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Lake of Sillé, Sillé-le-Guillaume

2025

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Located at the crossroads of Mayenne and Orne, near the Alpes Mancelles and the gates of the Normandie-Maine Regional Park, the Champagne Conlinoise and the Pays de Sillé welcome you. A weekend with friends? A family vacation? Recharge with relaxation, discoveries, and unique experiences in the heart of an exceptional, naturally preserved area.

Discover the protected site of the Lake of Sillé, its beach, and all its activities for both young and older. Let yourself be captivated by the beauty of the lush landscapes of the Sillé and Petite Charnie state forests. Explore the castles and all the treasures left behind by history, from the charming Chapel of Verniette to the impressive Collegiate Church of Sillé. Take the time to wander and explore these towns and villages, recognized with several labels: Petites Cités de Caractère or Stations Vertes. In total, 24 municipalities* are ready to welcome you and share their stories.

Discover a vibrant area, cherished by its inhabitants: lovers of old stones, history enthusiasts, or simply epicureans, for whom hospitality and storytelling are true passions.

Less than an hour from the famous 24 Hours of Le Mans circuit, the area also lives to the rhythm of its major events. Whether festive, cultural, or sporting, they attract many visitors each year from all over France... and even beyond! Find them on our website: www.destinationcoco.com.

Come meet us at our tourist information offices:

Tourist Office

Place de la Résistance - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume
Open from October to June

Maison du Tourisme

Sillé Plage - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume
Open from April to September

Point d'Information Touristique

Pôle Intercommunal - 4 rue de Gaucher - 72240 Conlie
Open year-round

Stay informed in real time:

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

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Map of Champagne Conlinoise et Pays de Sillé

Xp' Air

In need of some originality? You're in the right place: have fun with the famous Bébé Cadum, dive into the heart of the flames of a lime kiln, or let yourself be carried away by the imagination of an artist... It's up to you to choose!

Back to Basis

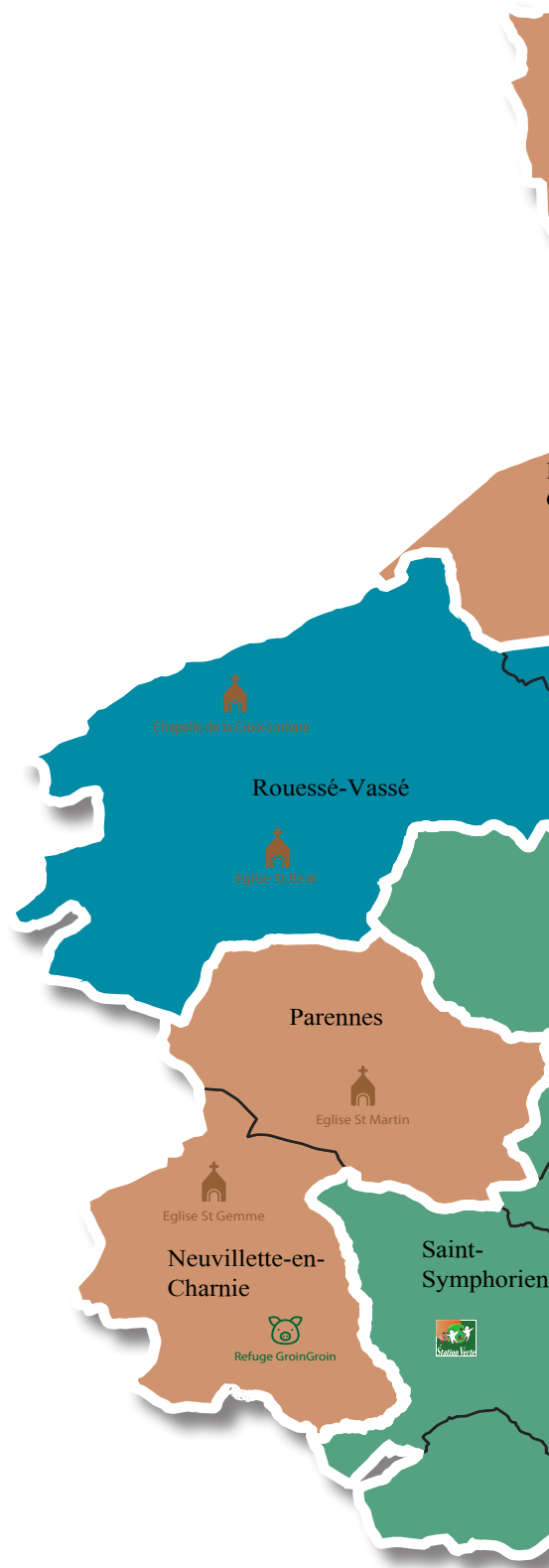
Dive into the heart of the Petite Charnie and awaken all your senses: nature, culture, and flavors await you at the turn of a street or in the moats of an ancient fortress. Let yourself be revealed to all the charms of this life-sized painting!

Trial by Fire

Between small conflicts and great wars, take off your armor and face the lessons of the people who made history!

Tales of the Land

Let yourself be told the small and great stories of this land: surprising anecdotes, ancient beliefs, and ancestral know-how will be revealed to you.







Coco Plage, Sillé-le-Guillaume

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Xp' Air for families



Rouessé-Vassé

Start the day by wandering through the streets and paths of Rouessé-Vassé, then discover the many gems the village has to offer (chapels, washhouse, lime kiln, dovecote, Château).



Sillé-le-Guillaume

After enjoying a nice meal at one of the restaurants in Rouessé-Vassé or Sillé-le-Guillaume, take a tour of the Medieval Castle of Sillé and explore its town center.



Sillé-le-Guillaume

End the day with a swim or a walk at the Lake of Sillé. Enjoy the many activities on site to relax and have fun.





Lake of Sillé, Sillé-le-Guillaume

Coco Beach, a legendary site



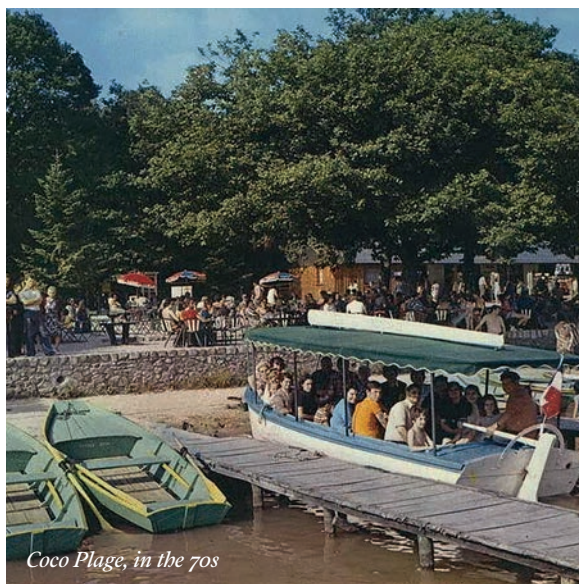
Coco Plage, in the 50s



Coco Plage, in the 50s



Coco Plage, in the 60s



Coco Plage, in the 70s



Coco Plage, 100 years of history



■ 1924

Under the approving gaze of the Duchess of Uzès, the owner of the forest, Gabriel Richefeu sets up a shack on the edge of the lake. He opens a guinguette (a riverside tavern) on Sundays. The success is immediate, and everyone rushes to gather at Coco's!

■ 1925

The forest is sold by the Duchess of Uzès to the State. However, she, who has a special affection for Gabriel Richefeu, imposes one condition: to keep the tourist facilities near the pond.

This leads to the construction of beach cabins, a wooden horse carousel, and the development of water activities with the help of sports associations.

■ 1944

A bombing destroys all the infrastructure that had been set up. The Richefeu family (Gabriel Richefeu, his wife and their children) decide to rebuild everything: a café-restaurant, a game room, a souvenir shop, and more...

■ 1947

The Lake of Sillé becomes a classified natural site.

■ 1969

The site is labeled
'Station Verte de vacances'.



Why « Coco » Plage?

The name 'Coco Plage' (or Coco Beach) comes from its founder, Gabriel Richefeu, who was nicknamed Coco. A poultry and fish merchant, he is the one who initiated the site's tourist development. As a child, when his mother would take him to the lake, she would say to him, 'You see, my little Coco, anyone who sets up a restaurant by the water would make a good living!'

It is therefore thanks to this affectionate nickname 'Coco,' given to him by his family and friends, that the site naturally built its reputation. People would go to 'Coco,' which later became 'Coco Plage.'





Lake of Sillé, Sillé-le-Guillaume

Coco Plage, a century-old site



COCO PLAGE

1925-2025



Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Coco Plage with us in 2025!

■ From 30th April to 11th May Exhibition "Le Lac de Sillé en peinture"

The Ségrie Painting Workshop invites you to discover an exhibition created especially for the centenary of Coco Plage.

■ From 14th May to 1st June Exhibition from Xavier Kosmalski

■ From 5th June to 31st August Exhibition "Coco Plage: A Century-Old Story".

Discover the history of this legendary place, from 1925 to 2025!

■ Wednesday 16th July Local Producers and Artisans Market

Sarthe and Mayenne producers and artisans gather by the lake to offer you the best of local products.

■ From 1st to 27th September

Exhibition "Coco Plage & you"

Discover Coco Plage through the eyes of the locals from Sarthe and the surrounding areas and the visitor!



A new Geocaching trail!

This geocaching trail invites you to discover the secrets of this fascinating place while immersing yourself in local and regional history.

By following the coordinates and solving the puzzles scattered around the lake, you'll explore the wild and picturesque landscapes that have shaped the evolution of this site.

The geocaching trail around the Lake of Sillé is a fun and immersive way to rediscover this magical place, both historic and natural. Don't wait any longer, prepare your GPS and embark on this adventure full of discoveries!



"Coco Plage" Valérie Guesnay



Discovery Hike



Map of the Lake of Sillé



Tyroliennes de la forêt (tree top adventure)



Start of the Nature Discovery Trail



Activities



Bars & Restaurants



Toilets



Accommodations



Picnic areas

P

Playground



Maison du Tourisme
(Tourist office)



Electric boats



Pedal boats

Camping
Seasonova
La Forêt



Sailing, paddleboarding,
canoeing, kayaking

Boat ramp



Camping
Les Tournesols
Le Grez

5 min by car



Starting
point of the
hikes



Le Refuge du Trappeur



Beach



Lifeguard station



Rosalies
(pedal carts)



Pony ride



Minigolf



Bar
Coco Plage Café



Lake

Racetrack



Gîte
du Lac



Camping
Huttopia





Lake of Sillé, Sillé-le-Guillaume

Activities around the Lake

Swimming

Grab your shovels and rakes! Enjoy the beach by starting a sandcastle contest with your family and take a dip in the lake to cool off.

Monitored swimming in July and August, every day from 1 pm to 7 pm by certified lifeguards.

First aid station: 02 43 20 26 36



Cercle de Voile

Voile, paddle, canoe kayak

Come discover water sports: sailing (dinghies, windsurfing, and catamarans), canoeing, or even paddleboarding! The CVS offers supervised activities (from 3 people, by reservation): climbing, mountain biking, orienteering, and archery. Group accommodations available (maximum capacity: 80 people)

OPENING HOURS & SCHEDULE

On the website

Prices upon request

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

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



Tyroliennes de la Forêt

Tree top adventure, laser game, archery game

JULY & AUGUST

Every day from 1 pm to 7 pm

Last departure at 4:30 pm

In the morning: by reservation only

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

**By reservation for groups
of 12 people or more**

APRIL, MAY, JUNE,

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Every weekend, public holidays, and
school holidays from 2 pm to 6 pm.

Last departure at 4 pm.

Tree top adventure from €5 to €21

Laser game €14 for 2 rounds

Archery game €12

Sillé Plage, 53 rte Forestière des Chalets

72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

06 70 00 01 73 | tyros72.com | contact@tyros72.com



Coco Plage Café : minigolf & bar

JULY & AUGUST
Every day from 2 pm to midnight

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

MAY, JUNE & SEPTEMBER
Every weekend and public holiday
from 2 pm to midnight

Minigolf
€5/adult & €4/child (-12 ans)

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



Pedal boats

Allée Gabriel Richefeu - Sillé Plage
72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

JULY & AUGUST
Monday to Friday, in the afternoon and
morning by reservation.
On weekends, all day long.

2-person pedal boats
3-person pedal boats
4-person pedal boats

APRIL, MAY & JUNE
Weather permitting, every weekend in
the afternoon

**Paddleboards and canoes available
for rent.**

07 70 98 08 01



Rosalies & Pony rides

APRIL, MAY, JUNE & SEPTEMBER
Weather permitting, every weekend
and public holiday, in the afternoon.

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

JULY & AUGUST
Weather permitting,
every day in the afternoon.

3-person pedal carts €12
6-person pedal carts €20
Pony ride €4

06 85 40 48 65



Electric boats

Open from 20th Apr. to 30th Sept.

30 Allée Gabriel Richefeu -
Sillé Plage
72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

**APRIL, MAY, JUNE,
SEPTEMBER**
Every weekend, public holidays, and
school holidays from 2 pm to 6 pm

From €32 to €16

JULY & AUGUST
Every day from 2 pm to 6 pm

07 43 16 45 29



La Maison du Tourisme

Tourist office, shop, exhibitions

Allée Gabriel Richefeu - Sillé Plage
72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

JULY & AUGUST
Every day
from 10:30 am to 6 pm

APRIL
Monday to Friday
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
& 1:30 pm - 6 pm

02 43 20 10 32 | destinationcoco.com
officedetourisme@4cps.fr

MAY TO JUNE & SEPTEMBER
Wednesday to Sunday
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
& 1:30 pm - 6 pm



Bars & Restaurants



Restaurant Au Refuge du Trappeur

Route de Sillé Plage 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume
Traditional restaurant, pizza & crêperie

JULY & AUGUST

Every day, except Monday,
from 10:30 AM to 11 PM

02 43 20 17 48

APRIL TO JUNE & SEPTEMBER

Wednesday to Sunday
from 10:30 am to 9:30 pm

OCTOBER TO MARCH

Friday to Sunday
from 10:30 am to 9:30 pm



Bar Coco Plage Café

JULY & AUGUST

Every day from 2 pm to midnight

MAY, JUNE & SEPTEMBER

Every weekend and public holiday f
rom 2 pm to midnight

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



Lake of Sillé, Sillé-le-Guillaume



Campgrounds around the Lake of Sillé



Camping Huttopia Lac de Sillé ***

Huttopia Camping Lake of Sillé welcomes you in the heart of the forest for a nature-filled family vacation! Enjoy the swimming pool, the Lake, and the Sillé Plage water sports center. Relax in the heart of nature and explore the region on foot, by mountain bike, or by canoe, between the lake and the forest.

