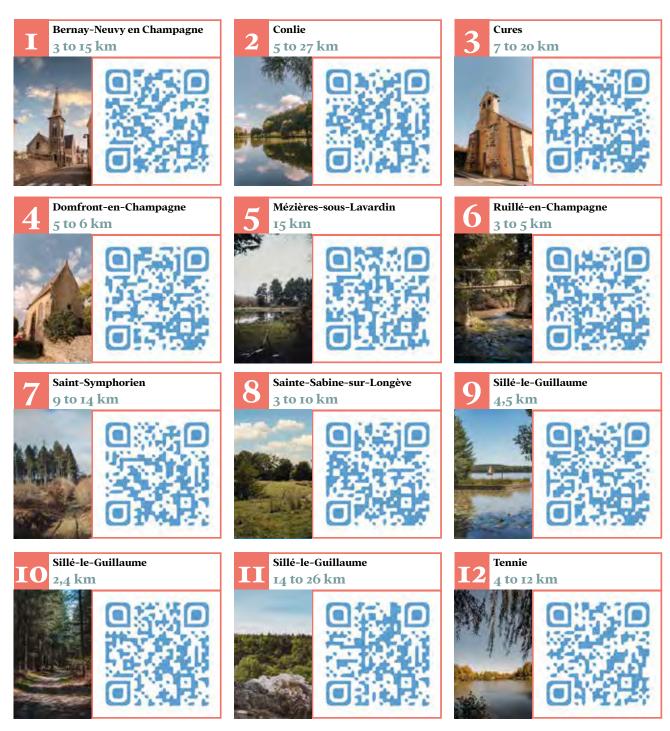
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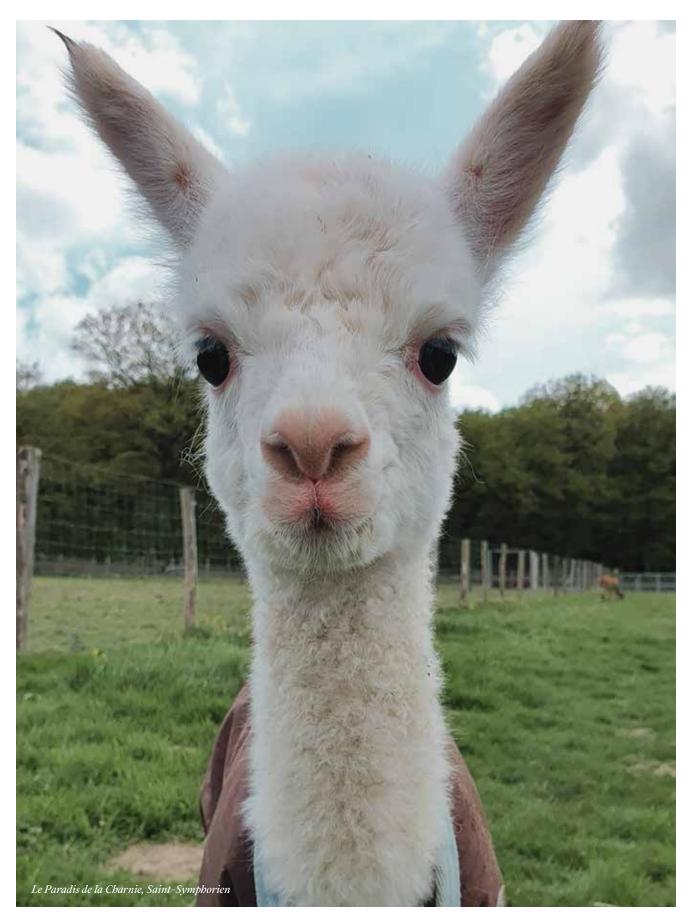
Scan the QR code to download the map!

★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ Difficult Duration: walking time

By scanning the QR code, you can access the hiking map with the details of each circuit. Distance, difficulty, altitude difference: take advantage of all the essential information to go on foot or by mountain bike, in complete tranquillity!

Find all the hikes on www.destinationcoco.com.







Activities & leisure

The Champagne Conlinoise and Pays de Sillé area is the ideal place to live new experiences... During the holidays or a weekend, discover many unusual activities for young and old. Take advantage of the water sports at Coco Plage, with its pedal boats, paddles or canoes... Discover the forests in a different way, thanks to the tree climbing park or the cani-rando. Don't miss all the leisure areas with their modern and complete equipment; the one in Tennie, for example, brings together various activities such as a miniature golf or a swimming pool! Meet the animals by visiting the GroinGroin Refuge or the Paradis de la Charnie: magnificent places in the heart of the countryside, close to the animals.

Make your day an emotional one and create wonderful memories with your friends or family. Share your experiences using the hashtag #destinationcoco on our social networks!



Cani-kart & Cani-Rando

Sled Dog Ride : Sensations & emotions guaranteed!

Sled dogs in Sarthe? It is the challenge taken up by Benjamin Thomelin, a musher. This passionate and professional musher welcomes you all year round in the State forest of La Petite Charnie, to help you discover the world of sled dogs with recreational activities such as cani-kart and cani-rando. An immersion in nature, a great complicity with your dog, a sportive walk, an unusual experience: a breath of fresh air full of emotions!

The activities are open to the general public: sport lovers, families, summer camps, groups.



Information

Forêt de la Petite Charnie - 72240 Saint-Symphorien

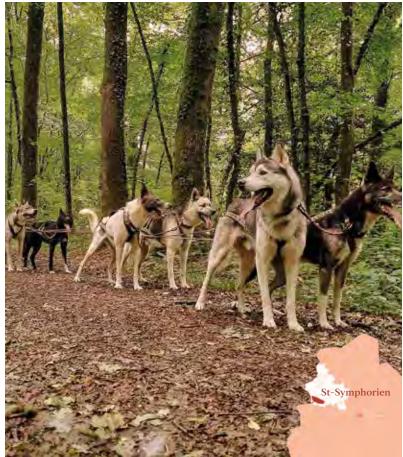
Cani-kart: from two people minimum (two adults or one adult and one child) to four people maximum. from 45 € per adult and 35 € per child -12 years old

Cani-rando: from 27 € per adult and 17 € per child

06 09 96 54 17 | sleddogride.fr | contact@sleddogride.fr









Le Paradis de la Charnie : the alpaca farm



The love of alpacas

It was during a trip to the Alps that Géraldine Caplain fell under the spell of the alpaca: it was love at first sight! This animal, both curious and shy at the same time, arouses its attachment. In 2008, she acquired her first alpacas and undertook a professional retraining programme, and today she has almost 30 alpacas. Originally from South America, alpacas have only been present in France very recently. This little cousin of the llama is playful and likes to exercise. Although a little fearful, alpacas are endearing and curious. They will gladly approach you and allow themselves to be petted.

The discovery farm

The paradise of La Charnie is not only about alpacas! In 2015, Géraldine set up her discovery farm at the gates of the Petite



Charnie forest. This farm is dedicated to the production of alpaca wool, but not only! You will also discover the angora goats and their mohair. In addition to this, multiple animal species await you: horses, donkeys, Kune Kune pigs, chickens, ducks, dogs, rabbits...

Wool processing

Every year, the alpacas get naked! For their own good and for wool production, alpacas are shorn in the spring. Their breeder collects between 3 and 4 kg of wool per animal. This wool is separated into three qualities. The full amount is used!

Meet Géraldine, a gentle and passionate breeder, who shares with you her love of animals and nature. Visit the alpaca farm and experience the beauty of these curious animals, in a preserved natural setting, near the Forest of Petite Charnie, in Saint-Symphorien.

Information

Le Patisseau - 72240 Saint-Symphorien

Entrance fee: 8 € (-3 years old: free) Group from 10 people: 7 €

o6 o9 53 35 42 | paradischarnie.com contact@paradischarnie.com



Le Grez & Mont-Saint-Jean

The equestrian centres



Equestrian centre of La Châtaigneraie

- · Poneys and horses
- · For adults and children
- · Indoor riding arena: lessons sheltered from the bad weather
- · Direct access to the forest of Sillé-le-Guillaume
- Lessons, walks and courses
- Horse boarding
- · Horseback riding and competitions
- FFE Exams



Information

Les Châtaigniers - 72140 Le Grez

Rates on demand

02 43 20 88 80 | cec.ffe.com

Equestrian centre of Mont-Saint-Jean

- Initiation (from 2 years old) and improvement: dressage and obstacles with exams
- Preparing and competing in an obstacle course
- Introduction to equestrian activities: acrobatics, horseball, driving, pony games, bareback riding, work on foot and hippology.
- Riding courses during school holidays (initiation and improvement) for half a day or a week (exams possible)
- · Private lessons
- · Walk in hand for children from 10 years of age
- · Reception of groups (schools, leisure centres or others)
- · Birthday parties



Infos & tarifs

Haras de La Petite Boëlle - 72140 Mont-saint-Jean

Rates on demand

o6 15 34 90 87 | centre-equestre-mont-saint-jean.ffe.com





The Labymaïs



A friendly leisure site

Treat yourself to a moment of fun and relaxation with friends or family! Various activities are available on this exceptional 35 000 m2 site:

- The maze: Take up the challenge and try to find your way out of the labyrinth through puzzles!
- The foot-Minigolf: discover the original mix of football and minigolf on a course strewn with obstacles.
- The mini-farm: horses, hens, pigs, ducks, donkeys and goats... Get as close as possible to the farm animals in flesh and hair (and feathers)!
- The relaxation area: allow yourself a break over a drink in the middle of nature while the children play next door.





