Champdeniers-St-Denis / Niort

La Vélo Francette: Normandy / Atlantic by bike

Départ
Champdeniers-St-Denis

Arrivée
Niort

Durée
1 h 41 min

Distance
25,74 Km

Niveau
I cycle often

Champdeniers-St-Denis makes for a surprising stop, with its amenities and its remarkably rich local heritage. The route then alternates between quiet roads and farm tracks as it heads on to join the banks of the Sèvre Niortaise River at the level of Ternanteuil. After a big meander, the route arrives in the city of Niort, taking you to the base of its towering twin keeps.

The route

Follow the signs for La Vélo Francette, also indicating Niort. You share the way with motorised traffic, with some stretches along farm tracks.
There is a significant slope after Breilbon.

Tourist Offices

Niort Marais Poitevin-Vallée de la Sèvre Niortaise Tourist Office

SNCF Train Services

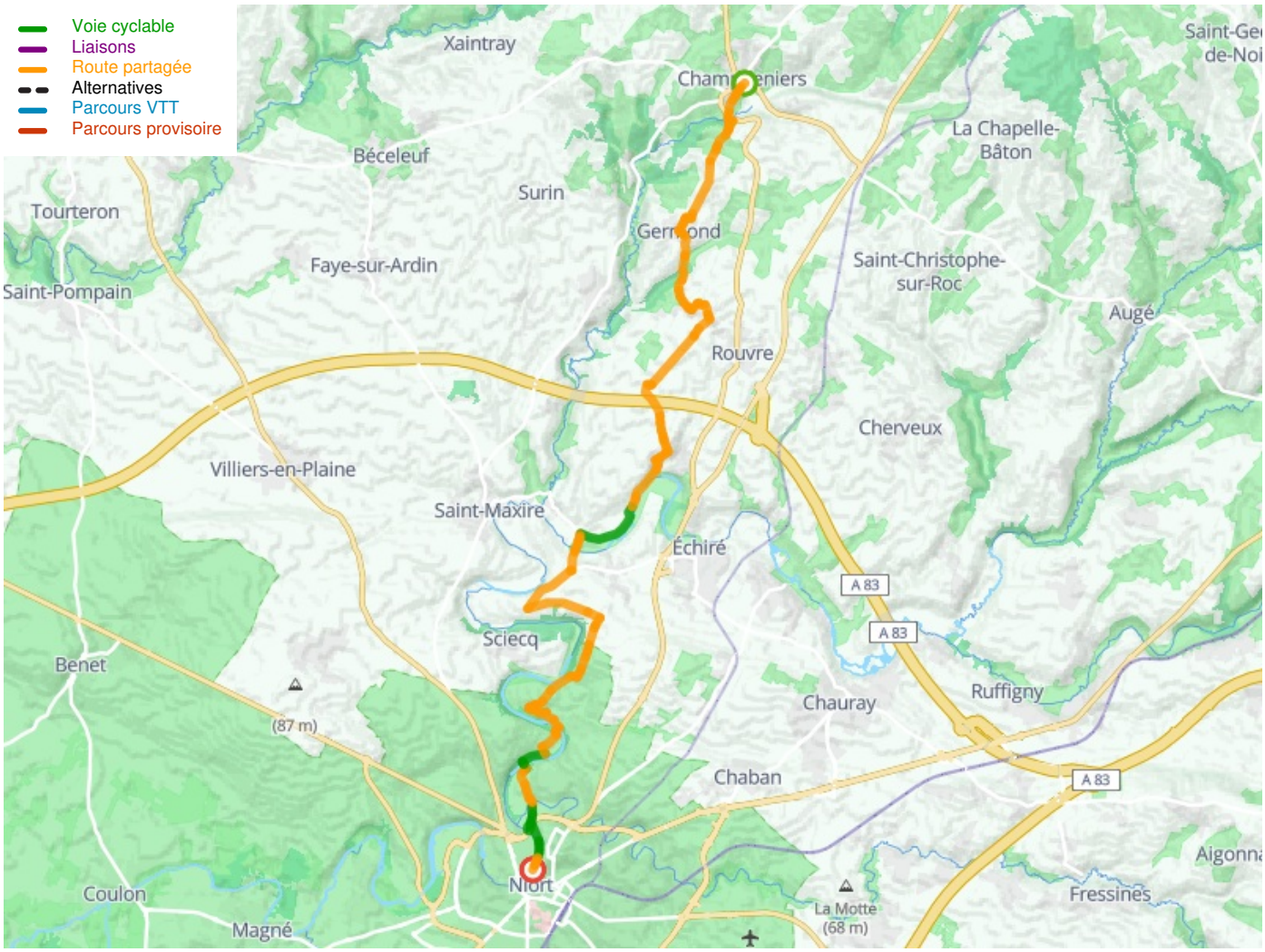
Niort train station: high-speed TGV and regional TER services: line 13 Poitiers > Niort > La Rochelle
Lines 11 et 13 Paris > Angoulême ou Niort > Saintes > Royan
www.ter.sncf.com/poitou-charentes