Pitch starting from €15.50

Rental starting from €294 per week

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



Camping Seasonova la Forêt ***

Enjoy the Camping de la Forêt for a holiday or a weekend, come recharge, share, or relax in nature with complete simplicity.

Pitch starting from €10

Rental starting from €183.50 per week

02 43 20 11 04 | campingsilleplage.com | contact@vacances-seasonova.com

A few minutes away...



Camping Les Tournesols ***

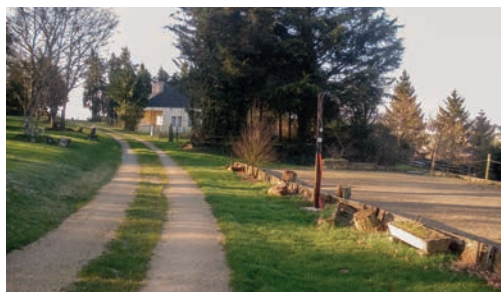
Le Landereau - 72140 Le Grez

Laetitia and Remond offer you an unforgettable holiday at the Camping Les Tournesols, a charming little unusual campsite, peaceful, family-friendly, and welcoming, with large pitches in a preserved natural setting, 500 meters from the forest and 2 km from the Lake of Sillé-le-Guillaume.

Pitch starting from €10.50

Rental starting from €144 per week

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



Camping Ferme de la Groie

La Groie - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

Camping de la Groie is the ideal place for motorhomes looking to stay in a green, natural setting.

Prices upon request

02 43 42 89 99 | jacques.lefevreg98@sfr.fr



Lake of Sillé, Sillé-le-Guillaume

What you need to know



Wild camping,
fires, and
barbecues are
prohibited



Picnics only on
the tables



Non-motorized
boats only



Regulated fishing



Respect of the
swimming area



Dogs on a leash



No motorhome
area



Parking only in
designated areas



No vending
machine



Grand étang, Lac de Sillé

Fishing

The fishing dates are indicated on the information boards at each pond: Grand Étang & Étang Neuf.

- Day pass: €8 adult and €4 child (under 14 years old)
- Season pass: €75 adult and €35 child (under 14 years old)

How to obtain a fishing permit

Fishing in the Sillé ponds requires the purchase of a special permit (a federal permit is not valid).

Where can you buy the permit?

In 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 du Trappeur, Sillé Plage

In Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé :

- Super U

More information on [destinationcoco.com](https://www.destinationcoco.com)



Mountain biking & hiking trails

Starting from the Lake, you will find several hiking trails for all levels! Discover the Sillé state forest through its marked routes.

Find all the hiking trails on
[destinationcoco.com](https://www.destinationcoco.com)
or scan the QR Code





Sillé State Forest

A classified and protected natural site

A distinctive landscape

The Sillé forest massif partly covers the Coëvrons mountain range and entirely spans a narrow, elongated hill oriented North-East / South-West, with an elevation ranging from 140 m to 292 m. Its very rugged terrain is crossed by three deep valleys: those of the Roullée, Jouteau, and Desfays streams.

A protected site

The Sillé state forest is entirely included in the type 2 ZNIEFF (Sillé-le-Guillaume Forest and Pezé Woods), and six type 1 ZNIEFFs (limited areas characterized by their remarkable biological interest) are also present. ZNIEFFs (Zones of Natural Interest for Flora and Fauna) are natural areas listed due to their exceptional character.

The lake loop has also been a classified site since 1947 for its landscapes, by the DREAL (Regional Directorate for the Environment, Planning, and Housing).

A Natura 2000 designated site

A remarkable site of the department, classified since 1947, the Grand Pond of Sillé-le-Guillaume owes its protection to its water expanse, which is uncommon in the region, to the high quality of the surrounding landscapes, and also to its local fame. This site was early identified as a picturesque location, ideal for walks and local tourism, as evidenced by the numerous recreational facilities along its shores.

The classification, which recognizes its picturesque interest, aims to preserve its landscape and heritage qualities.





Sillé State Forest

The Normandie-Maine Regional Natural Park and UNESCO Global Geopark



WHAT IS A UNESCO Global Geopark?

UNESCO Global Geoparks are areas where landscapes and geological sites of international significance are preserved and promoted. These areas are managed in a way that balances environmental protection, education, and sustainable development. In a UNESCO Global Geopark, the geological heritage, linked with the region's other natural and cultural riches, is highlighted to raise public awareness of today's key issues. This includes themes such as the responsible use of natural resources, combating climate change, and preventing risks related to natural disasters. By discovering the local geological history and its impact on modern society, visitors become aware of the importance of this heritage, while local residents feel a great sense of pride in their territory.

NORMANDIE-MAINE RECOGNIZED AS A UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK SINCE 2024

After a long application process led by the Normandie-Maine Regional Natural Park and all its partners, the territory was awarded the UNESCO Global Geopark label in March 2024! This label is granted for 4 years and is then subject to a new evaluation. This involves a continuous dynamic effort from stakeholders to maintain this recognition.

EMBARK ON THE DISCOVERY OF UNESCO Global Geopark Normandie-Maine

In the heart of a peaceful countryside where hamlets, villages, meadows, fields, and forests intertwine, the UNESCO Global Geopark Normandie-Maine will captivate both young and old. Come explore its hidden treasures! Rocky cliffs, steep slopes, rushing waters, scree slopes, viewpoints, and rugged natural sites are just some of the wonders that define the identity of this territory. These landscapes are the legacy of a long history, beginning 600 million years ago. It then erodes slowly to shape the landscapes that our ancestors and we live alongside today.



Sports activities



Raid Ox Terra

Lac de Sillé, Sillé-le-Guillaume

30TH AUGUST 2025

The Raid-OX Terra is a multisport activity where participants engage in various outdoor activities with navigation and autonomy: mountain biking and orienteering. The goal is to find the checkpoints (scattered markers) in the forest. Everything is done as a team.

raidox72.fr
asso.raidox72@gmail.com



Dionysos Bike

Lac de Sillé, Sillé-le-Guillaume

ALL YEAR ROUND, BY RESERVATION

Dionysos Bike offers guided electric mountain bike outings.
from €60 to 120€

wine-cycling-tour.com
06 64 41 79 80



The Football Museum of the Sillé Region

Discover the history of football in Sillé-le-Guillaume

Founded in 2024, the Football Museum in the Sillé Region is located at the Martin Parayre Stadium in Sillé-le-Guillaume. Through photos, trophies, press articles, and collectible items, you can admire the history of the USS, a historic club founded in 1911, as well as discover its rival, Entente Silléenne 1970, and the history of US Rouessé-Vassé 1947, a neighboring club.

Discover in this museum the men and women who have made the history of football for over 100 years in the Sillé Region and who continue to write it...

The exhibition

Stade Martin Parayre - rue de Sablé - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

ALL YEAR ROUND

Open on Sundays during match days

Free





Hiking and mountain biking trails

The Sillé state forest

"Perched on a long, narrow ridge, in the departments of Sarthe and Mayenne, within the Normandie-Maine Regional Natural Park and Geopark, the Sillé state forest covers 3,376 hectares. A remnant of the ancient massif that once covered the Coëvrons region, the forest has undergone numerous transformations throughout history, linked to the development of human activity. Today, the forest is composed of half broadleaf trees (mainly sessile oak, chestnut, beech) and half conifers (pine, Douglas fir, spruce, fir).

Download Cirkwi...



... and enjoy the live trails! Follow the route in real-time. Free app available on iOS and Android.



Trail running in the Sillé Forest



Download On Piste...

... and enjoy the live trails! Follow the route in real-time. Free app available on iOS and Android.



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Two marked trail running routes will allow you to cover a total of 40 km in the forest. Starting from the large parking lot, take the Rochebrune circuit (18.2 km) and the Chapelle Lamarre circuit (21.4 km).

The GR® (long-distance hiking trails)

The Champagne Conlinoise and Sillé region has two GR® trails on its territory: the GR® 36 and its variant, the GR® 365.

The GR® 36 follows the trails through the towns of Mont-Saint-Jean, Sillé-le-Guillaume, Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé, and Pezé-le-Robert. The new GR® de Pays des Alpes Mancelles follows part of this route, including 21 km within our territory. It is now possible to connect the two GR® trails from the Sillé-le-Guillaume train station.

The GR® 365 follows the trails through the towns of Sillé-le-Guillaume, Le Grez, Rouessé-Vassé, Rouez, Tennie, Bernay-Neuven-Champagne, and Ruillé-en-Champagne. It crosses the Petite Charnie Green Station from north to south, passing through almost all of its villages.

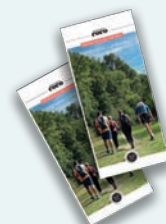


Find all the hiking trails on
destinationcoco.com
or scan the QR Code.

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New:
Discover the **hiking map**
at the Tourist Office or on
destinationcoco.com





Sillé-le-Guillaume

The Castle of Sillé



Visit the Medieval Castle

Place des Minimes - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

FROM 5TH JULY TO 1ST SEPTEMBER

Every day

from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
and from 2 pm to 6 pm

20TH & 21ST SEPTEMBER

European Heritage Days
from 10 am to 6 pm

FROM 1ST TO 19TH SEPTEMBER

from Wednesday to Sunday

from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
and from 2 pm to 6 pm

Self-guided tour adults €4 | Children under 12 years old €2

Guided tour, adults €6 | Children under 12 years old €4

Night guided tour, adults €7.50 | Children under 12 years old
€5.50

Free for children under 5 years old

Program of events

Costumed tours, workshops, and medieval
events... many activities await the children!

Find all the activities on the website or by
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■ 11th century

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

■ 1434

The English troops of Lord Arundel besiege the castle of Sillé-le-Guillaume.

■ 1463

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

■ 1466

Construction of a new castle using the stones of the old one to adapt it to artillery: it must be fortified for defense, preparing for attack.

■ 17th-18th century

The House of Bourbon becomes the owner of the castle.

■ 1804

Napoleon I grants ownership of the castle to the town, which turns it into a public school. The castle was used as a middle school, then a high school until 1971.

■ 1889

The castle is classified as a Historic Monument.

■ 1915

A fire causes significant damage to the castle. Restoration work began in the mid-1920s.



1,000 years of history

Push open the doors of the Sillé-le-Guillaume fortress, rich in 1,000 years of history. The castle was originally assigned to the defense of the County of Maine. Wars were part of its daily life, and it became one of the strongholds of the Hundred Years' War, where the French and English fought for its possession.

The castle has had several lives. From 1804 to 1971, this historic landmark was transformed into a school and later a high school. From July 5th to September 21st, the castle comes to life with tours and activities organized by the city's heritage service and the Sillé Culture association. You will be amazed by the rich history of this historical monument, classified in 1889.



Arsène Marie Lefeuvre

The remarkable Beauvau tower commands the fortifications and dominates the town of Sillé-le-Guillaume with its imposing structure. An exhibition, set up in the Pressigny tower, is dedicated to Arsène Marie Lefeuvre, a painter-decorator from Sillé-le-Guillaume, creator of the iconic Bébé Cadum figure

The East wing of the castle, undergoing extensive restoration, will not feature the exhibition in 2025.



Centuries of History

Former stronghold located at the crossroads of Maine, Brittany, and Normandy, Sillé-le-Guillaume was built around the life of its castle and collegiate church. From the medieval town to the industrial and commercial city, Sillé-le-Guillaume is also renowned for its natural surroundings and its famous site, Coco Plage.

Sillé-le-Guillaume owes its origins to two key figures. The first, a Gallo-Roman named Silius, built a domain on the slopes of the hill along the ancient road from Le Mans to Jublains. The second, Guillaume, the first Baron of Sillé, was tasked by the Count of Maine with defending this territory. In the 11th century, he built a castle that became the site of numerous battles. Severely damaged during the Hundred Years' War, the fortress, a fine example of military architecture from that period, was restored in the 15th century. In the 13th century, a chapter of canons was established, and the collegiate church was constructed above the lordly chapel. A canonical quarter was thus founded. The town was then divided by the stream, the Ruban, with the castle and the collegiate church on one side and the village, which grew around the Church of Saint-Etienne (destroyed during the Revolution), on the other.

Thanks to the passage of numerous pilgrims in the 12th century, a commercial and artisanal district emerged, made up of weavers, blacksmiths, and innkeepers. From this time, the city maintained a strong commercial activity, eventually becoming one of the most trading cities in Upper Maine by the 18th century. The city then produced worsted wool, and hemp and linen fabrics. Its tanneries were highly regarded, and its fairs and markets

were very popular. In the 19th century, Sillé experienced new urban development that would strengthen the city's commercial reputation: a train station, roads, hotels, department stores, shops, and bourgeois houses...

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Did you know?

The illustrated postcard was invented in Sillé-le-Guillaume!

From September 1870 to January 1871, the 50,000 volunteer soldiers of the Breton Army were gathered in a camp at Conlie to prepare for battle and repel the Prussian army.