Information

Beau Chêne - 72140 Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé

FROM 14TH JULY TO 1ST SEPTEMBER

Every day from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Morning entry, by telephone reservation only.

SEPTEMBER

Every weekend from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

• Per activity: adult 6 € - child 5 €

o6 74 93 68 03 | lelabymais.com



The recreational park of Tennie







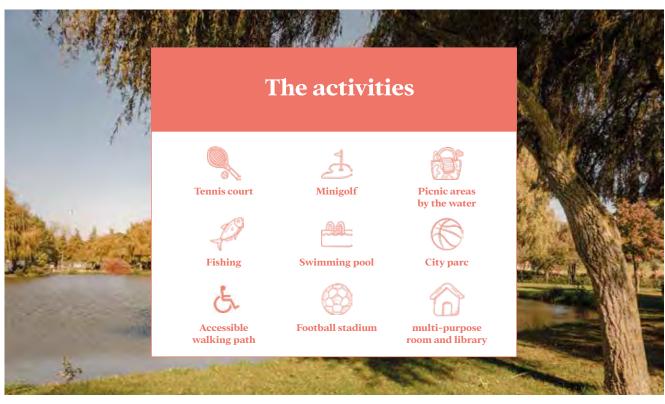


Tennie welcomes you in a wonderful natural setting

Tennie's leisure base is open all year round. Numerous activities await you! Enjoy a peaceful and family atmosphere in the heart of the Sarthois bocage....

Only 30 minutes away from Le Mans and Coco Plage in Sillé-le-Guillaume, Tennie is the ideal village to spend the day with family or friends!







Camping de la Vègre ***

Rue du Camping - 72240 Tennie

In the heart of the Sarthois bocage, relax on the banks of the river Vègre, walk along our themed and forest paths or discover our heritage... in a friendly atmosphere. The campsite is open all year round

Pitch from 5.50 € Rentals from 277 € per week

02 43 20 59 44 | camping-tennie.com | contact@camping-tennie.com





Restaurant Hotel L'Auberge du Petit Pont ***

25 Rue Mme Andrée le Grou - 72240 Tennie

02 43 20 82 32 aubergelepetitpont.com



Cinema

Rue Andrée le Grou - 72240 Tennie

Find the programme directly by scanning the QR code.

From 5.50 € per adult 4 € per child

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Neuvillette-en-Charnie

Le Refuge GroinGroin





A paradise for animals!

In the heart of Champagne Conlinoise, there is a little paradise for furry and feathered animals! The association GroinGroin was founded in Neuvillette-en-Charnie in 2005 by a veterinarian and a pig enthusiast. Their mission: to save and welcome so-called "farm animals" through rescue actions. GroinGroin is also committed to fighting misinformation about pigs and developing public empathy. From March to October, the refuge opens its doors to the public during the "Happig days": the opportunity to meet the animals and to understand their sensitivity, their emotions...



Open doors... to open your mind!

GroinGroin's initial mission soon evolved towards the rehabilitation of pigs for the general public. Discovering that this animal can be as close to Man as a dog, invites us to question our ambivalent relationship with animals: why do some have the right to the sofa in the living room, while others would only be good for filling our fridges? Thus, this questioning led the members of the team to green their plates and to encourage everyone to adopt a way of life that respects animals. To find out more, visit the GroinGroin website and discover the many stories of animal rescues, how to meet them and why not... sponsor them?



Meet the animals

Les Durandières - 72140 Neuvillette-En-Charnie

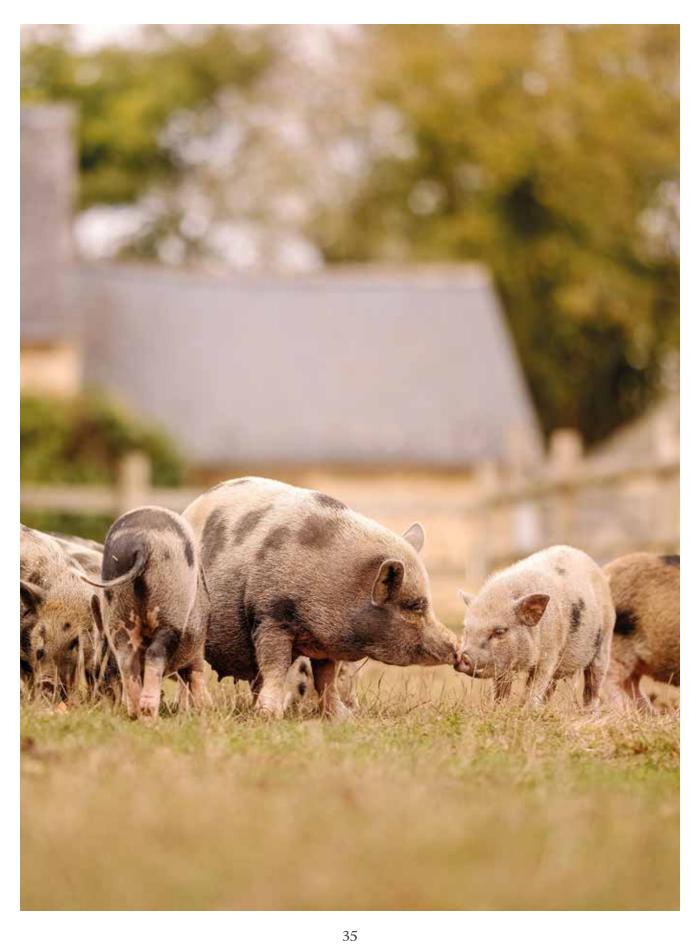
The GroinGroin Refuge offers tours from March to October. Discover the Happig Days. Find the programme by scanning the QR code or on groingroin.org/happig-days.

Free donation From 3 years old Prior registration necessary

o6 37 12 61 16 | groingroin.org sensibilisation@groingroin.org









The pond of Conlie





Camping La Gironde **

Allée du Plan d'Eau - 72240 Conlie

The Camping de la Gironde welcomes you to Conlie in the heart of the Champagne Conlinoise. Nearby, you will find a lake for fishing, games for children as well as bicross, basketball and petanque courts.

Pitch from 4 € Rentals from 210 € per week

o6 33 58 20 33 | conlie.fr | mairie@conlie.fr

The other activities



The activities at Coco Plage

Pedal boats, minigolf or tree climbing.. Find all the activities of Coco Plage at the beginning of the magazine!

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Fishing

Several fishermen's associations control the practice of fishing on various private estates, in particular on the Vègre, the Orthe, the Jouteau, the Longuève, the Guêpe, the Toussent...

For more information and to find out about the associations, go to www.peche72.fr



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Multi-sports field, children's playground, table tennis, petanque and tennis courts...

Conlie

Multi-sports field, children's playground, petanque court...

Saint-Symphorien

Tennis court

Degré

Multi-sports field



Cinema of Sillé-le-Guillaume

Salle Léon Besnardeau - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

Find the programme directly by scanning the QR code.

Single rate 4,50 €

02 43 20 80 17 sille-le-guillaume.fr







The Champagne Conlinoise and Pays de Sillé area is a land of history that has left behind a remarkable heritage and attracts many visitors every year.

Discover the superb Château de Sillé through an intense summer programme: treasure hunts, costumed visits, medieval workshops, etc... Don't miss the sublime Château de Sourches, this incredibly well-preserved architectural jewel which organises the annual Conservatoire de la Pivoine (the Peony Conservatory), a unique event in the world.

Take the time to discover some particularly rich museums: the World War II museum in Conlie has a unique and very impressive collection. Discover the School of the Past, an immersive experience in the shoes of a 19th century pupil in the village of Le Grez.

Discover the listed chapels and churches, some of which are accessible on foot or by bike. Let yourself be overwhelmed by the beauty of the historical heritage of the Champagne Conlinoise and the Pays de Sillé.



The Castle of Sillé



Visit the medieval castle of Sillé

Place des Minimes - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

JULY & AUGUST

Every day

Wednesday to Sunday
from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
and from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday to Sunday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Adult: $4 \in$ (open tour), $6 \in$ (guided tour upon reservation) Child from 5 to 12 years old: $2 \in$ (open tour), $4 \in$ (guided tour) Child under 5 years old: free

The programme

Treasure hunts, visits in costume, medieval workshops... many activities await the children!

Find all the animations on the website or by scanning the QR Code.







The exhibitions

Every month, the castle of Sillé welcomes painters, sculptors... This is an opportunity to discover incredible artists!

Find the programme on the website or by scanning the QR code.



■11th century

Construction of the castle by Guillaume de Sillé, who gave his name to the town.

The English troops of Lord of Arundel lay siege to the castle of Sillé-le-Guillaume.

F1463

Bertrand de Beauvau buys the castle. Three years later, he gave it to his son, Antoine de Beauvau.

■ 1466
Construction of a new castle with the stones of the old one to adapt it to the artillery: the attack must be carried out while developing the defence.

■ 17th - 18th century The House of Bourbon becomes the owner of

the castle.

=1804

Napoleon Ist gave the property of the castle to the town, which turned it into a public school. The castle was used as a secondary school, then as a high school until 1971.

1889

The castle is classified as a Historic Monument.

A fire causes extensive damage to the castle. Restorations were undertaken in the mid-1020S.



1000 years of history

Push open the doors of the castle-fortress of Sillé-le-Guillaume, rich of I ooo years of history. Wars were part of its daily life and it became one of the strongholds of the Hundred Years' War where French and English fought over its possession. The castle has known several lives. From 1804 to 1971, this historic landmark was transformed into a school and then a high school.

