

Bouchemaine / Chalonnes-sur-Loire

La Loire à Vélo - Loire Valley by bike



Départ
Bouchemaine

Arrivée
Chalonnes-sur-Loire

Durée
1 h 18 min

Distance
19,78 Km

Niveau
I begin / Family

Thématique
In the vineyards, French rivers, Nature & small heritage

Start at La Pointe, in a tremendous setting in the heart of Anjou, where the Maine River joins the Loire. A bit west, this magical Loire à Vélo stage allows you glimpses of the prestigious vine-covered slopes of Savennières. You follow the wild Loire closely here. Don't miss Béhuard Island before going on to cross Chalonnes's island.

Route

At Bouchemaine, the official route takes you up the slope through the upper village before rejoining the Loire.

As an alternative, follow the path right beside the river up to the Maine's confluence with the Loire. Then a track goes alongside the railway beside the Loire up to the village of Savennières. This is a very beautiful, wild stretch without slopes.

At Savennières, from the church, you take quiet roads and tracks up to La Possonnière. Then follow the D 210 road on the raised Loire levée up to the bridges on the D 961 road. These bridges have cycle tracks to allow you to cross easily to the south side of the Loire at Chalonnes-sur-Loire.

Link

Don't miss the detour you can take to explore Béhuard Island.

Railway station - SNCF

Train stop at Savennières and station at La Possonnière: TER regional trains to and from Orléans, Tours, Angers and Nantes have some spaces for bikes. Note that there are stairs up to the platforms, but no ramps.

Don't miss

Bouchemaine: just southwest of Angers, at the confluence of the Maine and Loire rivers, with one of the most spectacular river views in the Loire Valley; elegant quay-side houses; the old fishermen's and mariners' quarter of La Pointe, with little restaurants.

La Pierre Bécherelle: just downstream from Bouchelaine, a former toll on the Loire

Savennières: a wealthy village, filled with wall-surrounded wine estates producing prestigious white wines

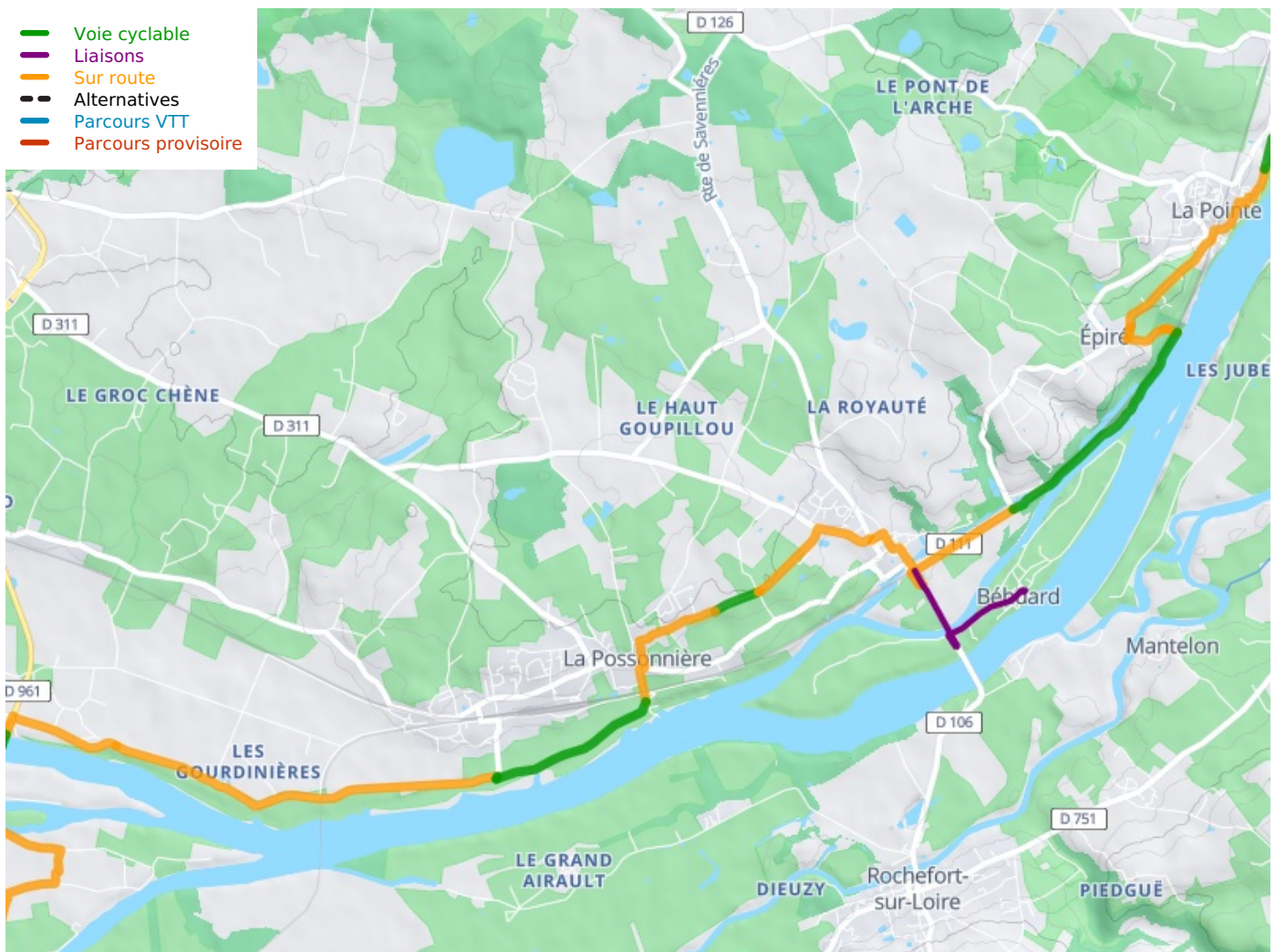
île Béhuard: a Loire island with charming village that has been a place of pilgrimage since ancient times.

Market

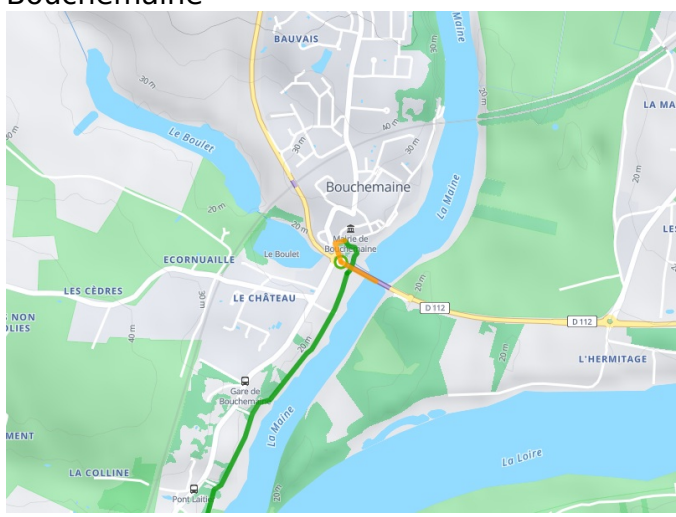
- **Chalonnes-sur-Loire:** Tuesday and Saturday morning

Tourist Information centres

- **Bouchemaine:** +33(0)2 41 22 20 00
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