The soldiers, cramped in very harsh winter conditions, quickly ran out of basic necessities, including letter paper to send news to their families. Léon Besnardeau, a paper merchant and bookseller from Sillé-le-Guillaume, then came up with the idea of cutting small rectangles from the covers of notebooks whose pages he had already sold individually. These cards could be sent without an envelope. The front was adorned with allegories, war mottos, or the arms of Brittany. Initially, the cards were intended solely for the mobilized soldiers at the Conlie camp.





Sillé-le-Guillaume

The Collegiate Church of Sillé



Centuries of History

The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, a former collegiate church and castle chapel, is a fascinating site of Art and History. The church was built in two stages. In the 12th century, a Romanesque chapel was constructed, which is accessed via the south transept portal. Today, this chapel, known as the crypt, is reputed to be the largest in western France.

A hundred years later, a collegiate church was built – this comprises the entire structure visible today. It is accessed by a staircase. The church is adorned with an exceptional Gothic portal, around which a magnificent tympanum depicting the Last Judgement has been sculpted.

Inside the church, the 16th-century carved wooden stalls of the canons surround the altar. When you look up, a magnificent array of 19th- and 20th-century stained glass windows illuminates the space. Among them is a window telling the story of Jeanne-Marie de Maillé, Baroness of Sillé. You will also find several sculptures in wood, stone, and terracotta, as well as paintings listed as Historic Monuments.

Open all year round.





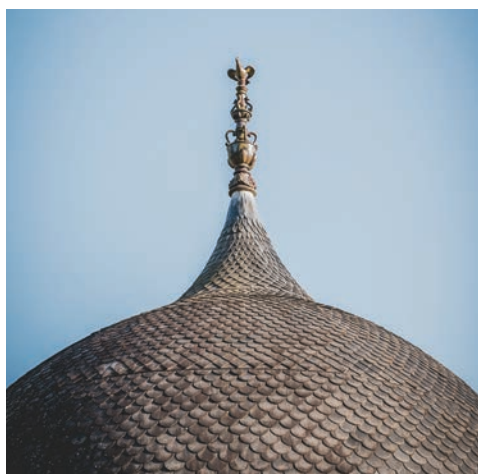
Rouessé-Vassé

A place of major historical significance



Rouessé-Vassé

Le Mans



The Dovecote

This dovecote was one of the most important in the region at the end of the 16th and beginning of the 17th century. It was part of a number of buildings that, in that era, made up the hamlet of Vassé.

A symbol of the Lords' power, the dovecote was used to raise pigeons for their meat and droppings. It is a round, tower-shaped structure containing 2,000 pigeon nesting boxes.

The Vassé dovecote was restored in 2001 by the village of Rouessé-Vassé. Following this restoration, it was awarded the "Trophée du Patrimoine de Pays" (Rural Heritage Trophy) in 2002 by the Pays de la Loire Region.

Step into history and discover this unique and well-preserved monument.



The Castle of Vassé

Construction began at the end of the 16th century by Lancelot Grognet de Vassé, on the remains of a former fortified enclosure dating from the 11th and 14th centuries, whose towers once stood in moats fed by the Vègre river. Today, all that remains of the château is a large building ending on the east side with a broad square pavilion. This two-storey building, one floor featuring dormer windows, has eleven mullioned windows on its façade. The windows overlooking the Vègre are of Renaissance style (late 16th century), while the park-facing façade, with its projections, wings, and arched openings, dates from the early 17th century.

The terraced park opens through an entrance gate flanked by two large square pillars, reminiscent of the architecture from the reigns of Henri IV and Louis XIII. Within the park stands a small chapel dedicated to Saint Petronilla, built during the reign of Louis XIV.



The Lime Kiln

The lime kiln of Rouessé-Vassé is one of the most significant elements of the village's heritage.

In the case of Rouessé, the Jocaillé lime kiln was already in operation by 1777, initially fuelled by wood and later by coal. It was supplied with magnesian limestone from the adjacent quarry at La Régale (La Régale being the residence of the master lime burner). This enterprise employed around fifty local workers. The kiln was operated by the same family for at least three generations.

Its operation ceased around 1905, due to the emergence of chemical fertilisers, which competed with traditional liming practices. Since 1999, the village has owned both the lime kiln and the Régale house.



The Lamare cross

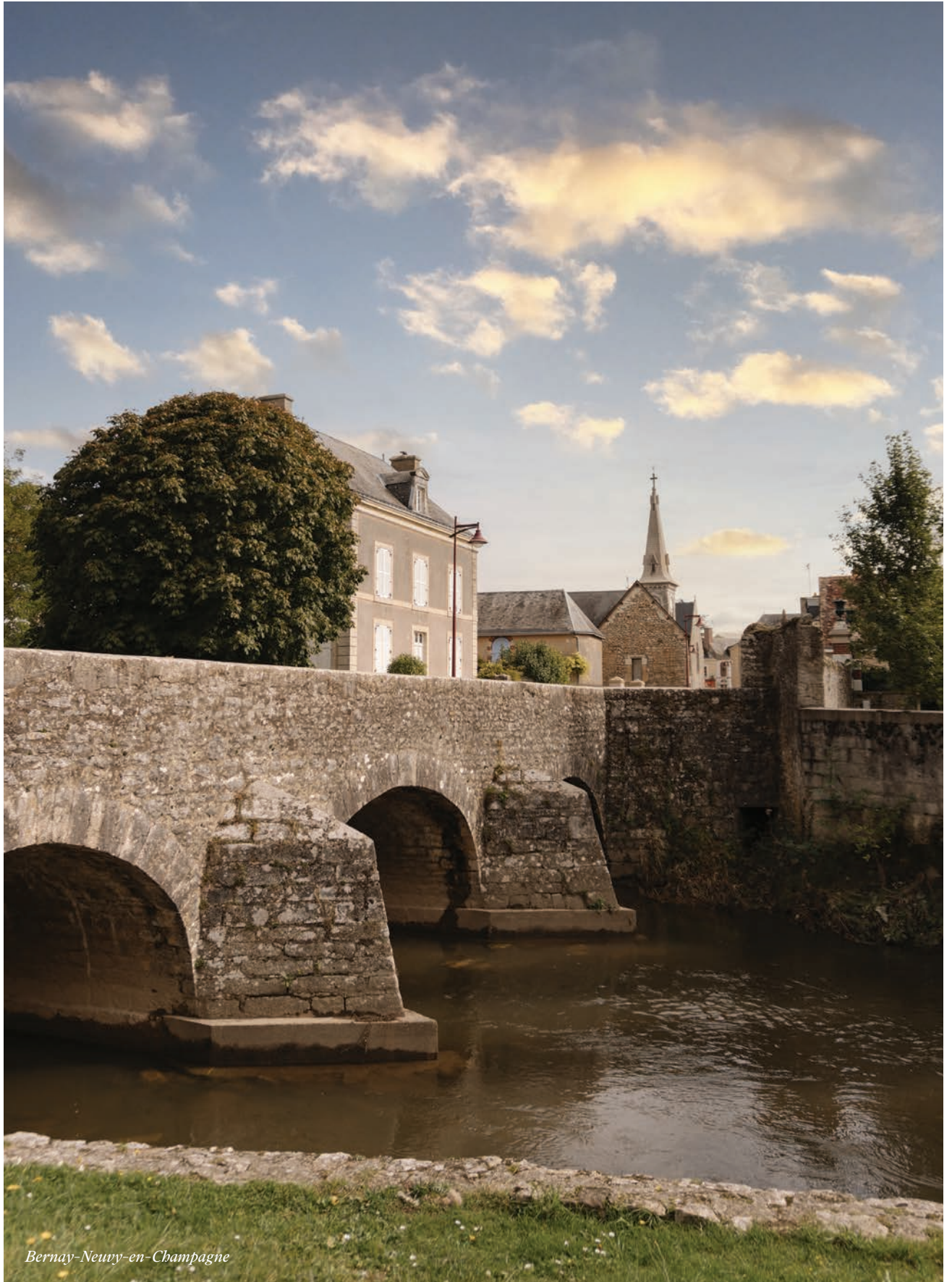
Sillé Forest

After the French Revolution, a man named Monsieur Lamare, consumed by grief and remorse for his revolutionary crimes, planted a wooden cross bearing a small statue of the Virgin Mary on the hillside. His devotion to the cross and the statue was noticed and then imitated. Fevers swept through the region, and many of the afflicted were healed after making pilgrimages to Our Lady of the Cross of Lamare.

Time and the elements caused Monsieur Lamare's cross and statue to disappear. A first oratory with a thatched roof was built, followed by a sturdier second one. Finally, in 1862, thanks to collections from the parishes of Rouessé-Vassé and Vimarcé, it was decided to build the chapel at the summit of the hill—the one that still stands today.



Dovecote, Rouessé-Vassé



Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne

Back to Basis

Immerse yourself in the heart of La Petite Charnie and awaken all your senses: nature, culture, and flavours await you around every corner, whether in a winding lane or the moats of an ancient fortress. Let yourself be enchanted by the many charms of this life-sized masterpiece!

Back to Basis for Heritage Lovers



Rouez

Starting from Rouez, take the time to discover the various buildings listed as "Historic Monuments", such as the Church of Saint Martin, the Abbey of Champagne, and the Courmenant Keep.



Tennie

Head to the village of Tennie and take in the sights of the restored lime kiln, the washhouse, and the Church of Saints Corenille and Cyprien.



Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne

Enter the village via the D28 road, passing near the Château de Bordigné, follow the banks of the Vègre, and explore a village that has preserved a remarkable architectural heritage, including washhouses, the Church of Saint-Laurent, and the Church of Saint-Julien-le-Pauvre.



Ruillé-en-Champagne

Follow the country roads to Ruillé-en-Champagne and discover its small heritage treasures. Don't miss the Chapel of La Roche Couasnon.



Saint-Symphorien

Continue on to Saint-Symphorien in the direction of the Castle of Sourches. In spring, visit Sourches, a neoclassical masterpiece, and lose yourself in its Peony Conservatory.



Saint-Symphorien

Canikart & Canirando

Sled Dog Ride: The Unmissable Experience of the Area!

Sled Dogs in Sarthe? That's the bold challenge taken up by musher Benjamin Thomelin. This passionate professional welcomes you all year round to the state-owned forest of La Petite Charnie, where he introduces visitors to the world of sled dogs through fun-filled activities such as canikarting and cani-hiking. It's a full immersion in nature, built on strong bonds with the dogs, energetic walking, and a unique, emotion-filled experience—fresh air and unforgettable moments guaranteed!

The activities are open to everyone:
sport enthusiasts, families, holiday camps, and groups.



Information & Prices

La Haut Bosse - 72240 Saint-Symphorien

Canikart:

Reservation required for a minimum of two people (two adults or one adult and one child).

From £45 per adult and £35 per child under 12 years old.

Canihiking:

From £27 per adult and £17 per child.

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Saint-Symphorien

Le Paradis de la Charnie : The Alpaca Farm



The Love of Alpacas

It was during a trip to the Alps that Géraldine Caplain fell in love with the alpaca: it was love at first sight! This animal, both curious and timid, captured her heart. In 2008, she acquired her first alpacas and began a career change, now caring for nearly 30. Originally from South America, alpacas have only recently made their way to France. This little cousin of the llama is playful and enjoys being active. Though somewhat shy, alpacas are endearing and inquisitive. They willingly approach you and enjoy being petted.

Discovery Farm & Horse Boarding

Le Paradis de la Charnie is not just about alpacas! Located on the edge of the Petite Charnie Forest, this farm is dedicated to the production of alpaca wool, but that's not all! You will also discover Angora goats and their mohair. In addition, a variety of animals await you: horses, donkeys, Kune Kune pigs, chickens, ducks, dogs, rabbits...

Wool Processing

Each year, the alpacas shed their coats! For their well-being and wool production, the alpacas are sheared in spring. Their owner collects between 3 and 4 kg of wool per animal. This wool is sorted into three different qualities, and every bit is used!

Meet Géraldine, a gentle and passionate breeder, who shares her love for animals and nature with you. Visit the alpaca farm and be charmed by the beauty of these curious creatures, set in a preserved natural environment, near the Petite Charnie Forest in Saint-Symphorien.

Information & Prices

Le Patisseau - 72240 Saint-Symphorien

Guided Tours available year-round (by reservation only)
Adult: €10 | Child under 12: €8 | Free for children under 3
Groups: Price upon request

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Saint-Symphorien

The Eco-Place of La Bretonnerie



The gîtes of La Bretonnerie have been under new management for nearly 10 years now. In this place steeped in the history of Sarthe tourism—picturesque, green, and refreshing—located at the edge of the state-owned Petite Charnie Forest, the owners have sought to give more meaning to this property by creating a space for living, sharing, and meeting. They welcome you for an immersive stay, offering activities that last from one hour to several.

Why an Eco-Place?

An eco-place is a place for living, sharing, and welcoming that places the environment, human well-being, and respect for animals at the heart of its commitment.

With this new focus on disconnecting, Muriel invites you to explore ways to reconnect humans with nature, in order to care for both your well-being and your inner ecosystem. To achieve this, she uses the horse as a mediator.



Equine Mediation at the Heart of Nature

Daily life sometimes deprives us of essential moments of recharging, where we can take the time to listen to ourselves, contemplate, express, and learn at our own pace. The horse proves to be a wonderful teacher and a compassionate companion in helping us become aware of our daily needs and develop our inner resources.

Come and discover the unique workshops: ethology and fundamental needs, welcoming and managing emotions, relaxation and well-being, farm visits. Muriel's horses are true guides, capable of revealing the best in you.

Visits and Workshops

La Bretonnerie - 72240 Saint-Symphorien

No prior knowledge of horses is required; open to all. The season's programme is available on the Eco-Place's social media and is regularly updated.