From April to September, the castle comes alive with exhibitions and events organised by the town's heritage department and the Sillé Culture association. You will be surprised by the rich past of this historical monument, listed in 1889.





Arsène Marie Lefeuvre

During your visit, you can go up the remarkable Beauvau Tower, which commands the fortifications and dominates the town of Sillé-le-Guillaume. Don't miss the exhibition installed in the Pressigny tower dedicated to Arsène Marie Lefeuvre, painter-decorator native of Sillé-le- Guillaume, creator of the effigy of the Baby Cadum.











Centuries of History

A former stronghold located on the borders of Maine, Brittany and Normandy, Sillé-le-Guillaume was built around the life of its castle and its collegiate church. From the castle town to the industrial and commercial city, Sillé-le-Guillaume is also appreciated for its natural setting and its famous site of Coco Plage.

Sillé-le-Guillaume owes its origins to two characters. The first one, Gallo-Roman, Silius, built on the sides of the hill an estate on the ancient road from Le Mans to Jublains. The second, Guillaume, was the first baron of Sillé, charged by the Count of Maine to defend this territory. In the 11th century, he built a castle, the scene of many battles. Heavily damaged during the Hundred Years' War, the fortress, a fine example of the military architecture of that period, was rebuilt in the 15th century. In the 13th century, a chapter of canons was created and the collegiate church was built above the seigniorial chapel. A canonical district was thus founded. The city was then separated in two by the stream, the "Ruban", with on one side the castle and the collegiate church, and on the other side the town built around the church of Saint-Etienne, which was destroyed during the French Revolution (1789).

Thanks to the passage of numerous pilgrims in the 12th century, a commercial and artisanal district appeared, made up of weavers, blacksmiths and innkeepers. From this period, the town kept a strong commercial activity, until it became in the 18th century one of the most commercial towns of the Haut-Maine. The town produced stamen and hemp and linen cloths. Its tanneries were very famous. Its fairs and markets very busy. In the 19th century, Sillé underwent a new urban development that affirmed the town's commercial reputation: a train station, roads, hotels, department stores, shops, middle-class houses...











Source: petitescitesdecaractere.com





The Collegiate Church of Sillé









Centuries of History

The church of Notre Dame de l'Assomption, a former collegiate church and castle chapel, is a fascinating place of Art and History.

This church was built in two stages. In the 12th century, a Romanesque chapel was built. It is accessed through the south transept gate. Today this chapel, known as the crypt, is reputed to be the largest in the west of France.

100 years later, a collegiate church was built: it is the entire visible part today. It can be reached via the stairs. It is adorned with an exceptional Gothic portal around which was carved a magnificent tympanum representing the Last Judgement.

Inside the church, the canons' stalls made of carved wood from the 16th century surround the altar. When you look up, a magnificent ensemble of 19th and 20th century stained glass windows illuminate the church. Among these stained glass windows is a glass roof telling the story of Jeanne-Marie de Maillé, Baroness of Sillé. You will also see several wood, stone and terracotta sculptures as well as classified and listed paintings.

Free access Open all year round

Rue du Doyenné 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume



The Château of Sourches



An architectural jewel

Located 25 km west of the city of Le Mans, the Château of Sourches is a masterpiece of neo-classical architecture as well as a landmark in French History. In the middle of its park designed by Jules-Hardouin Mansart, stands the noble building designed by Gabriel for the Marquis of Sourches. It is one of the few great castles perfectly preserved in its original state. The castle is built on an eminence, in the centre of the great perspective of the park and preceded by a vast courtyard of honour surrounded by a dry moat.

The Peony Conservatory

The Peony Conservatory gathers 3021 peony plants perfectly indexed. A unique conservatory in the world where only one family, the Paeoniaceae, cohabits. Shrubs, herbaceous plants, intersectional hybrids and botanical species prosper harmoniously. The aim of the Peony Conservatory of Sourches is the preservation and research of ancient or modern species and varieties. It is also a behavioral observatory of this divine flower. Calculated implantations of botanical species, orchestrated rapprochements of certain varieties will certainly offer us, in a few years, natural hybridizations or other mutations. While waiting for these small miracles of the nature, the search for new varieties continues.



Visit the Conservatory

Sourches - 72240 Saint-Symphorien

FROM 1ST MAY TO 5TH JUNE

Depending of the weather, every day (except from Wednesdays) from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Visit: 2h30

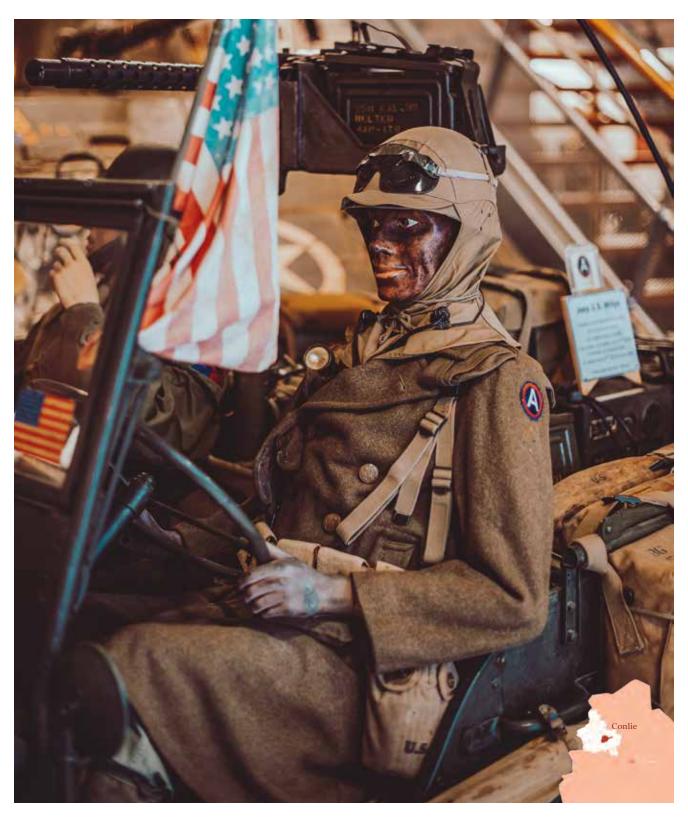
Individual tours 8 €

Guided tours for groups from 12 people 15 \in (reservation required)





The World War II Museum









A unique collection

Created in the 1960's, the Roger Bellon World War II Museum has been located in Conlie since 2001.

A big part of the 20th century history. Roger Bellon, creator of the eponymous museum, will tell you the history of his collection with an unequalled passion. This human-sized museum is, on this theme, unique in Sarthe.

It offers an extraordinary collection that Roger Bellon has constantly enriched over the years. Mannequins in uniforms, weapons and military vehicles, objects of everyday life coexists with sculptures, wood carvings, military scenes or portraits of famous men from this conflict. These thousands of exhibits are all authentic.

Visit the museum

Le Camp - 72240 Conlie

APRIL TO SEPTEMBER

From Wednesday to Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Full price 6 € | 12 - 16 years old 1.50 € | - de 12 years old Free Students / Groups 4.50 €

02 43 29 39 49 | conlie.fr

The History of the Camp of Conlie

The defeat of the French army by the Prussians in September 1870 led the new Republican government to create troops to fight back. The Conlie camp was the first of the 11 defense and training camps created in France.

An initiative of General de Keratry, it mainly gathered mobilized men from Brittany. It was set up on October 1870, on the mound of La Jaunelière, and could accommodate 50 000 men. Levelled before the installation, the trampling of the men and the rain transformed the camp into a quagmire, nicknamed "Kerfank", the "city of mud" in Breton.

With the first snows, epidemics appeared. The weapons promised by Gambetta, surplus of the American Civil War, will not arrive. Under-equipped, poorly trained and unmotivated, in December, faced with this fiasco, some of the troops were repatriated or evacuated to the forest of Sillé.

On January 12th, 1871, 12 000 soldiers finally fought and fell with the army of the Loire at Le Mans. This defeat is unjustly attributed to them. On January 14th, the Prussians destroyed the camp and the last soldiers went back home. The army of Brittany was officially dissolved on March 7th, 1871.





Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne, Rouez, Ruillé-en-Champagne, St-Symphorien et Tennie

The Green Station of the Petite Charnie



Labelled "Station Verte" for more than 30 years, this pretty green area brings together 5 villages: Rouez, Ruillé-en-Champagne, Saint-Symphorien, Tennie and Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne.

During your stay, you will appreciate the calm, the remarkable landscapes and the built heritage. You can also enjoy a multitude of nature activities and local handicrafts.

A very rich nature

The entire Petite Charnie State Forest is listed as a Natural Zone of Ecological, Floristic and Faunistic Interest. It has a very varied flora and a very rich fauna, especially in ornithology.

Composed mainly of deciduous trees, there are noble species such as oak, hornbeam, beech, aspen, chestnut... mixed with various softwoods such as Douglas, Nordmann fir or maritime pine.

A fisherman's paradise

Fishing is one of the most frequent activities in the area. Municipal lakes and fishing sites welcome you all year round to share a pleasant moment with family or friends.

