

# Beaulieu-sur-Loire / Briare

## La Loire à Vélo - Loire Valley by bike

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**Départ**  
Beaulieu-sur-Loire

**Arrivée**  
Briare

**Durée**  
56 min

**Distance**  
14,21 Km

**Niveau**  
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**Thématique**  
Canals & intimate rivers

Travel by waterway has pride of place along this beautiful stretch of the Loire à Vélo. The highlight is Mantelot Lock by Châtillon-sur-Loire, where boats once gathered to cross the Loire, before the construction of the canal-bridge at nearby Briare. Lock and canal-bridge are both splendid constructions not to be missed. This section is easy, mainly on greenways.

### Route

Choose between two routes from Beaulieu-sur-Loire to Châtillon-sur-Loire, one along the river's east bank, via Bonny-sur-Loire and Ousson-sur-Loire, the other via the west bank and the Ecluse de Mantelot, passing between the Loire and its parallel Canal Latéral.

### Don't miss

**Beaulieu-sur-Loire:** extraordinary pyramidal barns; its section of the Canal Latéral à la Loire; the local vineyards

**Bonny-sur-Loire:** the fortified old town and St Aignan Church; its islands on the Loire

**Ousson-sur-Loire:** an historic village with picturesque lanes, plus the promenade beside the Loire

**Châtillon-sur-Loire:** once an important port along the Loire, with the beautiful Mantelot Lock set beside the river

**Briare:** its famed canal-bridge designed by Eiffel; its lively, appealing marina; the Musée des Deux Marines and Musée du Pont-Canal, dedicated to waterways; the Musée de la Mosaïque et des Emaux, plus the mosaics of St Etienne Church; the Château de Trousse-Barrière

### Markets

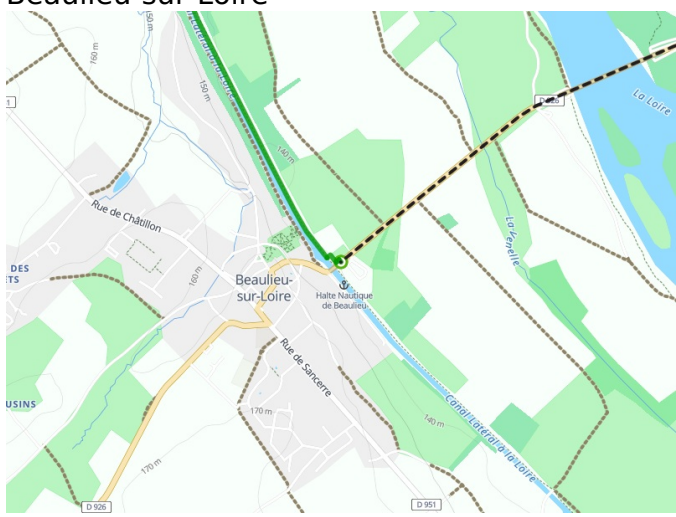
- **Beaulieu-sur-Loire** : Wednesday morning
- **Bonny-sur-Loire** : Saturday morning

### Tourist Information Centre

- **Belleville-sur-Loire** : +33 (0)2 48 72 54 96
- **Beaulieu-sur-Loire** : +33 (0)2 38 35 87 24
- **Bonny-sur-Loire** : +33 (0)2 38 31 57 71



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