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Hiking & Mountain Biking in the Petite Charnie Forest



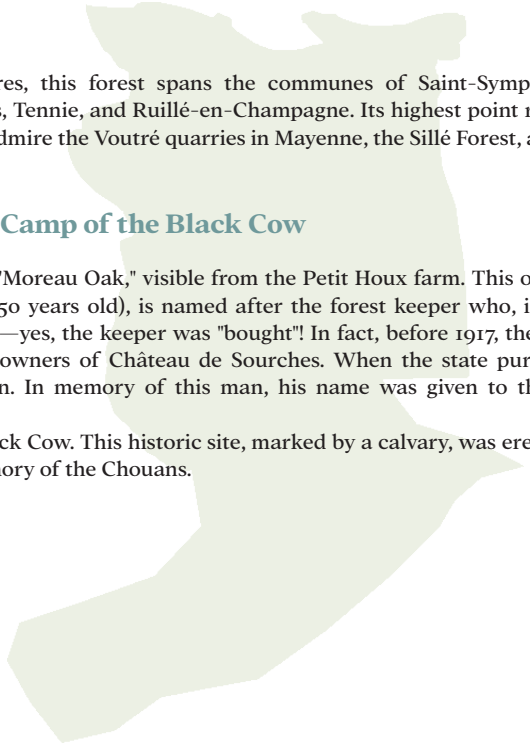
Covering an area of 716 hectares, this forest spans the communes of Saint-Symphorien, Neuville-en-Charnie, Parnennes, Tennie, and Ruillé-en-Champagne. Its highest point reaches 187 metres, from which you can admire the Voutré quarries in Mayenne, the Sillé Forest, and the village of Parnennes.

The Moreau Oak and the Camp of the Black Cow

During your hike, don't miss the "Moreau Oak," visible from the Petit Houx farm. This oak, the oldest tree in the forest (about 250 years old), is named after the forest keeper who, in 1928, was bought along with the forest—yes, the keeper was "bought"! In fact, before 1917, the forest belonged to the de Cars family, owners of Château de Sourches. When the state purchased the forest, they kept its guardian. In memory of this man, his name was given to the oak.

Also, stop by the Camp of the Black Cow. This historic site, marked by a calvary, was erected in 1893 by the de Cars family in memory of the Chouans.

Discover the **hiking map** at the Tourist Office or on destinationcoco.com



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The Tilleul Stables

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Information

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Tennie

Activities in Tennie



The Swimming Pool

Rue du camping - 72240 Tennie

From 1st July to 31st August

Under 5 years: Free

From 6 to 17 years: €2.50

18 years and adults: €5
(€4 for residents of Tennie)

Accompanying person: €1

Swimming lessons available upon request.

02 43 20 51 08

A Friendly Leisure Destination

The Tennie leisure park is a calm and peaceful place located in the heart of Champagne Conlinoise and the Pays de Sillé. Open year-round (except the swimming pool, which is open only in summer), it welcomes visitors with its fishing spot, mini-golf course, and multi-sports field.

Just 30 minutes from Le Mans and Lake Sillé in Sillé-le-Guillaume, Tennie is the perfect village for a fun-filled day with family or friends!



The Must-Sees



Tennis Court



Mini golf



Picnic Area



Fishing



Swimming Pool



City parc



Disabled Access Trail



Football Field



Multi-purpose Hall and Library



Camping de la Vègre - Onlycamp ^{100%}

Rue du Camping - 72240 Tennie

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Disabled Access Trail



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Mini golf



Saint-Symphorien

Le Château de Souches



Did you know?

During World War II, as the fear of art looting was growing, the Château de Souches was requisitioned by the French state to safeguard certain works of art. In 1939, its vaulted cellars were used as a refuge for large paintings from the Louvre Museum, some furniture from the Château de Versailles, *the Bayeux Tapestry*, and important private collections belonging to Jewish families.

Among the most important works were *The Raft of the Medusa*, as well as works from *the Trianon*. It wasn't until 31st July 1946 that these works were able to leave the cellars of the Château de Souches.

These events were brought to light in the film *Francofonie*, filmed at the Château de Souches by Russian filmmaker Alexander Sokurov. The film, which explores the art collections of the Louvre during the occupation, was released in 2015.

A Gem of Architecture

Located 25 km west of Le Mans, the Château de Souches is a masterpiece of neoclassical architecture and a significant site in French history. In the middle of its park, designed by Jules-Hardouin Mansart, stands the noble building designed by Gabriel for the Marquis de Souches, Grand Prévôt of France. It is one of the rare large castles perfectly preserved in its original state. The château is built on an elevation, at the centre of the grand perspective of the park, and is preceded by a vast courtyard surrounded by dry moats.

The Peony Conservatory

The Peony Conservatory gathers 3,021 peony plants, all meticulously catalogued. This unique conservatory in the world is home to a single family, the Paeoniaceae; shrub, herbaceous, intersectional hybrids, and botanical species all thrive together in harmony. The Peony Conservatory of Souches aims to conserve and research both old and modern species and varieties. It also serves as a behavioural observatory for this divine flower. Thoughtfully planned plantings of botanical species and the deliberate proximity of certain varieties will, in the coming years, likely produce natural hybridizations or other mutations. While we await these small miracles of nature, the search for new varieties continues.



Visite du Conservatoire de la Pivoine

Souches - 72240 Saint-Symphorien

MAY 2025*

*Depending on the weather.

Every day from 12 pm to 6 pm

Visit: 2h

Ticket €8

Guided tours for groups (by reservation - 12 people or more)

€15

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Rouez



The Courmenant Keep



An Exceptional Testimony of History

Rising to its full height, the Courmenant Keep surprises visitors. Located in the commune of Rouez, along the D103 road, it is one of the oldest keeps in the area! Courmenant stands at an ancient important crossroads. Its first construction is believed to have been initiated in 867, under a programme started by Charles the Bald.

This building, restored by architect François Liger in the 19th century, still bears the marks of its tumultuous medieval history within its walls.

The owners of the property, who have had the keep in their family since the French Revolution, invite you to visit this unique and remarkable site.



How to visit

Château de Courmenant - 72140 Rouez

FROM 13TH TO 27TH JULY
FROM 15TH TO 29TH AUGUST
FROM 14TH TO 28TH SEPTEMBER

From 1:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Duration of the visit: 1.5 hours

Free

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

The Green Station of Petite Charnie



Ruillé-en-Champagne

Certified as a 'Station Verte' for over 30 years, this charming green holiday resort brings together five villages: Rouez, Ruillé-en-Champagne, Saint-Symphorien, Tennie, and Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne.

During your stay, you'll appreciate the tranquillity, stunning landscapes, and remarkable built heritage. You can also enjoy a wide range of outdoor activities and sample local artisan products.

A Nature-Rich Environment

The entire Petite Charnie State Forest is classified as a Natural Area of Ecological, Faunistic and Floristic Interest. It is home to an exceptionally diverse range of flora and fauna, particularly notable for birdlife. Predominantly composed of deciduous trees, the forest features noble species such as oak, hornbeam, beech, aspen, and sweet chestnut, interspersed with a variety of conifers including Douglas fir, Nordmann fir, and maritime pine.

A Fisher's Paradise

Fishing is one of the most popular activities in the area. Local lakes and designated fishing spots are open all year round, offering a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy nature with family or friends.

What Does It Mean to Be a 'Station Verte'?

- Sharing a common vision of tourism that is both authentic and respectful of local identity
- Supporting sustainable initiatives to protect and preserve

nature

- Offering a full range of activities linked to natural, cultural, or historical heritage
- Committing to local, human-scale tourism that respects the area
- Promoting the region's natural assets



More information:

- stationverte.com
- ...and on the Station Verte leaflet by scanning the QR code.





Hidden Heritage Treasures



Saint-Laurent Church

Built in the 12th century, Saint-Laurent Church is dedicated to Saint Lawrence, a martyr who was put to death on a gridiron. It was constructed under Saint Thuribe.

The church follows a Latin cross floor plan, with a prominent transept and a square tower at the crossing — features typical of Romanesque architecture. The detailing of the church's apse is particularly remarkable: it rests on capitals adorned with heads or geometric patterns, set atop slender columns.

Bernay-Neuvy
en-Champagne

Le Mans

Saint-Julien Church

The name of this church comes from a local legend claiming that the footprint of Saint Julian — apostle of the Maine region and first bishop of Le Mans — could be seen in a hollow of a roussard stone. According to the tale, he passed through the area while spreading Christianity in the Champagne Mancelle region. This modest church, with a single nave topped by an open bell tower, was built towards the end of the 11th century and has undergone several alterations over time.

On Saturday 20 April 2024, a ceremony was held at Saint-Julien-le-Pauvre to mark the completion of restoration work on the church's structure.



Bernay-Neuvy
en-Champagne

Le Mans



Bernay-Neuvy
en-Champagne

Le Mans

Saint Peter and Saint Paul Church

This church is dedicated to both Saint Peter, the father of the Church, and Saint Paul, the evangelist. Of the original 15th-century building, only the chancel remains. The nave was rebuilt in 1766. In 1888, the bell tower — a belfry tower — was deemed unsafe and had to be demolished. Many restoration works were carried out in the early 20th century, largely thanks to Abbé Cossont, who was born in Bernay-en-Champagne. In 1916, a new bell tower was finally erected. Inside the sanctuary, you can admire several terracotta statues and an altar crafted in 1870 by René Hanuche, a stonemason from Sablé.



The Chapel of La Roche Couasnon

Mr Hulot invites you to discover the Chapel of La Roche Couasnon — a marvellous 16th-century building, rich in history and charm! Nestled in the heart of the countryside near the Vègre River, this stunning chapel has been lovingly restored over the course of nearly 45 years, breathing new life into its beautiful stonework. Come and admire this exceptional site and let yourself be swept away by the fascinating stories and curious anecdotes shared by its passionate owner.

Saint-Symphorien Church

The current church replaces an earlier sanctuary that was destroyed by fire. Apart from the religious furnishings, only a single round arch from the 11th century — located in the north sacristy — remains as a vestige of the original Saint-Symphorien Church. A written description has been preserved, offering insight into the layout of the original building, which featured a nave ending in a semi-domed apse and two transept arms dating from the 16th century.



Saint-Corneille and Saint-Cyprien Church

This protected 12th-century church, once attached to the Abbey of La Couture in Le Mans, is considered one of the most beautiful churches in the Sarthe region.

It was built in the early 12th century from Bernay stone by the monks of La Couture Abbey.

Saint-Martin Church

This remarkable church is listed on the "Clay Pathways". Around 1642, the church was enhanced with an outstanding decorative scheme, including two altarpieces in the chancel and the southern chapel.



Hemp Kilns and Lime Kilns

As key industries in the region, lime kilns and hemp kilns are abundant throughout the area.

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



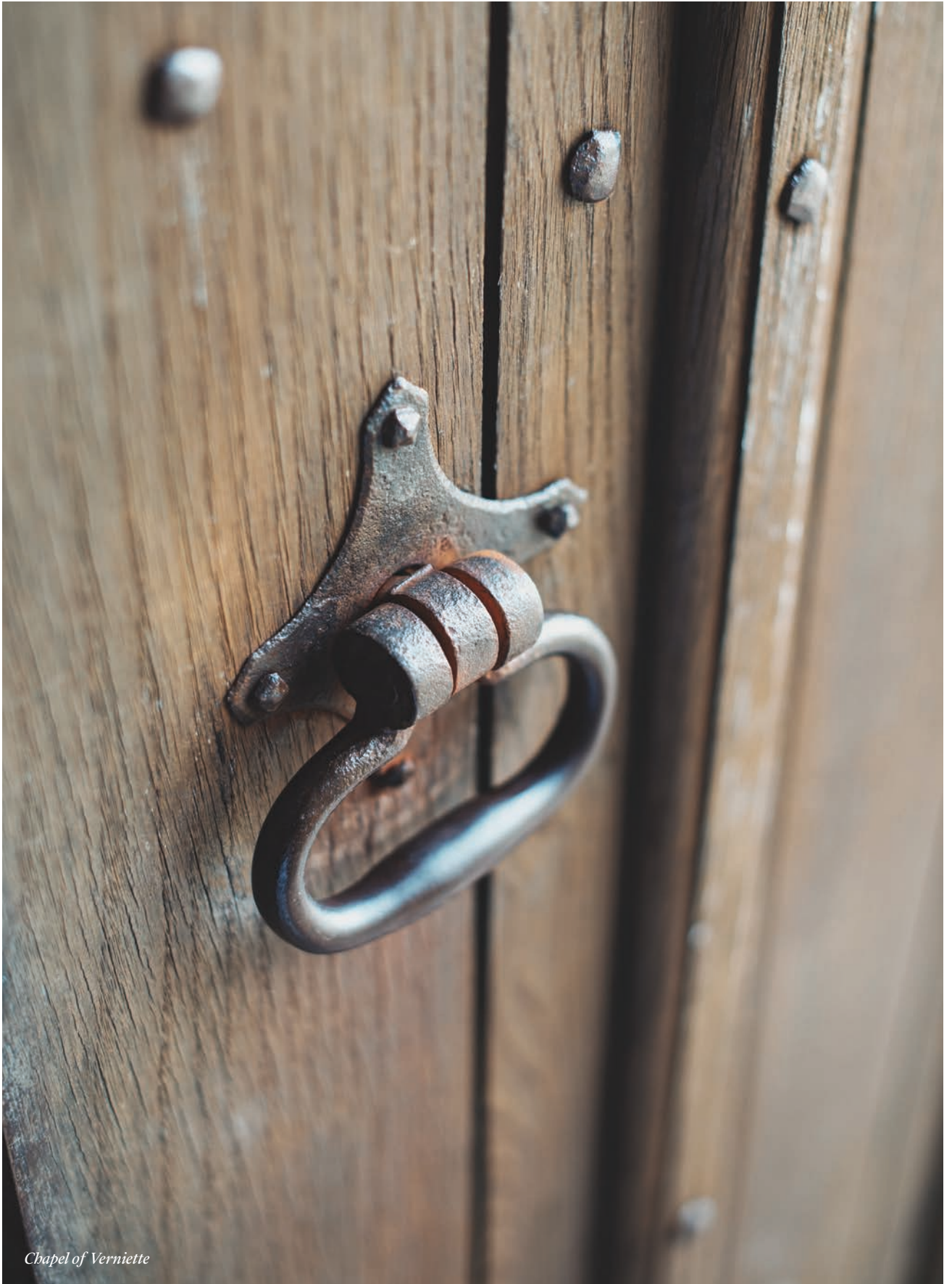
Château de la Renaudière

Visit the undulating, wooded English-style park with its four ponds, as well as the exterior of the château, the chapel, and the outbuildings (including the courtyard, stables, saddle room, and storeroom). The visitor route is clearly signposted.