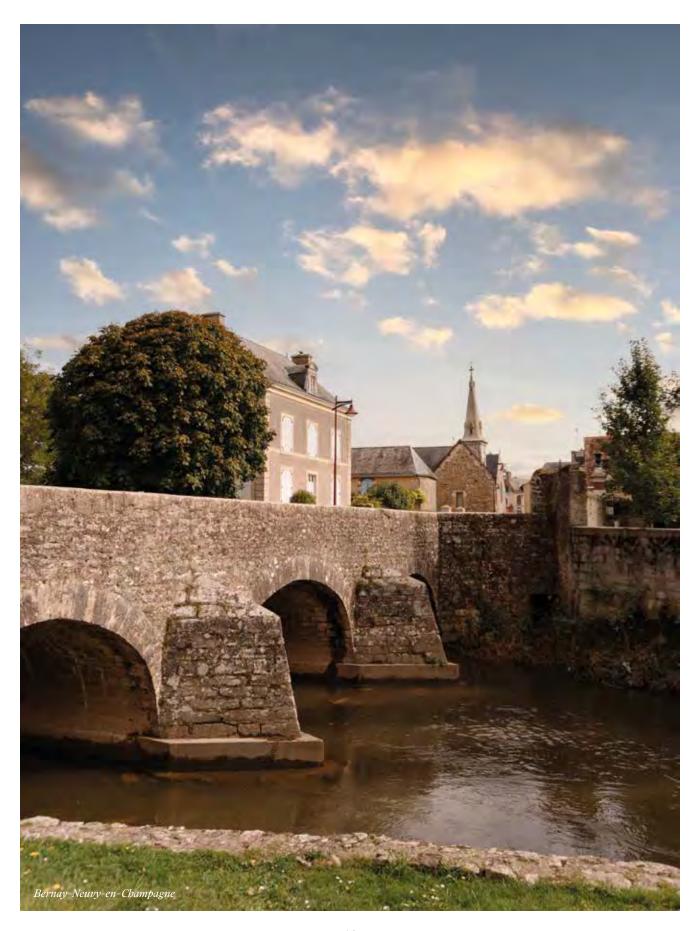
What does it mean, to be labelled as a Green Station?

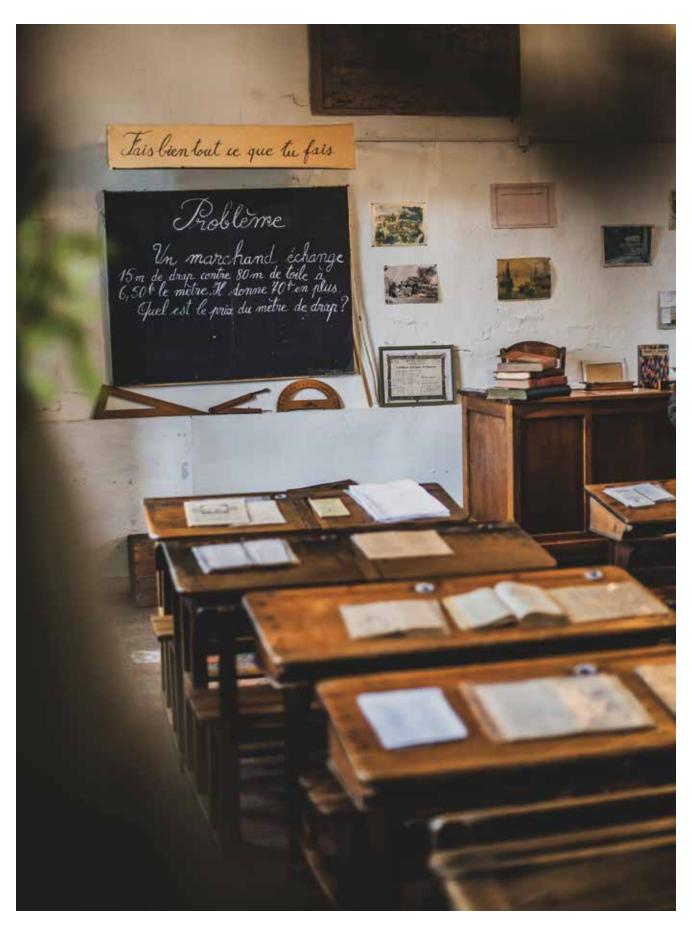
- To share a common vision of tourism that is both authentic and respectful of local characteristics;
- \bullet To develop sustainable initiatives in favour of a respected and preserved nature ;
- · To propose a complete range of activities related to

natural, cultural or historical heritage;

- To engage in local tourism that is both humane and respectful of the territory;
- · To enhance the natural attractions of the area.









The School of the Past









Visit the school-museum

Place de la Mairie - 72140 Le Grez

MARCH TO OCTOBER Reservation only

Free

02 43 20 00 85

(Do not hesitate to leave a message in case of unavailability) legrez-ecole-nature-histoire@laposte.net



1866

Opening of a mixed public school, under the reign of Napoleon III. It was subject to the Jules Ferry laws of 1882 and the separation of Church and State in 1905. Two teachers, Emilie Launay from 1923 to 1942 and Marie-Louise Thureau from 1942 to 1977, have particularly marked the life of the school.

1983
Due to a lack of students, the school of Le Grez closes and the few students leave for the schools of Sillé-le-Guillaume.

1998

On the occasion of an agricultural show, former students present the school as they knew it and open it to visitors.

2013

The association "Le Grez: School, Nature and History" is created. It organizes commented visits and animations every year.

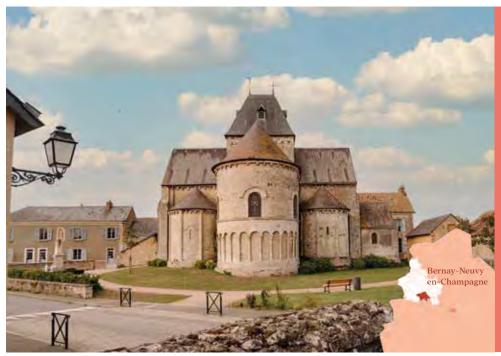
The school-museum

Travel back in time and immerse yourself in the life of a student... from the 19th century! Situated in the village of Le Grez, in the heart of the Silléen bocage, on the edge of the forest, this charming old school is a treasure trove of memories for some, a nice discovery for others.

What was being taught at school in 1905? What has the Jules Ferry Act changed? What did the teaching material looked like? Come and discover it during a friendly visit, rich in anecdotes!

Annie Nicolaÿ and the volunteers of the association, tell us with passion the history of the school. The former pupil of the school of Le Grez, who followed the path of teaching, makes us discover a rich collection of period objects.

Off the beaten path



Saint-Laurent Church

Built in the 12th century, the church dedicated to Saint Laurent, martyr who died on the grill, was built by Saint Thuribe. The Latin cross plan, with a projecting transept and a square tower at the crossing, is characteristic of the Romanesque period. The detail of the chevet of the church is exceptional: it rests on capitals, decorated with heads or geometrical designs, placed on fine columns. Over the centuries, the church undergone several architectural restorations.



Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé Church

The church of Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé was probably built on the ruins of a temple dating back to Roman Antiquity, as evidenced by the Roman-inspired fern-leafed walls. In 1133 a priory was founded and entrusted to the monks of the Abbey of Couture in Le Mans. During the Revolution, a part of the church was used as a town hall and a sacristy extended the left chapel.



Notre-Dame de l'Habit Chapel

Domfront-en-Champagne was one of the most important priories of the Augustinian abbey founded in 1070 at Beaulieu near Le Mans. The chapel of Notre-Dame de l'Habit was a dependency of this priory. It stands next to a private manor house that served as the residence of the prior of Domfront-en-Champagne. The chapel has become the property of the commune and is listed in the supplementary inventory of historical monuments.

The inscription of the bell hanging from the gable dates from 1689. Inside the building, there is still a stoup and decorations from the beginning of the Renaissance.

Saint-Symphorien Church

The present church replaces a first sanctuary destroyed in a fire. Apart from the religious furnishings, only an eleventh-century round arch in the sacristy on the north side recalls the former church of Saint-Symphorien. A description has been preserved, revealing the overall physiognomy of the primitive building, composed of a nave ending in a culde-four choir and two 16th century transept arms.



Ruillé-en Champagne

The Roche Couasnon Chapel

Mr. Hulot unveils the Chapelle de la Roche Couasnon, a marvelous 16th century building. A magnificent place, full of history! Almost 45 years of renovation were necessary for the superb chapel to get a new lease on life. Immerse yourself in the heart of the countryside, near the Vègre river. Come and admire a fabulous place and let yourself be carried away by the stories and unusual anecdotes of the owner.



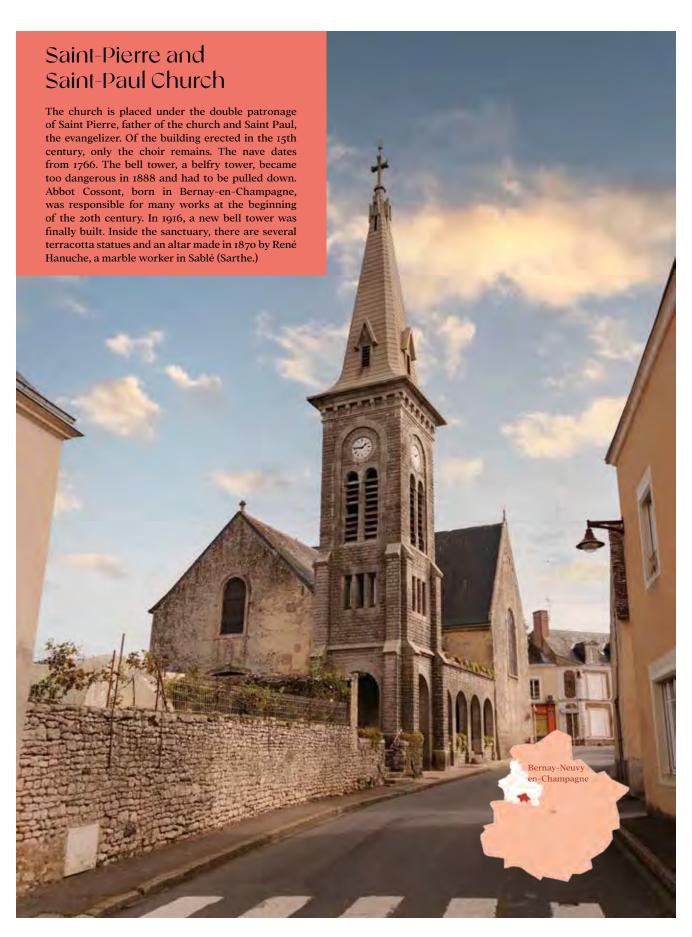
Saint-Martin Church

Probably dating from the end of the Middle Ages, the church of Degré is dedicated to Saint Martin, the son of a Roman officer who joined the imperial cavalry at the age of fifteen and was famous for sharing his clothes with a poor man and for the heavenly vision that converted him to Christianity. Appointed bishop of Tours in 372, Saint Martin is considered the evangelizer of Western France.