Don’t miss

Champdeniers-St-Denis : for its washhouses, tanneries, the underground river, the fairground and the Château de Nuchèze.

Echiré: for the meanders of the Sèvre Niortaise River and the châteaux of Coudray-Salbart and of Mursay

Niort: the Coulée Verte (‘Green Corridor’) along the Sèvre Niortaise River; the massive twin Romanesque keeps; the covered market (market days are Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sunday mornings); the churches, including the Protestant one; the townhall; the Pilori, the former townhall, with its great tower; the Jardins de la Brèche Gardens…



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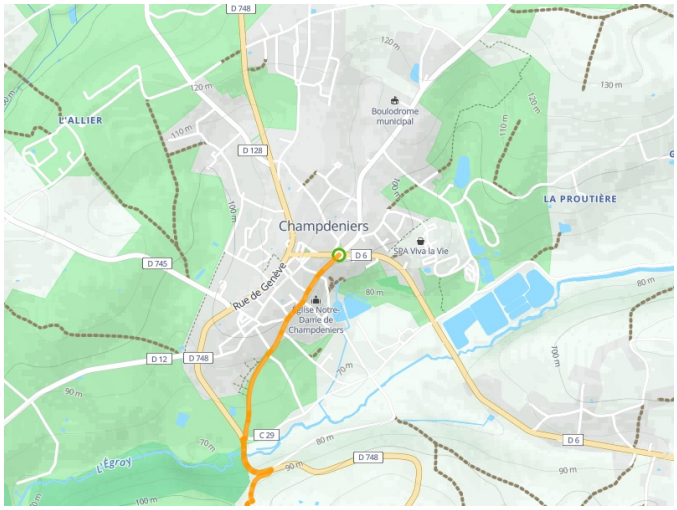

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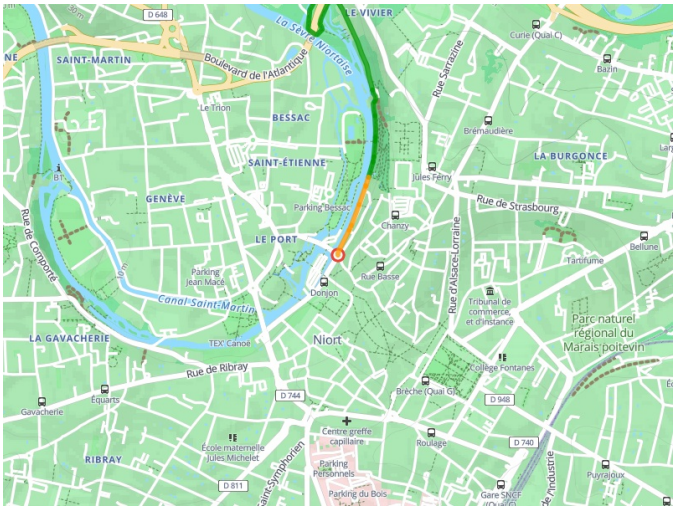
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