Visit the Castle's park

La Renaudière, 72240 Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne

FROM 1ST TO 15TH JULY & SEPTEMBER



Chapel of Verniette

Trial by Fire

Between small conflicts and major wars, drop your armour and face the lessons of the men who shaped Great History!

Trial by Fire for History Lovers



Domfront-en-Champagne

Start the day by discovering the Chapel of l'Habit, listed in the supplementary inventory of Historic Monuments and owned by the local council.



Verniette

Head towards Conlie, and more specifically to Verniette, where you will discover the hamlet and the former parish church. While you're there, take a break and enjoy the picnic table and the church park.



Conlie

Next, head towards Conlie. From the car park at the Roger Bellon World War II Museum, follow the Conlie Camp circuit, walk in the footsteps of these men, and imagine their life in this "Kerfank" (mud city). End your journey with a visit to the museum.





Conlie

The World War II Museum



A Unique Collection

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

A significant chapter of 20th-century history awaits you here. Roger Bellon, the museum's creator, will passionately share the story of his collection. This intimate museum is the only one of its kind in Sarthe on this theme. The museum offers an extraordinary collection that Roger Bellon has continually expanded over the years. Life-size mannequins in uniforms, weapons, and military vehicles sit alongside everyday objects, wood sculptures of military scenes, and portraits of famous figures from the conflict. All of the thousands of items on display are authentic.

Visit the Museum

Le Camp - 72240 Conlie

APRIL TO SEPTEMBER

Wednesday to Sunday, from 2:00 PM to 5:30 pm

Ticket office closes at 5:00 pm

For groups: open from 1st February to 30th November by reservation.

Full price: €6 | Ages 12-16: €1.50 | Under 12s: Free

Students / Unemployed: €4.50 | Group: €5

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The Camp of Conlie

The History of the Camp of Conlie

The Defeat of the French Army at the Hands of the Prussians, in September 1870, led the new republican government to form troops in response. The Conlie Camp was the first of the 11 defense and training camps created in France.

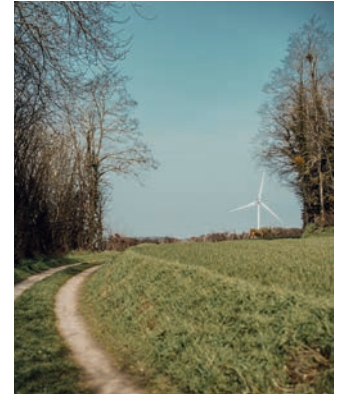
An initiative of General de Keratry, it mainly brought together conscripts from Brittany. Situated on the Jaunelière hill, it was established on 22nd October 1870 and could accommodate 50,000 men. Levelled prior to installation, the constant foot traffic and rain turned the camp into a quagmire, which came to be known as "Kerfank," the "mud city" in Breton.

With the first snowfall came the outbreaks of epidemics. The weapons promised by Gambetta, surplus from the American Civil War, never arrived. Under-equipped, poorly trained, and demotivated, the

Breton army was further neglected due to suspicions of a potential Chouan army. By December, faced with this failure, part of the force was either recalled or evacuated to the forest of Sillé.

On 12th January 1871, 12,000 soldiers finally fought and fell with the Army of the Loire at Le Mans. This defeat was unfairly attributed to them. On 14th January, the Prussians destroyed the camp, and the last soldiers returned home. The Breton Army was officially dissolved on 7th March 1871.

To introduce visitors to the site and the history of Conlie Camp, the Roger Bellon World War II Museum has been organizing its "History Walks" (guided walks of approximately 4.5 km) annually since 2012. For more information, call 02 43 29 39 49.





Around the Conlie Pond

Conlie is a charming little village located in the heart of the Champagne Conlinoise. Take your time to stroll along the edge of its lake and enjoy various activities: hiking, fishing, heritage exploration, and the museum. Take a break in this peaceful and preserved environment, and enjoy the many accommodation options to extend your stay.

Camping de Conlie ^{HH}

Allée du Plan d'Eau - 72240 Conlie

Camping de Conlie welcomes you to the heart of Champagne Conlinoise. Nearby, you'll find the lake for fishing, playgrounds for children, as well as bike-cross tracks, basketball courts, and pétanque areas.

Pitches from €8

Rental units from €56

06 10 34 21 91 | camping.de.conlie@gmail.com |
campingdeconliesarthelemans.com



City Stadium



Health Trail



BMX Track



Skate park



Hidden Heritage Treasures



The Washhouse

Discover many well-preserved washhouses scattered across the region.

Discover the one in Conlie, built in the early 19th century. It was renovated in 2014 for the enjoyment of local residents and visitors.



The Hemp Kiln

Explore several carefully preserved hemp kilns throughout the area.

Start your exploration with the one in Domfront-en-Champagne.

Then, visit the Conlie kiln, built in the early 19th century. It was renovated in 2014 for the enjoyment of local residents and visitors alike.



The Foal Fair

The origins of this tradition are somewhat unclear, but it remains etched in the memories of the oldest locals.

They recall with affection the sound of the hooves of 3,000 foals converging on the village centre. They would pass through the village at dawn on the third Thursday of November.

After the transactions, some would be gathered at the station, where they were then transported by whole wagons to the farming regions of Northern France and even Belgium.



The Hill of Caesar's Camp

Caesar's Camp, also known as the Castle Camp or Grand Gagné Camp, is a mound of Callovian origin (a mass of clayey limestone covered with yellowish clay).

This mound is believed to have housed a fortified position from the Gallo-Roman period. Stone ruins remained for a long time before being destroyed. It is possible that this site once housed a Roman camp between two ancient Roman roads.



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 Notre-Dame de l'Habit Chapel was an annex of this priory. It stands next to a private manor that served as the residence for the prior of Domfront. The chapel is now owned by the local council and is listed in the supplementary inventory of Historic Monuments.

The inscription on the bell hanging from the gable dates back to 1689. Inside the building, you'll find a font and decorations from the early Renaissance.

Free entry.
Open all year round.



Verniette Chapel

The hamlet of Verniette lies at the crossroads of two ancient paths: the route from Conlie to the Gallo-Roman relay at Asnière, and the Roman road connecting Sillé-le-Guillaume to Neuvy-en-Champagne. In the middle of the garden, the former parish church has preserved its Romanesque portal. Inside, you'll find 13th-century frescoes and a beautiful altarpiece, which was classified as a Historic Monument in 1946 for its murals.





Labymais, Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé

Tales of the Land

Let yourself be told the small and great stories of this land: surprising anecdotes, ancient beliefs, and ancestral know-how will be revealed to you.

Tales of the Land for families



Mont-Saint-Jean

Mont-Saint-Jean is full of secrets, whether from its artisans (Sébastien Bouisset) or its most iconic natural sites (Saut du Serf). You're sure to find something to discover starting from this village.



Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé

In the summer, stop by Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé and get lost in the Labymaïs for a moment of fun and relaxation.



Forêt de Mézières

If you still have some energy left, choose a hike starting from Mézières-sous-Lavardin, Sainte-Sabine-sur-Longève, or La-Chapelle-Saint-Fray, and explore the Mézières forest.



Neuvillalais

Continue your journey towards Neuvillalais and take a break at its leisure park. Try to read the time on its sundial.





Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé

Le Labymais



St-Rémy-de-Sillé

Le Mans



An Unusual Place in the Heart of Nature

Treat yourself to a moment of fun and relaxation with friends or family! Several activities are offered at this exceptional 35,000 m² site:

- The Maze: Explore a giant maze together, through the cornfield, and find the hidden spots.
- Mini Farm: Horses, chickens, pigs, ducks, sheep, and goats... Get up close to the farm animals in the flesh (and fur, and feathers)!
- Relaxation Area: Take a break with a drink, surrounded by nature, while the children play just nearby.
- Mini Flea Market
- Inflatable Games for Children
- Obstacle Course (children's and adult versions)
- Mystery Game (children's and adult versions)
- Mini Tractor Ride for the youngest ones

Free drink included.

Info & Prices

Beau Chêne - 72140 Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé

FROM 1ST TO MID-JULY

Every day from 10:30 AM to 7:00 PM
(Maze closed)

• Adult & child: €7

FROM MID-JULY TO 1ST SEPTEMBER

Every day from 10:30 am to 7:00 pm

SEPTEMBER

Every weekend from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

• adult €12 - Children under 15: €10 - Children under 3: Free

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06 74 93 68 03 | lelabymais.com



Neuville-en-Charnie

GroinGroin Animal Sanctuary



A Paradise for Animals

In the heart of Champagne Conlinoise, there is a little paradise for furry and feathered creatures! It was in Neuville-en-Charnie, in 2005, that a veterinarian and a pig enthusiast decided to create the GroinGroin association. Their mission: to rescue and welcome "farm" animals through rescue actions. GroinGroin is also committed to fighting against misconceptions, combating the misinformation pigs suffer, and developing public empathy. From March to October, the refuge opens its doors to the public during the Happig Days: an opportunity to meet the animals and understand their sensitivity, emotions...

110

Animals in the sanctuary

12

Hectares

8

Employees and dozens of volunteers

2000

Animal rescues



Open Days... to Open Your Mind!

GroinGroin's initial mission quickly evolved into raising awareness about pigs in general. Discovering that this animal can be as close to humans as a dog invites us to question our ambivalent relationship with animals: why do some animals get the sofa in the living room, while others are seen only as food for our fridges? This question led the team members to adopt a plant-based diet and encourage others to live in a way that respects animals. To learn more, visit the GroinGroin website and discover the many animal rescue stories, how to meet them, and perhaps even sponsor them.

Visit the Sanctuary

Les Durandières - 72140 Neuville-En-Charnie

The GroinGroin Sanctuary offers visits from March to October. Discover the Happig Days. Check out the schedule by scanning the QR code or visit groingroin.org/happig-days.

Free donation

From 3 years old and advance registration required

06 37 12 61 16 | groingroin.org
sensibilisation@groingroin.org





Le Grez

The Old School



1866

A mixed public school opens under the reign of Napoleon III. It witnesses the introduction of the Jules Ferry laws in 1882 and the separation of Church and State in 1905. Two schoolmistresses, Émilie Launay (1923–1942) and Marie-Louise Thureau (1942–1977), left a lasting mark on the life of the school.

1983

Due to a lack of pupils, the school in Le Grez closes and the few remaining students transfer to schools in Sillé-le-Guillaume.

1998

On the occasion of an agricultural fair, former pupils recreate the school as they once knew it and open it for visits.

2013

The association "Le Grez: School, Nature and History" is founded. It organises guided tours and events every year.

The School-Museum

Travel back in time and step into the shoes of a 19th-century pupil! Located 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 and a delightful discovery for others.

What was taught at school in 1905? What did the Jules Ferry law change? What did the teaching materials of the time look like? Come and find out during a friendly visit full of fascinating anecdotes!

Annie Nicolaÿ and the volunteers from the association passionately share the history of the school. A former pupil herself, who later became a teacher, Annie introduces visitors to a rich collection of historical artefacts...

Visit the School-Museum

Place de la Mairie - 72140 Le Grez

MARCH TO OCTOBER

By reservation only

Price: donate what you want

02 43 20 00 85

(Feel free to leave a message if no one is available)

legrez-ecole-nature-histoire@laposte.net



Hiking & Mountain Biking in the Forest of Mézières

The Mézières Forest covers 480 hectares and, in 1423, provided most of the timber framework used to build Le Mans Cathedral. Today, this coniferous forest is home to many towering trees such as Douglas firs, pines, oaks, and chestnut trees. To explore this beautiful woodland, the Tourist Office invites you to follow the “Mézières Forest Circuit” — a loop of approximately 15 km. On foot or by mountain bike, venture into the heart of the forest where narrow paths and rolling terrain await!



Download Cirkwi...

... and enjoy live access to the trails! Follow the route in real time. Free app available on iOS and Android.



Centre équestre de la Châtaigneraie

- Ponies and horses
- For adults and children
- Covered arena: lessons sheltered from the weather
- Direct access to the Sillé-le-Guillaume forest
- Riding lessons and training courses
- Horse boarding and training
- Trekking and competitions
- FFE exams preparation

Info

Les Châtaigniers - 72140 Le Grez

02 43 20 88 80 | cec.ffe.com



Centre équestre de la Petite Boëlle

- Introduction to equestrian activities: vaulting, horseball, carriage driving, pony games, bareback riding, groundwork, and equine theory
- Holiday riding courses (beginner to advanced), available by half-day or full week
- Led pony rides for children from age 10
- Group visits welcome (schools, youth centres, etc.)
- Birthday parties
- Show jumping competition preparation and outings
- Dressage and jumping refresher courses for training entry

Info

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

06 15 34 90 87 | centre-equestre-mont-saint-jean.ffe.com





Hidden Heritage Treasures



The Hemp Kiln of Degré

The hemp kiln is a testament to the hemp-growing industry that made the Sarthe the leading hemp-producing department in France during the 19th century. At the time, hemp was used to make ropes and clothing. These ovens posed a significant fire risk, which is why they were usually built away from the farm buildings. Each kiln includes two rooms: a heating chamber and a drying chamber. Two separate doors provide access to each space.