Saint-Mamert Church

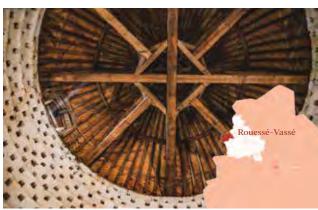
The church of Saint-Mamert was probably built during the 14th century and was attached to the manor of Aîtres, located on the hill called "de la Chapelle". Saint Mamert, archbishop of Vienne (Isère) from 461 to 475, is the instigator of the rogations, that is to say the three days of public supplications preceding the feast of the Ascension.





The Verniette Chapel

The hamlet of Verniette is located at the crossing of two ancient roads: the road from Conlie to the Gallo-Roman relay of Asnière and the Roman road linking Sillé-le-Guillaume to Neuvy-en-Champagne. In the middle of the garden, the old parish church has preserved its Romanesque portal. There are frescoes from the 13th century and a very beautiful altarpiece classified as a historical monument in 1946 for its mural paintings.



The Dovecote of Rouessé-Vassé

Symbol of the power of the lords, intended to raise pigeons for their meat and droppings, the dovecote is a round tower building. It has 2000 nests for pigeons. Dive into history and visit this unusual preserved monument.



The hemp kilns and the lime kilns

Main activities of the region, the lime kilns and hemp kilns are very numerous on the territory.

Discover those of Tennie, Ruillé, Saint-Symphorien or Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne, particularly well preserved.



The washhouses

Find many perfectly preserved washhouses throughout the territory.

Discover the one of Conlie built at the beginning of the 19th century. It was renovated in 2014, for the happiness of the residents and visitors.





The local products

The territory of the Champagne Conlinoise and Pays de Sillé gathers many passionate producers and craftsmen. From the Saint-Julien oil mill, through the Atelier Jeantaine or the Jardins de Souvré, discover women and men who are passionate about their work.

Want to refresh yourself? Taste the delicious "Coco", the beer of Coco Plage! A little hungry? Treat yourself with the cookies from Atelier Jeantaine... Finally, don't forget to cover yourself with the wonderful alpaca wool accessories from the Paradis de la Charnie...

Stroll through the markets of Sillé-le-Guillaume, Conlie or Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne and discover the small grocery stores throughout the territory! Honey, cosmetics, candies, jewelry... One thing is sure, you won't leave empty-handed.



The Haflinger Valley Stud Ranch



History of the stud ranch

The Haras de la Vallée des Haflinger was founded in 1999, in the village of Degré, by Gilbert Cosnet. His son Guillaume and his daughter-in-law Stéphanie are now the managers. The breeding farm gathers about twenty broodmares (mares intended for reproduction)! "Breeding is above all a passion," explains Stéphanie. Seeing foals being born, making them grow up, then being valued by their owners: it's a real pleasure! »

The Haflinger

The Haflinger is an Austrian pony from the Tyrol region. It is easily recognisable by the colour of its coat: all are washed chestnut hair. The small size of the Haflinger, about 1.5 m, does not impress the children. Close to its owners, this pony is very affectionate. Rustic, family-friendly and versatile, it is an ideal companion for leisure and sport. It appears progressively in dressage, show jumping and traditional driving competitions.



Equalya cosmetic products

In 2003, the brand offered its first food supplements, before presenting its cosmetic products in 2006. Natural and healthy, mare's milk, unlike cow's milk, is very low in fat. It is the milk that is closest to that of the woman, which makes it very digestible. Proteins act at the levels of tonus-vitality, digestion, immune defences and skin problems. Since 2019, the ranch opens its doors for you to discover its benefits and process.

Visit the ranch

La Gourdaine - 72550 Degré

Guided tours and tasting
Open according to the summer program

contact@hvh72.com | 06 73 33 44 16

The Shop

La Gourdaine - 72550 Degré

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. equalyacosmetics.com



L'Atelier Jeantaine



L'atelier des saveurs

Created in 2005 by Sylvie and Jean-Marie Fontaine, the Jeantaine brand has become a must in the area.

Jean-Marie has been a chef for more than 30 years with a passion for tastes and flavours, and after several years in the kitchen of the Restaurant Le Bretagne in Sillé-le-Guillaume, he began to create products. Driven by their customers, the couple embarked on the adventure and today share their cuisine through succulent preparations... Jams, sweets, rillettes or terrines, l'Atelier Jeantaine offers you a wide choice of savoury or sweet products!

The Atelier Jeantaine brings together many local products from the area and beyond. In summer, find delicious Corsican rosé wine, in winter the sweet chocolates of Michel Cluizel... In addition, the shop offers very pretty cups, plates or dishes to showcase your good products. Treat yourself and let the magic of the Atelier Jeantaine succumb to you!





The shop

48 Bd des Jardiniers - 72140 Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

02 43 28 96 96 | jeantaine.fr | contact@jeantaine.fr





Les Jardins de Nicolas









From the bank office to the garden

It has been nearly 6 years since Nicolas Jardin left his career as a banker to take up organic market gardening. A passionate gardener, he embarked on the adventure in 2017 and opened his farm.

Short channels

Located in Neuvillalais, only 30 minutes from Le Mans and 15 minutes from Sillé-le-Guillaume, the farm offers organic seasonal fruits and vegetables all year round. Come directly to the farm to pick up its tasty products! Nicolas also markets specific vegetables for gourmet restaurants, such as the Auberge de Bagatelle in Le Mans, a starred

restaurant. Looking for recipe ideas? Don't hesitate to follow the Jardins de Nicolas' page on Facebook, which regularly shares delicious recipes.

The shop

2 rue de Verdun - 72240 Neuvillalais

FRIDAY

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

o6 o3 o7 94 42 lesjardins_denicolas@outlook.fr local.bio/les-jardins-de-nicolas



Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne

Les Jardins de Souvré



Laurent Hamelin grew up in the village of Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne. In 2015 his farming parents offered him to take over 10 ha of family land, in Souvré, to establish his organic fruit and vegetable production. After a few years as an employee at the Garden "Petit à Petit" in Mézières-sous-Lavardin and as a French teacher in Le Mans, Laurent devoted himself to the construction of the Jardins de Souvré which were to be created in 2016 on 1.5 hectares. The aim is to produce healthy, chemical-free food in harmony with nature in a small area. Five years later, Laurent's microfarm employs 3 employees and integrates his partner Tereza, specialised in the cultivation of aromatic plants, edible flowers and fruit.

Conviviality in the spotlight

The goal of Laurent and Tereza Hamelin is to help people consume organic and local food by distributing their products in specialised shops and restaurants in the area. Meet their friendly team at the pretty Jacobins market in Le Mans and at the farm shop.

Discover country life by staying in their guest rooms. A unique opportunity to dine around the table d'hôtes and taste their products in an exceptional setting. Meals "from the farm to the plate" are offered in the gardens on a regular basis.

The shop

Souvré-72240 Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne

FRIDAY

From 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

o6 42 90 07 22 | lesjardinsdesouvre.com lesjardinsdesouvre@gmail.com





Tout-Joly Farm



A family-run farm

A family-run farm for several centuries, it was not until 1938 that Joseph Drouin came to Rouez to work the land. The farm was already producing milk but also meat and farmyard animals. In 1975, Joseph handed the baton to one of his children, François, who took over the business and transformed the farmyard with the help of his wife Monique into a farm poultry production. It was not until 27 years later, in 2002, that their son Benoît joined them on the farm. Emilie arrived in 2010 to create the transformation workshop. Today Monique and François have retired.

In the heart of Maine, the farm has always relied on grazing and thus ensured a certain autonomy in the production of fodder for animals but also of protein through the Faba bean or Lucerne. Thus, in 2008, the Tout-Joly farm saw its efforts materialize through the transition to organic farming. Strong of these developments, it welcomes you today.



The Tout-Joly farm welcomes you on Friday from 2:30pm to 7pm. Come and discover the cow-milking and the fresh cheese concocted by Emilie. Guests can enjoy traditional Faisselle Cottage Cheese and a fresh cheese spread recipe made from chives seasoned with garlic. Not to mention raw cream and raw butter: a real treat!



