

# Angers / Bouchemaine / St-Mathurin

## La Vélo Francette: Normandy / Atlantic by bike



**Départ**  
Angers

**Arrivée**  
St-Mathurin

**Durée**  
2 h 27 min

**Distance**  
36,51 Km

**Niveau**  
I begin / Family

**Thématique**  
Canals & intimate rivers,  
Nature & small heritage

La Vélo Francette shares the way with the Loire à Vélo cycle route for some way from Angers eastwards, leading you out of the city via the Maine River and the Lac de Maine, with its green surrounds. At the village of Bouchemaine, at the confluence of Maine and Loire, you might try one of the restaurants on the quays. Most of this stage is along traffic-free tracks up to La Daguenière, then you join quiet roads up to St-Mathurin-sur-Loire.

### Cycle route

From Angers, follow signs indicating « Vers La Loire à Vélo par Bouchemaine ». From Bouchemaine, use the Loire à Vélo signs.

**Link** to the Layon Aubance cycle route at the level of Les Ponts-de-Cé.

### Tourist offices

- [Angers Loire Tourisme](#)
- [Loire Authion Tourist Office](#)

### SNCF train services

**Angers train station:** TGV high-speed services and TER regional services, line 5 Nantes > Angers > Tours > Orléans  
**St-Mathurin-sur-Loire train station:** TER regional services, line 19 Angers > Saumur > Tours  
[www.ter.sncf.com/pays-de-la-loire](http://www.ter.sncf.com/pays-de-la-loire)

### Ferry

Take care as you need to operate the chain ferry over the Authion yourself and be aware that it is only operational from April to the start of November. When the ferry cannot be used, follow the signs for the alternative route.

### Don't miss

**Angers:** château and medieval Apocalypse Tapestries; Musée de la Tapisserie Contemporaine Jean-Lurçat; Musée des Beaux-Arts; Collégiale Saint-Martin, turned into a museum of religious artefacts; Terra Botanica (park on the theme of plants); river port

**Bouchemaine:** the quays along the Maine, leading to the river's estuary with the Loire

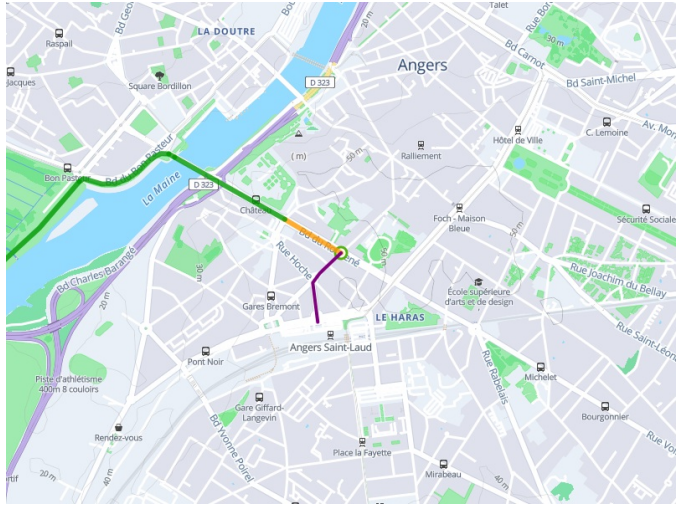
**Ste-Gemmes-sur-Loire:** the Ile aux Chevaux island, with its protected environment, and two gardens, the Jardin du Presbytère and Jardin Méditerranéen

**Les Ponts-de-Cé:** the castle keep

**St-Mathurin-sur-Loire:** [Maison de Loire en Anjou](#), presenting the Loire in Anjou, its flora, fauna and people



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