Saint-Martin Church

Likely dating from the late Middle Ages, the church in Degré is dedicated to Saint Martin, the son of a Roman officer who joined the imperial cavalry at the age of fifteen. He is famous for sharing his cloak with a poor man and for a heavenly vision that led to his conversion to Christianity. Appointed Bishop of Tours in 372, Saint Martin is regarded as the evangeliser of western France.



The Greenwich Meridian

Neuville-lalais is one of the few villages in France through which the Greenwich Meridian passes directly through its centre. A marker at the foot of the church commemorates this unique feature.

The Greenwich Meridian is marked by a line of paving stones running through the village centre, right in front of the church.

The Sundial

Discover the first analemmatic sundial in the Sarthe department, located in Neuville-lalais. Set in the middle of a landscaped garden, this special sundial allows you to tell the time using the shadow of your own body!



Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé Church

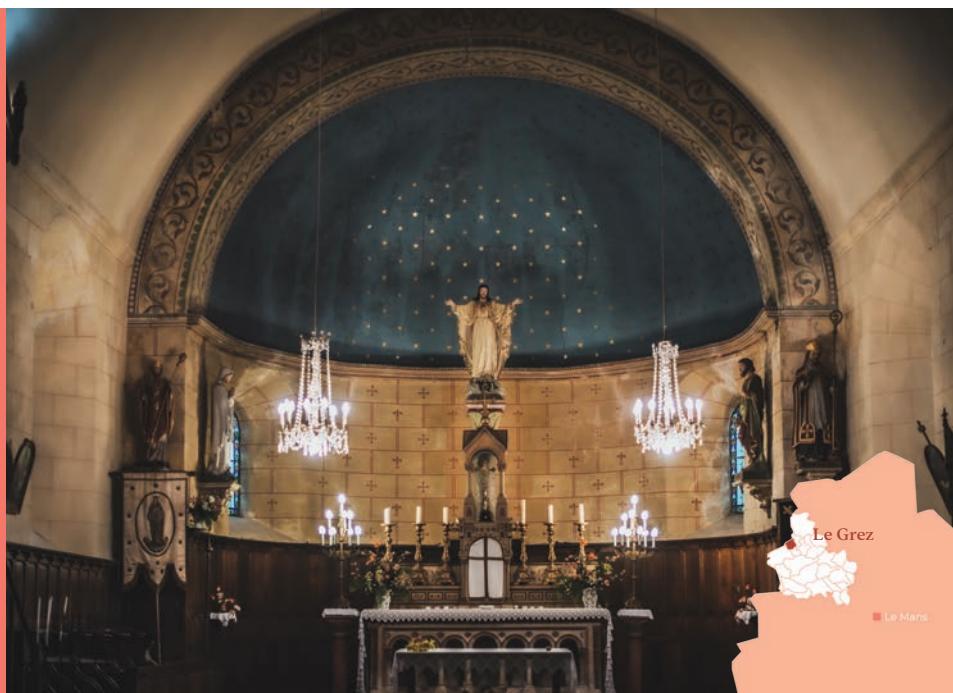
The church of Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé was likely built on the ruins of a Roman-era temple, as suggested by the fern leaf-style stonework in the walls, inspired by Roman architecture. In 1133, a priory was established and entrusted to the monks of the Abbey of La Couture in Le Mans. During the French Revolution, part of the church was used as the town hall, and a sacristy was added to extend the left-hand chapel.

Saint-Nicolas Church

This small church, with its quaint sky-blue dome behind the chancel, originally served as the priory chapel. It is thought to have been founded in the 12th century.

The priest Jean Pocquelin, cousin of Molière, served as chaplain here from 1696 to 1703.

Le Grez once also had the chapel of Saint-Marie des Bois, located in the village, and the small chapel of Saint-Paul—locally known as Saint Pou—which still stands near the hamlet of Haut Éclair.



The Chapel of the Virgin of Siméon

In the heart of the forest, just off the D38, don't miss the Chapel of the Virgin of Siméon. In the 19th century, young women wishing to marry would come here on solitary pilgrimages to pray to the Virgin, offering flowers and coins.



Saint-Mamert Church

The Church of Saint-Mamert was likely built in the 14th century and was linked to the manor of Les Aîtres, located on the hill known as "La Chapelle." Saint Mamert, Archbishop of Vienne (Isère) from 461 to 475, is known for introducing rogation days—three days of public prayer and supplication leading up to the Feast of the Ascension.

Art



Crissé

Sara Grace Wevill : Ceramic Artist



Originally from Wales, Sara Wevill moved to France in 2001 and settled in the beautiful countryside of the Sarthe region. Immersed in rural life, she found the freedom to explore and develop her skills in her own studio, creating a unique range of ceramic art that she now exhibits and sells.

Sara also leads numerous workshops to share her passion, her techniques, and the artistry of her craft. She works both intuitively and to commission, exhibiting her work in art fairs, boutiques, and galleries. She has participated in renowned art shows such as Maison et Objet and Ob'Art Paris. Her sculptures have travelled widely and are now part of collections in France, the UK, the United States, and Japan.

The shop

1 Touchegane - 72140 Crissé

OPEN DAILY (BY RESERVATION)
2 pm to 6 pm

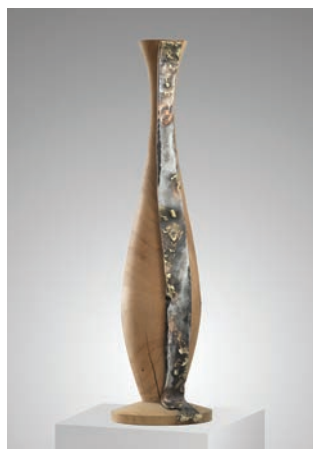
06 75 10 63 48 | saragracesculpture.com





Mont-Saint-Jean

Sébastien Bouisset : Woodturning Artist



An immersion in the world of wood

Step into his workshop and begin a true sensory journey. The scent of freshly worked wood, the feel of pieces in progress, the hypnotic rhythm of the lathe—each stage of transformation reveals a deep, intimate dialogue between the artisan and the material.

A unique and meaningful work of art

Self-taught woodturning artist Sébastien Bouisset transforms raw wood into finely detailed pieces. His totems and decorative objects are far more than simple creations—they carry personal or collective stories. His bespoke approach results in one-of-a-kind works imbued with meaning.

Whether his clients are private individuals, professionals, institutions, or public bodies, they all find in his work a meaningful response to their desire for tailor-made, story-rich objects.

In his workshop, Sébastien gives a second life to the woods entrusted to him, revealing the hidden beauty of each grain, knot, and natural imperfection.

A visit is a must—for the pleasure of the eyes, and the encounter with an artist who sculpts stories as much as wood.

The Workshop & Boutique

Les Alleux - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean

OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY

8:30 am to 6:30 pm



@sebastien.bouisset

06 36 49 11 03 | sbouisset@free.fr | sebastienbouisset.fr

Sébastien Bouisset : An Artistic Journey into the Heart of Wood

In a world where craftsmanship is constantly being reinvented, Sébastien Bouisset's workshop is an essential stop for lovers of unique creations. Located in Mont-Saint-Jean, Sarthe, this space—where wood comes to life under the hands of a remarkable woodturner—offers a gateway into a craft that is both ancient and refreshingly innovative.



In the area



Sillé-le-Guillaume Cinema

Salle Léon Besnardeau - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

Check the schedule by scanning the QR code.

Flat rate: €5

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



Tennie Cinema

Rue Andrée le Grou - 72240 Tennie

Check the schedule by scanning the QR code.

Ticket prices:

€6 per adult

€5 per child (under 14)

Special rates available for members

baladimages.fr



Local Markets

Bernay-Neuvy-en Champagne

Town Hall car park of Bernay

Thursday morning: fish stall

Conlie

Place des Halles

Thursday and Sunday mornings

La Quinte

Church square

Tuesday, 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm: fruit & vegetable stall

Sillé-le-Guillaume

Place de la République

Wednesday morning: main market

Place St-Etienne

Saturday morning: one greengrocer stall

Summer Tours

The Tourist Office's Summer Tours

This summer, the Tourist Office is organising guided visits across the region—an ideal opportunity to discover local artisans, producers, and farmers!

These summer tours offer a true immersion into the soul of the area, providing insight into its history, traditions, and above all, a chance to meet the people who make it so special.

At the end of summer, take a moment to escape into the national forest of Sillé and witness the awe-inspiring stag bellowing season.

Whether you're a local regular or just passing through, let yourself be tempted by the adventure and join one of these summer tours.

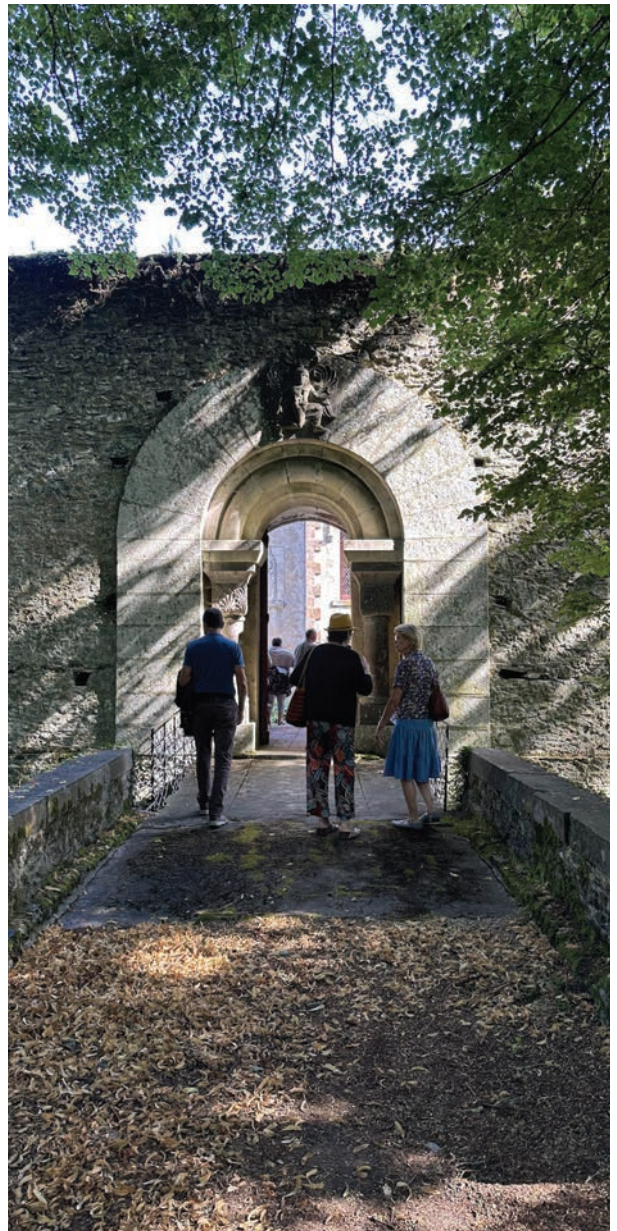
Find the full programme of visits on destinationcoco.com or at the Tourist Office. Contact us to book your place!

Info

Place de la Résistance - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume
Sillé Plage - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

Book through the Tourist Office

02 43 20 10 32 | destinationcoco.com |
officedetourisme@4cps.fr



Near us

Located less than an hour from Le Mans and Laval, the Champagne Conlinoise and Pays de Sillé regions are the perfect places to discover the finest that Sarthe and Mayenne have to offer. Extend your stay and visit the many beautifully labelled villages, such as Sainte-Suzanne or Saint-Céneri! Explore the neighbouring Alpes Mancelles, a region offering a multitude of hiking trails and outdoor activities.

Of course, don't miss the world-renowned event: the 24 Hours of Le Mans! For a week, the city embraces the colours of the famous car race, with numerous events, celebrations, concerts, and more. Take this opportunity to explore the Old Town of Le Mans, perfectly preserved and steeped in medieval history. Known for its rich cultural programme, the city of Le Mans is sure to surprise you!

In winter, experience the famous Christmas illuminations of Laval, offering a chance to stroll through the enchanting streets of this mysterious city, full of delightful surprises.





The Alpes Mancelles

Located to the northwest of Sarthe, the protected Alpes Mancelles offer unlikely landscapes of rolling hills and mountains. What better way to explore this natural treasure and the picturesque villages of Saint-Cénéri-le-Gérei, Saint-Léonard-des-Bois, or the medieval town of Fresnay-sur-Sarthe than by canoe, kayak, or mountain bike?

tourisme-alpesmancelles.fr



Saint-Cénéri-le-Gérei

Saint-Cénéri-le-Gérei, a village with a population of just 150 inhabitants, is located at the southern border of the Orne department in Lower Normandy and is part of the Normandie-Maine Regional Natural Park. Situated at the heart of the Alpes-Mancelles natural region, Saint-Cénéri-le-Gérei has managed to preserve its heritage, earning its place among the Les Plus Beaux Villages de France. The village offers many leisure and relaxation activities, and recurring events are an integral part of its community life.

saintceneri.org





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The Caves of Saulges

At the heart of the Erve Valley, near Sainte-Suzanne, lies an exceptional site: the Valley of the Caves of Saulges and its Prehistoric Museum.

Located within a Natura 2000 zone, the museum traces the history of prehistoric humans, showcasing their lifestyles, tools, and the artistic creations they left behind. During your visit, the caves will reveal their true treasures.

grottes-musee-de-saulges.com



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Sainte-Suzanne

Take a detour into Mayenne and enjoy the charming medieval town of Sainte-Suzanne, classified as one of Les Plus Beaux Villages de France. Visit the castle, which houses the Centre for Interpretation of Architecture and Heritage of Mayenne. Follow the Erve River and, further south, explore the caves of Saulges. Continue your journey towards Saulges and the Prehistoric Museum.

ste-suzanne.fr
coevrons-tourisme.com



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La Flèche Zoo

La Flèche Zoo, ranked among the five best zoological parks in France, is home to nearly 1,500 animals from 160 different species, spread over 18 hectares of lush greenery, offering a journey and escape. Seal shows, falconry displays, and other performances will fill your day with excitement!

zoo-la-fleche.com





The Le Mans Bunker

Collège Berthelot, 26 rue Chanzy - 72000 Le Mans

Visit General Dollmann's bunker, located at Collège Berthelot in Le Mans—a significant site of remembrance, ensuring the past is never forgotten.