The shop

Tout Joly - 72140 Rouez

FRIDAY

2:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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6 10 75 57 18 $\,\mid\,$ tout-joly.fr $\,\mid\,$ gaecdelapie@tout-joly.fr

Our selection of souvenirs



Raspberry jam
Atelier Jeantaine



Alpaga soft toy Paradis de la Charnie



Silky body milk Equalya



Chestnut tree honey
JB Bertrand



Destination Coco Plage Manuel Thiery (Éditions de l'Etrave)



Rapeseed oil
Huilerie St Julien



Les Pivoines de Sourches Conservatoire de la Pivoine - Sourches



Coco beer Coco Plage Café



Churned butter
Ferme de Tout Joly

Direct farm sales



L'Huilerie St Julien

35 route de La Lande - St Julien le Pauvre 72240 Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne

Rapeseed and sunflower oil, artisanal oleic, wholegrain & Dijon mustard and cider vinegar.

Wednesday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Friday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

o2 43 77 o3 II | jldeletre@orange.fr



Les Meules Fermières

Hameau de Verniette - 72240 Conlie

Wheat flour, spelt flour T80, bread, pork

Saturday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

02 43 20 57 02 | lesmeulesfermieres.com contact@lesmeulesfermieres.com



Le Champ Libre

Le Point du Jour - 72240 Tennie

Vegetables.

Wednesday 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Friday 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

lechamplibre@netcourrier.com



La Ferme Garreau

La Grange - 72240 Tennie

Pork, local products.

Wednesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

o6 76 21 41 17 | earlgarreau@orange.fr

Where to find local products



Au P'tit Marché Degréen

1 route du Mans - 72550 Degré

Grocery shop with local products.

From Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 4:15 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

02 43 42 69 80 | auptitmarchedegreen@orange.fr



Méz'en Vie

6 route de Beaumont - 72240 Mézières-sous-Lavardin

Café, restaurant, grocery shop with local products, rotisserie, bread store.

From Tuesday to Thursday: 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday: 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



La Savonnerie Ailes & Louis

Lieu dit la Fosse - 72380 Sainte-Sabine-sur-Longève

No physical shop, possibility to find the products at the Tourist Office at Sillé Plage.

o6 62 29 18 35 | ailesetlouis@gmail.com www.ailesetlouis.fr



Bernay-Neuvy-en Champagne

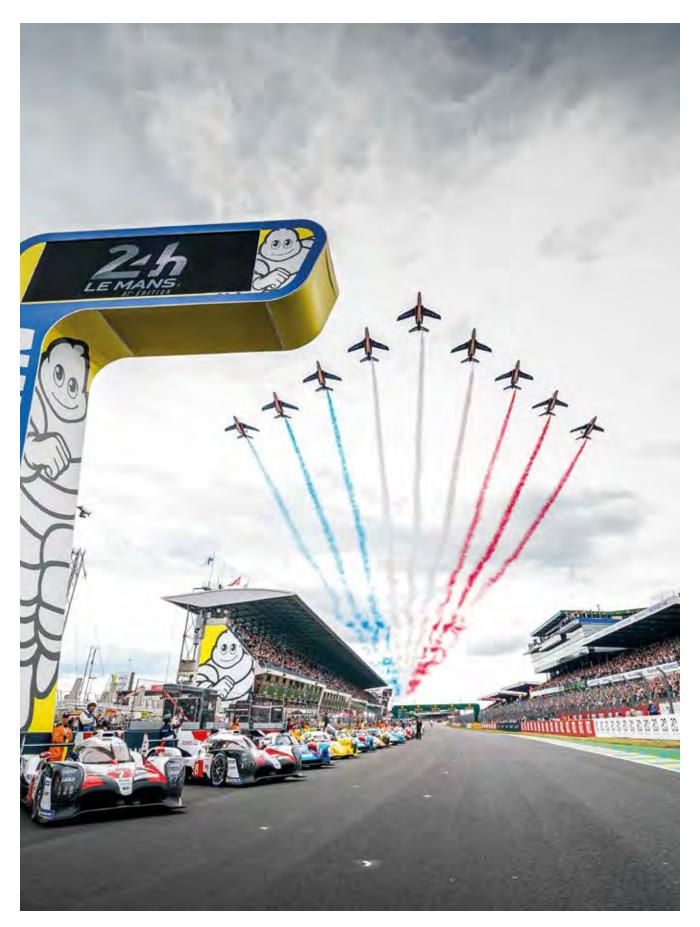
Mairie of Bernay parking lot Thursday morning: fish market Sunday morning: fruits & vegetables

Conlie

Place des Halles Thursday morning Sunday morning

Sillé-le-Guillaume

Place de la République Wednesday morning Place St-Etienne Saturday morning





Nearby

Located less than an hour from Le Mans and Laval, the Champagne Conlinoise and Pays de Sillé area is the ideal place to discover the best that Sarthe and Mayenne have to offer. Extend your stay and visit quaint villages, such as Sainte-Suzanne or Saint-Céneri! Discover the neighbouring Alpes Mancelles, which offers a multitude of hiking and nature related activities.

Of course, don't miss the famous international event: the 24 Hours of Le Mans! For a week, the city wears the colours of the famous car race and offers numerous events, parties, concerts, etc. Take the opportunity to discover the Vieux Mans, a perfectly preserved place that will take you back to the Middle Ages. Known for its rich cultural programme, the city of Le Mans will surprise you!

During winter, discover Laval's famous Christmas illuminations, an opportunity to walk through the streets of a mysterious city full of lovely surprises.







Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei

Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei, a village of 150 inhabitants, is part of the Normandy-Maine Regional Nature Park and is in the heart of the Alpes-Mancelles natural region. Saint-Céneri-le-Gérei has preserved a heritage that has earned it a place among the Most Beautiful Villages of France. Numerous leisure and relaxation activities can be practised there and recurring events mark the life of the village.

saintceneri.org









Sainte-Suzanne

Take a diversion to Mayenne and enjoy the charming medieval town of Sainte-Suzanne, listed as one of the Most Beautiful Villages of France. Visit the castle which houses the Centre d'Interprétation de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine of Mayenne. Follow the river Erve and enjoy the caves of Saulges further south. Continue on to Saulges and the Prehistory Museum.

ste-suzanne.fr coevrons-tourisme.com





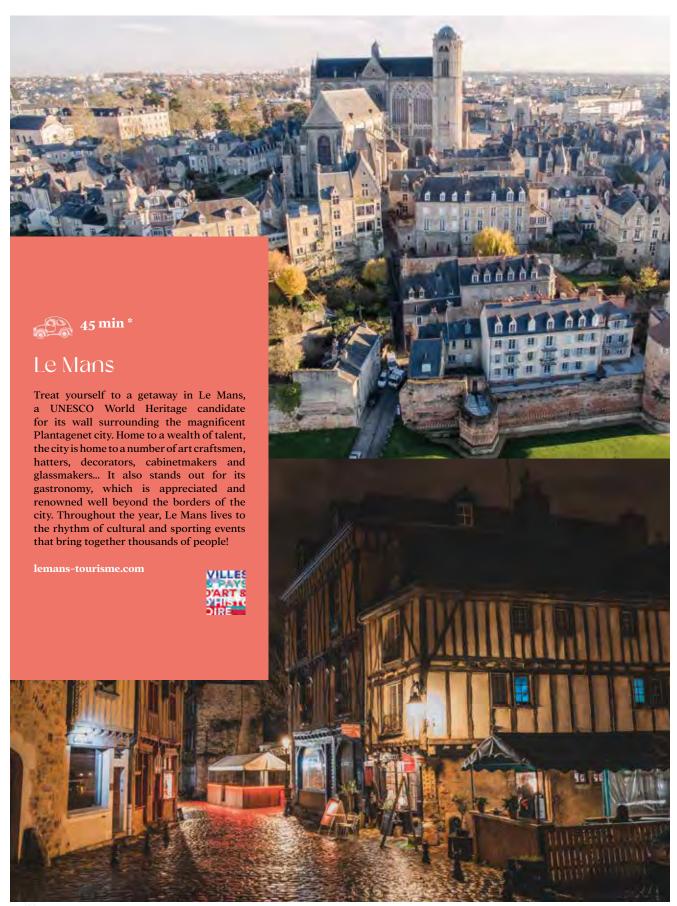


La Flèche 700

La Flèche Zoo, classified as one of the five most beautiful zoological parks in France, brings together nearly 1 500 animals of 160 different species in an 18-hectare green setting, inviting visitors to travel and escape. Sea lion and falconry shows and other activities are sure to liven up your day!

zoo-la-fleche.com









The 24H of le Mans Race

The international event of the year not to be missed: the Le Mans 24 Hours Race. Every year, it brings together more than 250 000 people! Car fans, amateurs, curious people and partygoers gather in Le Mans in an incredible atmosphere to celebrate the race. Accessible to all, the Le Mans 24 Hours race is a must! For almost a week, the heart of the city beats to the rhythm of the cars on the circuit and welcomes a very large number of tourists from all over the world.

In 2023, the Le Mans 24 Hours Race celebrated its 100th anniversary!

lemans.org





The 24H experience

Start your day with a journey through time and history with the 140 vehicles of the 24 Hours of Le Mans Museum. Complete the experience by discovering the circuit's key sites (pit lane, paddock, sports module, etc...) In the afternoon, try your hand at driving techniques in the 24H du Mans karting. On the programme: karting sessions and driving simulator for a day of fun and adrenaline.

lemans.org

Find a place to stay

Are you looking for accommodation close to the 24 Hours of Le Mans circuit? Find rental offers located only 40km from the circuit by turning the page.