Protected within the grounds of the school, the building remains in a nearly untouched state. Unlike the bunkers found along the coast, this one has not suffered damage from sea air or shifting sands.

historiquemans72@gmail.com | 07 83 06 20 72



The D-Day Landing Beaches

The D-Day landings on 6 June 1944 on the beaches of Normandy marked the largest amphibious and airborne operation in history.

Even today, millions of people visit the Landing Beaches to pay tribute to the soldiers who helped liberate France.

normandie-tourisme.fr



Château d'Angers



Château de Chambord



Château de Brissac



Château de Chenonceau

The Loire Valley Châteaux

Nestled in the heart of the Loire Valley, the Châteaux of the Loire offer a journey into the elegance, history, and cultural wealth of France.

Castles such as Chambord, Chenonceau, Cheverny, and Villandry are stunning examples of period architecture and design.

The Loire Valley châteaux are a true national treasure, offering visitors a full immersion into French history and heritage. Whether you're passionate about history, architecture, or nature, this region is an unmissable stop for an unforgettable journey.



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Le Mans

Treat Yourself to a Getaway in Le Mans. Le Mans, candidate for UNESCO World Heritage status for its beautifully preserved Roman wall surrounding the stunning Plantagenet City, is a true cultural gem. A cradle of creativity, the city is home to master artisans—milliners, decorators, cabinetmakers, and glassmakers. Le Mans also stands out for its renowned and much-loved gastronomy, celebrated well beyond the borders of the Sarthe region.

Throughout the year, the city pulses with cultural and sporting events that bring together thousands of people! Be sure to visit Saint-Julien Cathedral, which—alongside Chartres Cathedral—boasts one of the most impressive collections of medieval stained glass in France.

lemans-tourisme.com



Papéa Parc

More than 30 rides, a circus show, and a water park open in the summer—Papéa is perfect for families with children or groups of friends.

From thrill rides to carousels and attractions for all ages, there's something for everyone!

papeaparc.fr



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The Royal Abbey of l'Épau

To the east of Le Mans, along the Huisne River in Yvré-l'Évêque, discover another jewel of Sarthe's heritage: the Royal Abbey of l'Épau. Founded in 1229 by Queen Berengaria, it is one of the finest examples of Cistercian architecture in France.

epau.sarthe.fr



Driving time from Sillé-le-Guillaume

The 24H Le Mans Experience

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The 24 Hours of Le Mans race

The 24 Hours of Le Mans race is the international event of the year not to be missed! Drawing over 250,000 spectators each year, it gathers motorsport fans, curious visitors, and partygoers in an electric atmosphere. Open to all, the 24 Hours of Le Mans is truly iconic. For nearly a week, the city vibrates to the rhythm of the race and welcomes tourists from all over the world.

11 au 15 June 2025

The Museum and the Circuit

Start your day with a journey through time and motoring history at the 24 Hours of Le Mans Museum, home to over 140 historic vehicles. Then, continue the experience by exploring key sites of the circuit: the pit straight, paddock, and sports complex. In the afternoon, dive into the action with a session at the 24H Karting Track—including go-kart racing and a driving simulator for a day full of fun and adrenaline.

lemans.org



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The European Horse Centre: Boulerie Jump

Just a few kilometres from the Plantagenet City, in Yvré-l'Évêque, discover the world of elite equestrian sport at Boulerie Jump, the largest horse competition venue in France—and one of the biggest in Europe. This site showcases the rich equestrian tradition of Le Mans, an ancestral art of living.

Depending on the competition calendar, you may be able to attend events in various disciplines: show jumping, dressage, vaulting, or horseball.

Guided tours available – advance booking recommended at the Maison du Pilier-Rouge.

lemans.fr/patrimoine | 02 43 47 40 30



Château de Courtemanche à Parnes



Address Book

Find all accommodation and dining options in the Champagne Conlinoise and Pays de Sillé area.

Tourist Tax:

A tourist tax applies within the territory of the Champagne Conlinoise and Pays de Sillé. This contribution is collected by your host on behalf of the Communauté de Communes de la Champagne Conlinoise et du Pays de Sillé (4CPS). The tax is fully transferred to the Tourist Office and dedicated to tourism-related actions from which you directly benefit.

Information:

For hotels and guesthouses, the listed rates are for a double room. For tables d'hôtes (home dining), advance booking is strongly recommended. Accommodation details (capacity, rates, etc.) are provided for information only and may vary since this brochure's publication. Despite our best efforts and thorough checks, any remaining errors or omissions cannot be considered the responsibility of the Tourist Office.

Legend:

» Star rating 🏡 Épis Gîtes de France 🏠 Clévacances

🏊 Swimming pool

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Campsites



Camping de Conlie ^{HH}

Allée du Plan d'Eau - 72240 Conlie
06 10 34 21 91 | camping.de.conlie@gmail.com
Open from April 1st to October 31st 2025

Pitch
from
8 € / night

Rental
from
56 € / night



Camping Les Tournesols ^{HHH}

Le Landereau - 72140 Le Grez
02 43 20 12 69 | campinglestournesols.com
campinglestournesols@orange.fr
Open from April 30th to September 30th 2025

Pitch
from
10,50 € / night

Rental
from
144 € / week



Camping Smile & Braudières ^{HHHH}

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

Pitch
from
16 € / night

Rental
from
326,50 € / week



Camping de la Groie

La Groie - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume
02 43 42 89 99 | jacques.lefevre98@sfr.fr
Open from April to September 2025

Prices available
on request

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Camping Huttopia Lac de Sillé ^{HHH}

512 route forestière des Molières - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume
02 43 20 16 12 | huttopia.com | lac-sille@huttopia.com
Bike renting
Open from April 17th to September 30th 2025

Pitch
from
15,50 € / night

Rental
from
294 € / week



Camping Seasonova de la Forêt ^{HHH}

Sillé Plage - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume
02 43 20 11 04 | vacances-seasonova.com
contact@vacances-seasonova.com
Open from March 4th to September 28th 2025

Pitch
from
10 € / night

Rental
from
183,50 € / week



Camping de la Vègre - Onlycamp ^{HHH}

Rue du Camping - 72240 Tennie
07 68 77 85 72 | camping-tennie.com
campingdelavegre@onlycamp.fr
Open from April 30th to September 14th 2025

Pitch
from
15 € / night

Rental
from
277 € / week

Motorhome parking areas



Sillé-le-Guillaume

Place de la Gare - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume
Eurorelais tokens
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

Hotels restaurants



Hotel Le Bretagne

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

Room
from
45 € / night

Menu
from
11,60 €



Le Petit Pont Inn

25 rue Andrée Le Grou - 72240 Tennie
02 43 20 82 32 | logishotels.com | aubergelepetitpont@orange.fr

Room
from
98 € / night

Menu
from
26 €

Restaurants



O'Bistrot de So

Traditional French restaurant
15 place de l'Eglise - 72140 Rouez
02 44 02 53 80 | obistrotdeso@gmail.com



Le Relais en Champagne

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



L'Auberge de la Vègre

Traditional French/Italian restaurant
4 rue de la Vègre - 72240 Ruillé-en-Champagne
02 43 14 28 16



Chez Nono

Traditional French restaurant
7 rue de la 4c - 72240 Conlie
02 53 15 40 97



Chez El

Tea room - restaurant
10 place Saint-Etienne - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume
07 44 55 60 28 | chezelsille23@gmail.com | chezelsille.com



La Table de Benjamin

Traditional French restaurant
22 Grande rue - 72240 Conlie
02 44 02 17 91



L'Hôtel de Paris

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



La Renaissance

Traditional restaurant, bar
1 Rue du Houdou - 72140 Crissé
09 80 25 56 44



Les Grillades de Sillé

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



Au Neuvilleletois

Traditional restaurant, bar
2 Rue de la Mairie - 72140 Neuville-en-Charnie
02 43 80 66 73



Cesibon

French and Filipino restaurant
3 rue du Général Giraud - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume
06 98 74 21 04



Le Méridien

Traditional restaurant
41 rue du Méridien - 72240 Neuville-lalais



Au Refuge du Trappeur

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



Le Broc

Traditional restaurant, bar
2 place de la Mairie - 72140 Rouessé-Vassé
02 43 88 70 60



L'Embarcadère

Traditional restaurant
Sillé Plage - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume



Maison d'hôtes La Roche Tabary

500 chemin de la Roche Tabary - 72240 Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne

06 58 19 53 12 | quillien72@yahoo.fr

€

Total capacity
10 people



Accueil familial à la campagne

11 rue de la Croix Rompue - 72240 Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne

06 76 75 01 41 | sophie.biesbrouck@orange.fr

€

Total capacity
11 people



Chambres d'hôtes de Souvré

Souvré, La Chapellerie - 72240 Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne

07 82 19 48 72 | lesgitesdesouvre@gmail.com

€

Total capacity
11 people



Chambres d'hôtes de M^{me} Fleck

48 Vieux Chemin du Mans - 72240 Domfront-en-Champagne

06 59 57 99 06 | estelle.fleck@hotmail.fr

€

Total capacity
2 people



Chez Jos'ètre

5 rue Mathurin Pattier - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean

Séjours bien-être : jocosneau.com - semettreouvert72.com

06 77 29 23 66

€

Total capacity
3 people



Château de la Lucazière

Lucazière - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean

02 43 34 34 45 | richardharvey@orange.fr

€€

Total capacity
10 people



Château de Courtemanche

Courtemanche - 72140 Parnennes

06 83 81 10 20 | chateaucourtemanche@gmail.com

€

Total capacity
4 people



Havre de Fay

Fay - 72140 Rouessé-Vassé

02 43 25 30 67 | havredefay.fr | contact@havredefay.fr

€

Total capacity
6 people



Chambres d'hôtes de La Cassine

La Cassine - 72140 Rouessé-Vassé

02 43 25 20 87 | gite-la-cassine.com | gitelacassine72@yahoo.fr

€

Total capacity
6 people



La Petite Forge

La Petite Forge - 72240 Ruillé-en-Champagne

06 86 68 52 58 | lapetiteforge72240@gmail.com

€

Total capacity
4 people



Les Rocs Fanfan



7 Les Rocs - 72140 Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé
06 76 92 09 83 | francoise.tellier@neuf.fr

€

Total
capacity
4 people



Le Domaine du Petit Tertre

1029 Le Petit Tertre - 72380 Sainte-Sabine-sur-Longève
06 62 98 06 12 | contact@domainedupetittertretre.com

€€

Total
capacity
10 people



La Chambre d'hôtes de Marie

486 route de Fresnay - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume
06 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

€

Total
capacity
6 people

Unique



Tente au bord de l'étang

Les Gâtines - 72240 Cures
Sur Airbnb

€

Total
capacity
2 people



Yourte de la Cassine



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

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Total
capacity
8 people

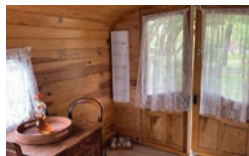


Le P'tiny d'Aliénor

Le Plessis Malhonte - 72140 Rouez
06 84 70 94 27 | contact@giteduplantagenet.fr

€€

Total
capacity
2 people



Roulotte Les Rocs Fanfan

7 Les Rocs - 72140 Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé
06 76 92 09 83 | francoise.tellier@neuf.fr
Sur Airbnb

€

Total
capacity
3 people

Les meublés de tourisme



Gîte de Souvré 🏠🏠🏠

Souvré, La Chapellerie - 72240 Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne
07 82 19 48 72 | lesgitesdesouvre@gmail.com

€€€€ / week

Total capacity
11 people



Le Manoir de Nourray

Nourray - 72240 Bernay-Neuvy-en-Champagne
06 68 06 49 49 | lemanoirdenourray@gmail.com

Rates
on request

Total capacity
40 people



Chateaubert 🏠

Lieu dit Chateaubert - 72240 La Chapelle-Saint-Fray
01 76 38 10 04 | contact@so.villas | [sur www.so.villas](http://surwww.so.villas)

€€€€€ / night

Total capacity
30 people



Les Aîtres 🏠🏠🏠

Le Bourg - 72240 La Chapelle-Saint-Fray
06 11 91 47 71 | c.lemaitre72@free.fr

€€€ / week

Total capacity
5 people



L'Ormeau

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

€€€ / weekend

Total capacity
8 people

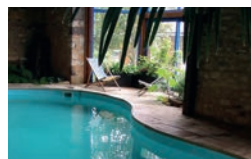


Domaine de la Boisselée 🏠🏠🏠🏠🏠

La Boisselée - 72240 Cures
gites-de-france.com et Airbnb

Rates
on request

Total capacity
5 people



Gîte des Gâtines 🏠

Les Gâtines - 72240 Cures
sur Airbnb

Rates
on request

Total capacity
4 people



Gîte Communal de Conlie

85 rue de l'Eglise - 72240 Conlie
06 72 88 36 27 | conlie.fr | mairie@conlie.fr

€€€€ / weekend

Total capacity
19 people



Les Hauts Demeurants 🏠🏠🏠

Les Hauts Demeurants - 72140 Crissé
06 85 21 17 60 | surgetodette72@gmail.com

€€€ / week

Total capacity
6 people

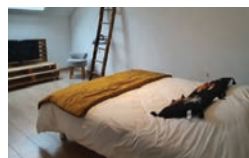


La Vagotière 🏠🏠🏠🏠

La Vagotière - 72550 Degré
charles@vagotiere.com

€€€ / night

Total capacity
9 people



Domaine de la Bouteillerie

1 la Bouteillerie - 72550 Degré
02 43 80 68 08 | receptiondumaine@orange.fr

€€€ / night

Total
capacity
12 people



Les Grandes Haies

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

€€€ / week

Total
capacity
2 people



Les Petites Moulins

Les Petites Moulins - 72550 Degré
06 22 03 51 65 | petites-moulins.fr
contact@petites-moulins.fr