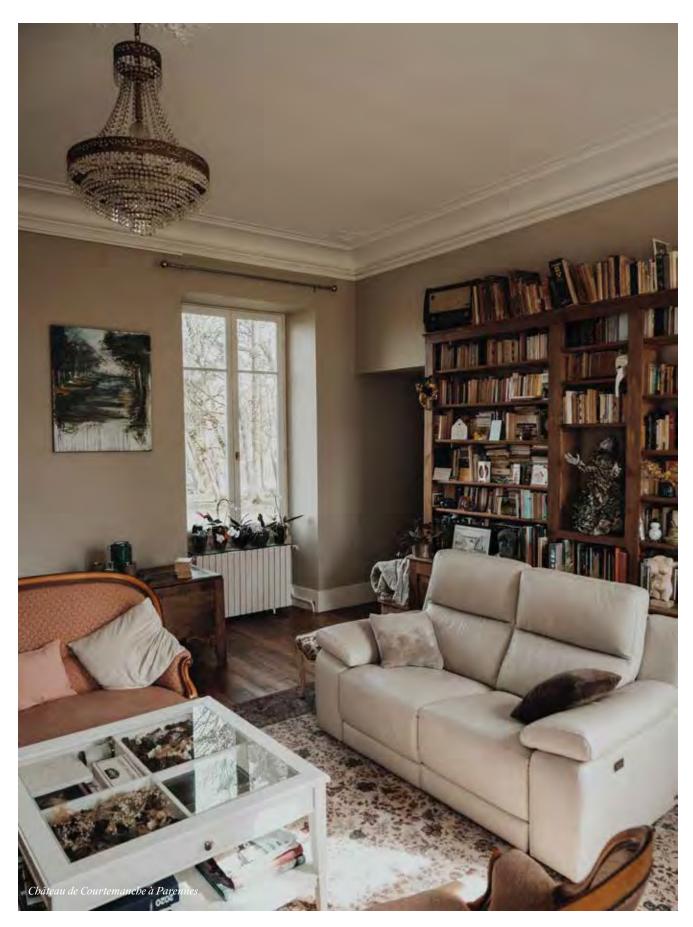


L'Abbaye de l'Épau

East of Le Mans, on the banks of the Huisne river, in the town of Yvrél'Évêque, do not miss another jewel of Sarthois heritage: the Épau Abbaye. Founded in 1229 by Queen Berangère, it is one of the finest examples of Cistercian architecture in France.

epau.sarthe.fr







Find the accommodation and restaurants in the Champagne Conlinoise and Pays de Sillé area.

Tourist tax:

A tourist tax is applied on the territory of the Champagne Conlinoise and Pays de Sillé. This is a contribution collected by your accommodation provider on behalf of the "Communauté de Communes de la Champagne Conlinoise et du Pays de Sillé" (4CPS). It is paid in full to the Tourist Office and is used for tourist activities from which you benefit directly.

Information:

For hotels and B&Bs, the rates indicated are for a double room. For tables d'hôtes, reservations are strongly recommended. Information on accommodation (capacity, rates, etc...) is non-contractual and may vary after the publication of this brochure. The Tourist Office cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions that may have occurred despite our best efforts and checks.

★ Ranking # Épis Gîtes de France [↑] Clévacances **Pool/SPA**

Campsites



Camping La Gironde **

Allée du Plan d'Eau - 72240 Conlie o6 33 58 20 33 | conlie.fr | mairie@conlie.fr

Pitch from 4 € /night

Rental from 210 €/week



Camping Les Tournesols ***

Le Landereau - 72140 Le Grez 02 43 20 12 69 | campinglestournesols.com campinglestournesols@orange.fr

Pitch 8.50 € /night

Rental 168 €/week



Camping Smile & Braudières ****

Les Braudières - 72240 Mézières-sous-Lavardin 02 43 20 81 48 | campingsmileetbraudieres.com smileetbraudieres@gmail.com

Pitch 16 € /night

Rental from 283.50 €/week



Camping de la Groie

La Groie - 72140 - Sillé-le-guillaume 02 43 42 89 99 | jacques.lefevre98@sfr.fr Rates on request



Camping Huttopia Lac de Sillé ***

512 route forestière des Molières - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume 02 43 20 16 12 | huttopia.com | lac-sille@huttopia.com

Pitch from 15 € /night

Rental from 294 €/week



Camping Seasonova de la Forêt ***

Sillé Plage - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume 02 43 20 II 04 | vacances-seasonova.com contact@vacances-seasonova.com

Pitch from 10.90 € /night

Rental from 183.50 €/week



Camping de la Vègre ***

Rue du Camping - 72240 Tennie 02 43 20 59 44 | camping-tennie.com contact@camping-tennie.com

Pitch from 5.50 € /night

Rental from 277 €/week

Camper van sites



Sillé-le-Guillaume

Place de la Gare - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

Find Eurorelais tokens at the Tourist Office or at the City Hall.

02 43 52 15 15 | 02 43 20 10 32

Ruillé-en-Champagne

Rue de Vicomté - 72240 Ruillé-en-Champagne

Free.

02 43 20 70 31

Hotel-restaurants



Le Bretagne Hotel ** 🏭

I place de la Croix d'Or - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume 02 43 20 10 10 | logishotels.com hotelrestaurantlebretagne@wanadoo.fr



Menu from



Le Petit Pont Inn ***

25 rue Andrée Le Grou - 72240 Tennie

oz 43 20 82 32 | logishotels.com | aubergelepetitpont@orange.fr

Room from 98 € /night Menu from 26 €



Ruillé-en-Champagne Inn

4 rue de la Vègre - 72240 Ruillé-en-Champagne 02 43 14 28 16 | Facebook : Auberge de Ruille en Champagne Vègre contactauberge.ruille@gmail.com Room from 59 € /night Menu from 17.90 €

Restaurants



Le Relais en Champagne

Traditional restaurant
8 rue de Neuvy - 72240 Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne | 02 43 25 66 91



A Tavola!

Italian Restaurant

22 Grande rue - 72240 Conlie 07 49 74 95 17



Tradi Pizza

Artisanal pizzas distributor 24/7 3 place des Halles - 72240 Conlie tradipizzaı@gmail.com



La Renaissance

Traditional restaurant 1 rue Houdou - 72140 Crissé 02 43 25 44 46



Le Méridien

Traditional restaurant 41 rue du Méridien - 72240 Neuvillalais 02 43 47 21 30



Comme À La Maison

Traditional restaurant

2 place de la Mairie - 72140 Rouessé-Vassé 09 84 56 30 99



Chez Nono

*Traditional restaurant*15 place de l'Eglise - 72140 Rouez
02 43 28 27 79



L'Hôtel de Paris

Traditional restaurant 17 route de Sablé - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume 02 43 20 11 38



Il Calcio

Artisanal pizzas distributor 24/7 23 rue du Coq Hard - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume 02 43 33 14 16



Le Refuge du Trappeur

Traditional restaurant / Pizzeria / Crepes Sillé Plage - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume 02 43 20 17 48



Les Grillades de Sillé

Sandwiches, burgers, tacos 10 rue du Com. Levrard - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume 02 55 46 62 27



MC Kebab

Kebabs, tacos, paninis

14 Grande rue - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume 02 44 81 94 40

Bed and Breakfast





Chambres d'hôtes de Marie

486 route de Fresnay - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume o6 82 21 53 07



Total capacity

2 people



La Demeure

50 rue de Bretagne - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume 06 43 07 76 20 | nanou.petales@hotmail.fr Room from 55 € / night Total capacity

6 people



La Groie

La Groie - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume 02 43 28 58 48 | 06 43 41 99 34 Room from 36 € / night Total capacity

10 people

Unusual accommodation



Yourte de la Cassine

La Cassine - 72140 Rouessé-Vassé 02 43 25 20 87 | gite-la-cassine.com | gitelacassine72@yahoo.fr From 75 € /night Total capacity
8 people



Tent by the pond

Les Gâtines - 72240 Cures Airbnb Price on request

Total capacity

2 people





Gîte de Souvré

Souvré, La Chapellerie - 72240 Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne 07 82 19 48 72 | lesjardinsdesouvre.com lesgitesdesouvre@gmail.com Price from 650 € /week

Total capacity

II people



Le Manoir de Nourray

Nourray - 72240 Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne 06 68 06 49 49 | lemanoirdenourray@gmail.com Price on request Total capacity
40 people



Gîte Communal de Conlie

85 rue de l'Eglise - 72240 Conlie 06 72 88 36 27 | conlie.fr | mairie@conlie.fr Price from 722 € /weekend Total capacity

19 people



Domaine de Grillemont

Domaine de Grillemont - 72140 Crissé 06 40 34 96 30 | grillemont.com | contact@grillemont.com Price on request Total capacity
42 people



Les Hauts Demeurants

Les Hauts Demeurants - 72140 Crissé o6 85 21 17 60 | surgetodette72@gmail.com Price from

330 € /week

Total capacity
5 people



L'Ormeau

L'Ormeau - 72140 Crissé 06 23 39 79 36 | gite.lormeau@gmail.com Price from

330 € /week

Total capacity

8 people



Domaine de la Boisselée

La Boisselée - 72240 Cures gites-de-france.com et Airbnb Price on request Total capacity

5 people



Gîte des Gâtines

Les Gâtines - 72240 Cures

Price on request

capacity
4 people

Total



Les Grandes Haies ****

Les Grandes Haies - 72550 Degré 02 43 27 41 06 | gitegrandeshaies.net anne-marie.guitton@laposte.net Price from

400 € /week

capacity

2 people



Les Petites Moulines

Les Petites Moulines - 72550 Degré 06 22 03 51 65 | petites-moulines.fr contact@petites-moulines.fr Price from