€€€€€€ / weekend

Total
capacity
52 people



Châlets de Lavardin (3 chalets)

Rue des Vallées - 72240 Lavardin
02 43 27 71 87 | lavardin.fr | mairie.lavardin@wanadoo.fr

€ / week

Total
capacity
52 people



Gîte à la Campagne

La Teisserie - 72240 Mézières-sous-Lavardin
sur Airbnb

€ / 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

€€€€€ / week

Total
capacity
14 people



La Pétière

La Pétière - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean
06 37 72 08 37 | chauvet.christine72@orange.fr

€€€€€ / week

Total
capacity
14 people



La Pétière du Bas

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

€€ / night
(minimum 2 nights)

Total
capacity
14 people



La Minerie

La Minerie - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean
02 43 24 55 20 | 06 18 61 82 17 | gitelaminerie72@aol.com

€€€ / week

Total
capacity
11 people



La Grande Chevrolière

La Grande Chevrolière - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean
sur Airbnb

Rates
on request

Total
capacity
8 people

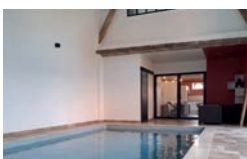


Le Jouteau

Le Jouteau - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean
09 64 17 80 37 | 06 43 55 82 70 | lejouteau@gmail.com

€€€€€ / week

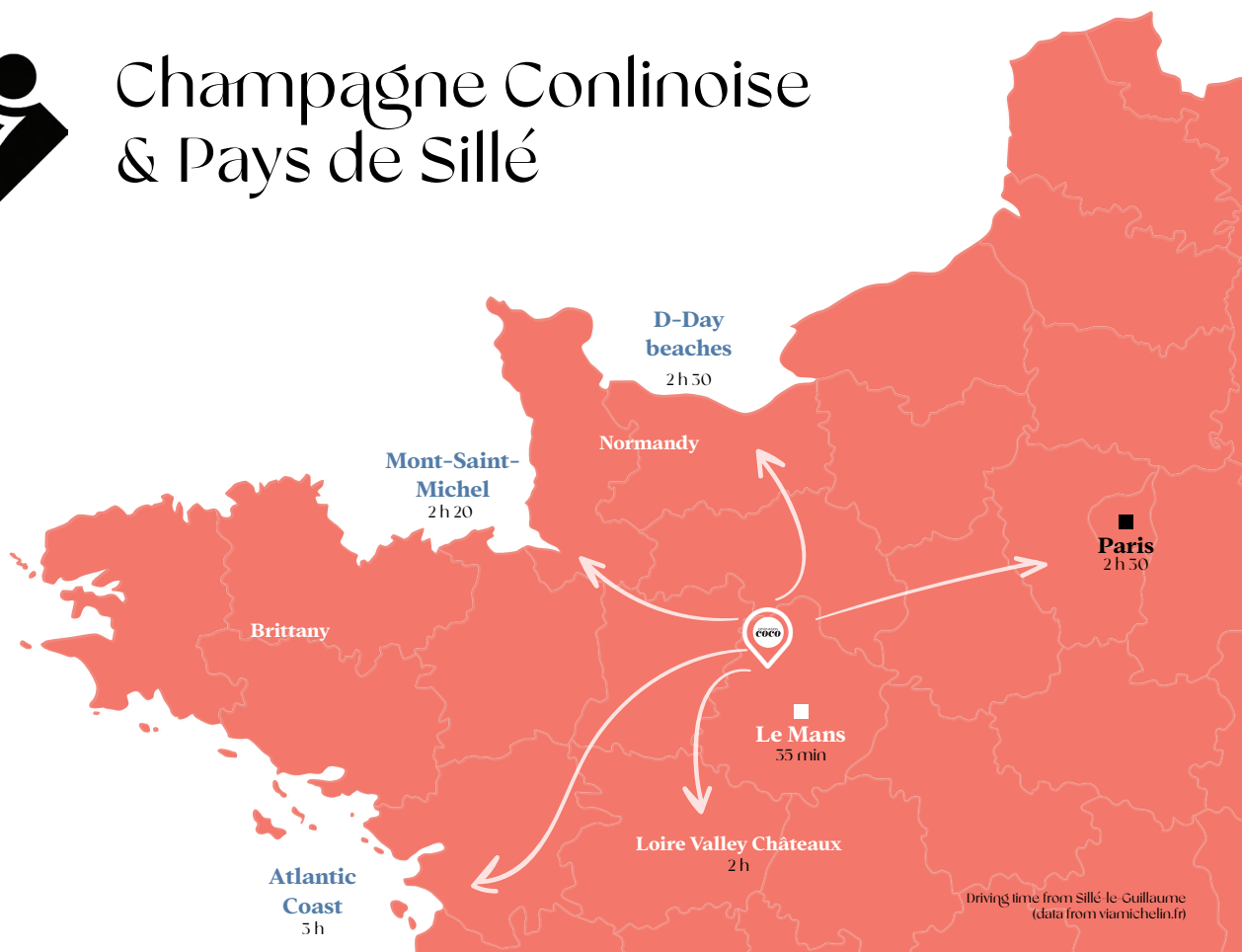
Total
capacity
14 people

	Les Apprêts 🏡 🏡 🏡 🏡 Les Apprêts - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean 02 43 24 12 26 monique_ozange@hotmail.com	€€€ / week	Total capacity 12 people
	Château de la Lucazière 🏡 La Lucazière - 72140 Mont-Saint-Jean 06 66 73 31 93 richardharvey@orange.fr	€€ / night €€€€ / week	Total capacity 7 people
	Domaine de la Triponnière La Triponnière - 72140 Neuville-en-Charnie 06 95 05 56 66 domainedelatriponniere@gmail.com	Rates on request	Total capacity 7 people
	Gîte de Courtemanche Courtemanche - 72140 Parnennes 06 83 81 10 20 chateaudecourtemanche@gmail.com	€€€€ / week	Total capacity 11 people
	Le Bas Pezereuil 🏡 1 rue Pezereuil - 72140 Pezé-le-Robert 06 82 00 13 41 desvages@free.fr	Rates on request	Total capacity 8 people
	Gîtes de La Cassine (3 gîtes) 🏡 🏡 🏡 La Cassine - 72140 Rouessé-Vassé 02 43 25 20 87 gîte-la-cassine.com gitelacassine72@yahoo.fr	Rates on request	Total capacity 3, 16 & 55 people
	Le Carrefour 🏡 🏡 🏡 Le Carrefour - 72140 Rouessé-Vassé 06 30 06 07 63 cgarreau@gmail.com	€ / night	Total capacity 4 people
	Gîte de la Glycine 72140 Rouessé-Vassé Sur Airbnb	Rates on request	Total capacity 10 people
	L'Abbaye de Champagne Abbaye de Champagne - 72140 Rouez-en-Champagne 02 43 20 15 74 abbayedechampagne.com contact@abbayedechampagne.com	Rates on request	Total capacity 40 people
	Foulleray 🏡 🏡 🏡 🏡 Foulleray n°14 - 72140 Rouez-en-Champagne 06 37 11 60 74 melot.jeanmarie@orange.fr	€€€ / 2 nights	Total capacity 8 people
	Le Gîte du Plantagenêt 🏡 Le Plessis Malhonte - 72140 Rouez-en-Champagne 06 84 70 94 27 contact@giteduplantagenet.fr	Rates on request	Total capacity 8 people

	Moulin de Courmenant   Courmenant - 72140 Rouez 06 52 32 69 49 patricia.letard@free.fr	Rates on request	Total capacity 9 people
	Gîte de la Grange La Grange - 72240 Ruillé-en-Champagne 06 76 66 70 02 charlinepifre@yahoo.fr	Rates on request	Total capacity 8 people
	La Petite Barillère  La Petite Barillère - 72240 Ruillé-en-Champagne 06 25 88 48 31 g.poirrier@2okmparis.com	Rates on request	Total capacity 6 people
	Le Domaine de Moné (Le Grand Moné & Le Petit Moné) Moné - 72240 Ruillé-en-Champagne 06 11 49 63 82 domainemone72@gmail.com	Rates on request	Total capacity 90 personnes 8 personnes
	La Brandarie  La Brandarie - 72140 Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé 06 20 64 45 41 colette.beuneche@sfr.fr	€€€ / week	Total capacity 9 people
	La Bretonnerie (2 gîtes) La Bretonnerie - 72240 Saint-Symphorien 06 89 32 50 74 gitesdelabretonnerie.com murielsaintsymphorien@gmail.com	€ /night €€€ / week	Total capacity 9 people
	La Petite Charnie 13 rue de la Petite Charnie - 72240 Saint-Symphorien 06 76 50 22 15	Rates on request	Total capacity 7 people
	La Corderie  1 ter rue de la Corderie - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume 02 43 20 22 83 robert.gallant@orange.fr	€€€ / week	Total capacity 6 people (4 adults & 2 children)
	La Croix Blanche La Croix Blanche - 72240 Tennie 06 77 14 15 17	€€ /night	Total capacity 10 people
	L'Écotay / Le Petit Gîte de l'Écotay L'Écotay - 72240 Tennie 02 43 20 59 34 gite-lecotay.com gitelecotay@gmail.com	Rates on request	Total capacity 50 people 10 people
	Les Mauchienneries   Les Mauchienneries - 72240 Tennie 06 23 82 41 09 gitelesmauchienneries.fr magalirapanakis@yahoo.fr	€€€€ / week	Total capacity 12 people



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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

06 83 81 10 20

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Sillé-le-Guillaume

02 43 20 08 52

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Tennie

06 82 08 78 36

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Saint-Rémy-de-Sillé

06 81 28 06 61

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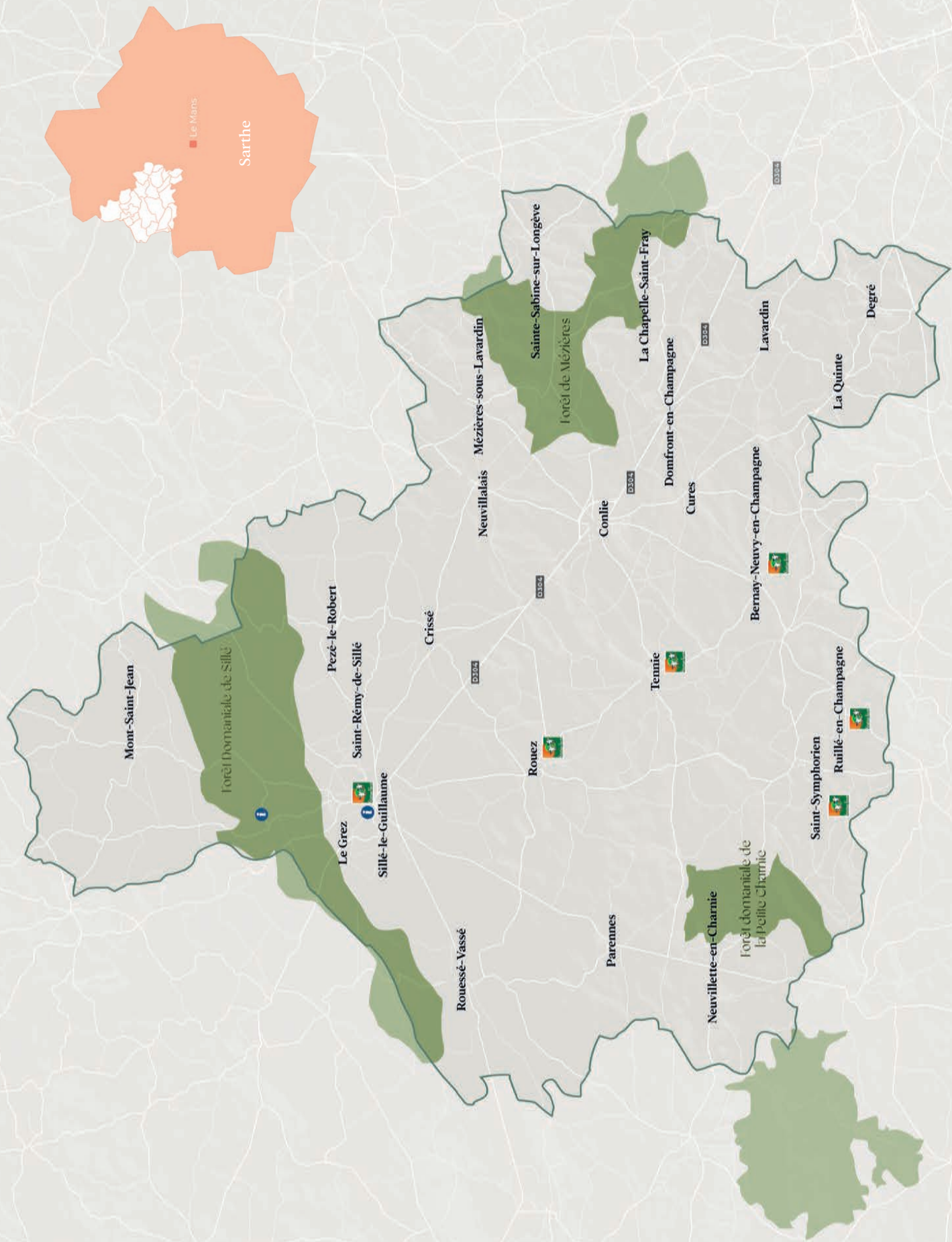
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Lake of Sillé Tourist Office: Maison du Tourisme, Sillé Plage - 72140 Sillé-le-Guillaume

Tourist Information Point: Pôle Intercommunal - 4 rue de Gaucher - 72240 Conlie

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