1500 €/weekend

Total capacity
52 people



Les Aîtres î î î

Le Bourg - 72240 La Chapelle-Saint-Fray 06 11 91 47 71 | 02 43 20 90 51 | c.lemaitre72@free.fr Price from
320 € /week

Total capacity
5 people



Château d'Eporcé

Eporcé - 72550 La Quinte 02 43 27 70 22 | chateau-eporce.com Price from

1000 € /night

Total capacity

16 people



Châlets de Lavardin (3 chalets)

Rue des Vallées - 72240 Lavardin o2 43 27 71 87 | lavardin.fr | mairie.lavardin@wanadoo.fr Price from

190 € /week

Total capacity
28 people



La Mare

La Mare - 72140 Le Grez o6 65 o9 67 29 | screpin@bayard72.fr Price from

170 € /night

Total capacity

12 people



Gîte à la Campagne

La Teisserie - 72240 Mézières-sous-Lavardin Airbnb from

90 € /night

Total capacity

6 people



Rue de la Forêt

Rue de la Forêt - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean 06 37 72 08 37 | chauvet.christine72@orange.fr Price from
1300 €/week

Total capacity

14 people



La Petière

La Pétière - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean 06 37 72 08 37 | chauvet.christine72@orange.fr Price from 1300 € /week Total capacity

14 people



La Petière du Bas

La Pétière - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean 06 47 15 71 34 | pascal.lavaleur@gmail.com Price from

1250 € /week

capacity

14 people



La Minerie

La Minerie - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean 02 43 24 55 20 | 06 18 61 82 17 | gitelaminerie72@aol.com Price from
350 € /week

Total capacity

II people



La Grande Chevrolière

La Grande Chevrolière - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean Airbnb Price on request

Total capacity
8 people



Le Jouteau

Le Jouteau - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean 09 64 17 80 37 | 06 43 55 82 70 | lejouteau@gmail.com Price from
1150 € /week

Total capacity

14 people



Les Apprêts ▮▮ ★★★

Les Apprêts - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean 02 43 24 12 26 | monique_ozange@hotmail.com Price from

450 €/week

Total capacity

12 people



Château de la Lucazière

La Lucazière - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean 06 66 73 31 93 | richardharvey@orange.fr Price from 900 € /week

Total capacity
7 people



Gîte de Courtemanche

Courtemanche - 72140 Parennes o6 83 81 10 20 | chateaudecourtemanche@gmail.com Price from

900 €/week

Total capacity

II people



Le Bas Pezereuil

1 rue Pezereuil - 72140 Pezé-le-Robert 06 82 00 13 41 | desvages@free.fr Price on request Total capacity
8 people



Gîtes de La Cassine (3 gîtes)

La Cassine - 72140 Rouessé-Vassé
02 43 25 20 87 | gite-la-cassine.com | gitelacassine72@yahoo.fr

Price on request Total capacity
3, 16 and
55 people



Gîtes Rosier et Forêt (2 gîtes)

La Motte - 72140 Rouessé-Vassé

o2 43 20 87 55 | laporte.vero@wanadoo.fr

Ouvert de juin à septembre

Price from
310 €/week

Total capacity

2 and 2 people



Le Carrefour

Le Carrefour - 72140 Rouessé-Vassé 06 30 06 07 63 | cgarreau@gmail.com Price from

6o€ /night

Total capacity
4 people



L'Abbaye de Champagne

Abbaye de Champagne - 72140 Rouez-en-Champagne oz 43 20 15 74 | abbayedechampagne.com contact@abbayedechampagne.com

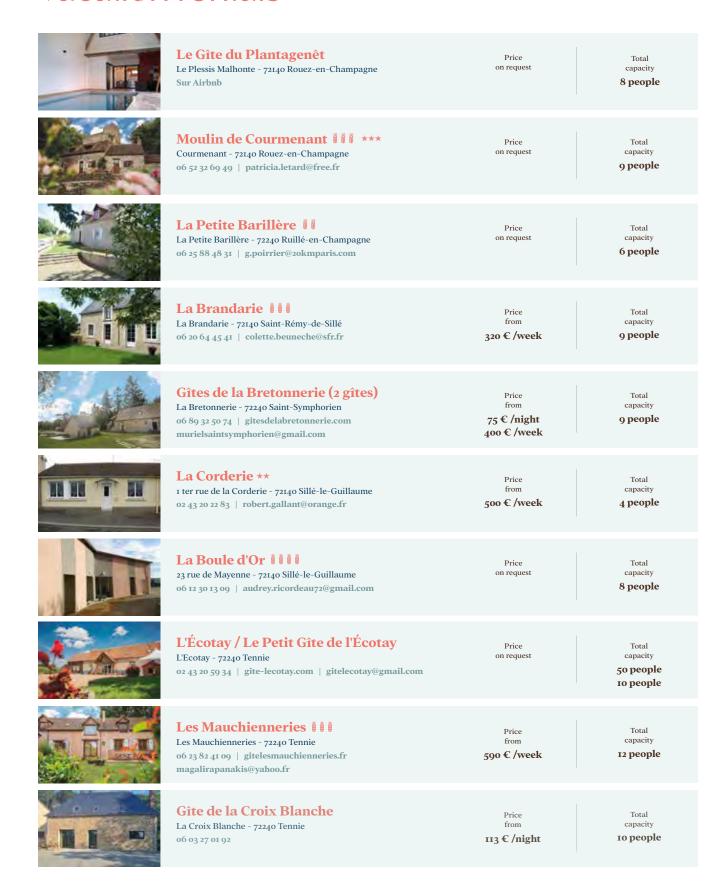
Price on request Total capacity
40 people



Foulleray ***

Foulleray n°14 - 72140 Rouez-en-Champagne o6 37 11 60 74 | melot.jeanmarie@orange.fr

Price from 460 € /week Total capacity
8 people







Taxis

Taxi Guéranger Rioul

Conlie : 02 43 20 53 28 Sillé-le-Guillaume : 02 43 20 11 85

Morin Pierrick Mézières-sous-Lavardin:

02 43 20 37 19 06 78 22 27 00

Taxi du Maine Mont-Saint-Jean 06 80 44 48 30

Taxi Dominique Brosse Parennes

Taxi Goupil Sillé-le-Guillaume

02 43 20 08 52 Allo Taxi

06 83 81 10 20

Tennie 06 82 08 78 36

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Intercity transport in Sarthe Route 9 Rouez-Le Mans: serves the villages of Rouez, Tennie, Conlie, Domfront-en-Champagne, Lavardin, Cures, La Quinte and Degré.

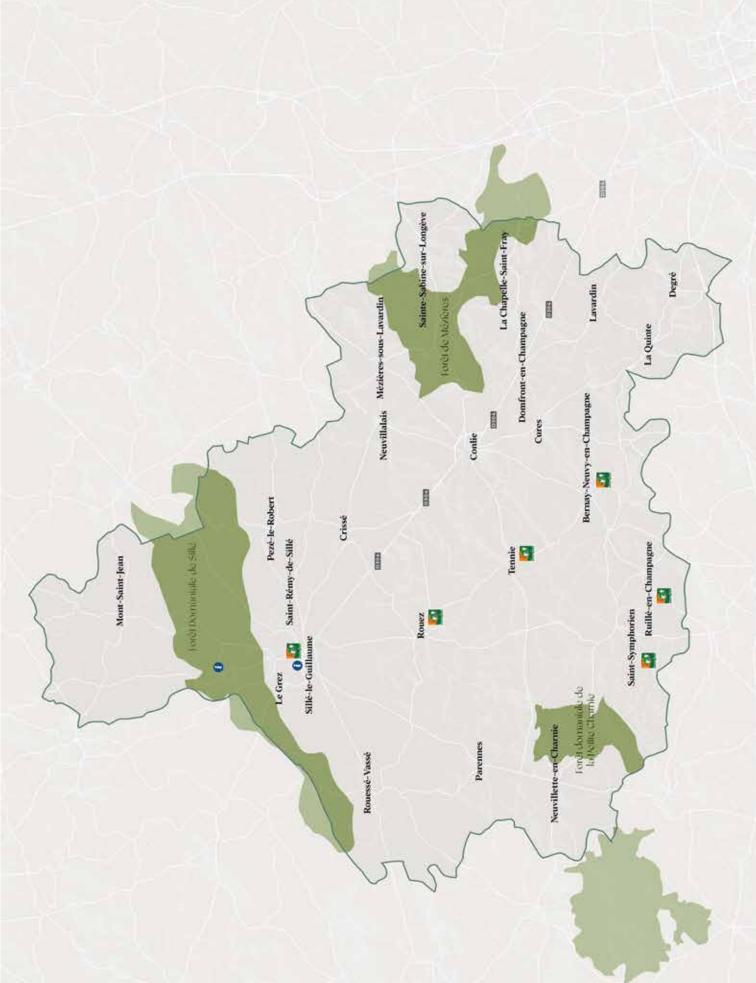
02 43 39 90 72

TISSÉA

Transport on demand service in rural areas, complementary to regular interurban lines. Reservation required. Serves the villages of Crissé, L e Grez, Mont-St-Jean, Pezé-le-Robert, Rouessé-Vassé, Rouez-en-Champagne, Sillé-le-Guillaume and Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé.

I € one way, 2 € return and free for children under 6 years old.

02 43 39 90 72





TOURIST OFFICE OF CHAMPAGNE CONLINOISE & PAYS DE SILLÉ

Tourist Office Town Center: Place de la Résistance - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume Tourist Office Seasonal: Maison du Tourisme, Sillé Plage - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume Information point: Pôle Intercommunal - 4 rue de Gaucher - 72240 Conlie