Château-Gontier / Le Lion-d'Angers

La Vélo Francette: Normandy / Atlantic by bike

Départ
Château-Gontier

Arrivée
Le Lion-d'Angers

Durée
2 h 17 min

Distance
34,39 Km

Niveau
I begin / Family

Thématique
Canals & intimate rivers, Nature & small heritage

Travelling along the Mayenne Valley, each meander reveals new delights to spur you on, with a château here and a mill there, or then a waterside village with a river port. Before the town of Le Lion-d'Angers, you'll get a notion of the importance of the equestrian professions around here as you pass the Domaine de l'Isle-Briand, home to a world-class national stud farm that hosts equestrian events.

Cycle route

The crossing of the town of Château-Gontier is very well laid out. There's an interconnection here with the greenway leading to Bourg Philippe.
There's a shortish provisional stretch of 4km that takes you along small county roads, with some slopes around La Roche Lock at Chambellay and at Montreuil-sur-Maine. Just before the last village, head back down to the towpath.

To reach the town of Le Lion-d'Angers, just before the footbridge at the confluence of the Mayenne and Oudon Rivers, follow the Oudon towpath to the right; alternatively, you can head straight on towards Grez-Neuville.
Follow the signs for the Chemin de halage de la Mayenne up to Le Lion-d'Angers.

Tourist Offices

- **Sud Mayenne Tourist Office**
- **Anjou Bleu Tourist Office – (Lion d'Angers branchy)**

Buses

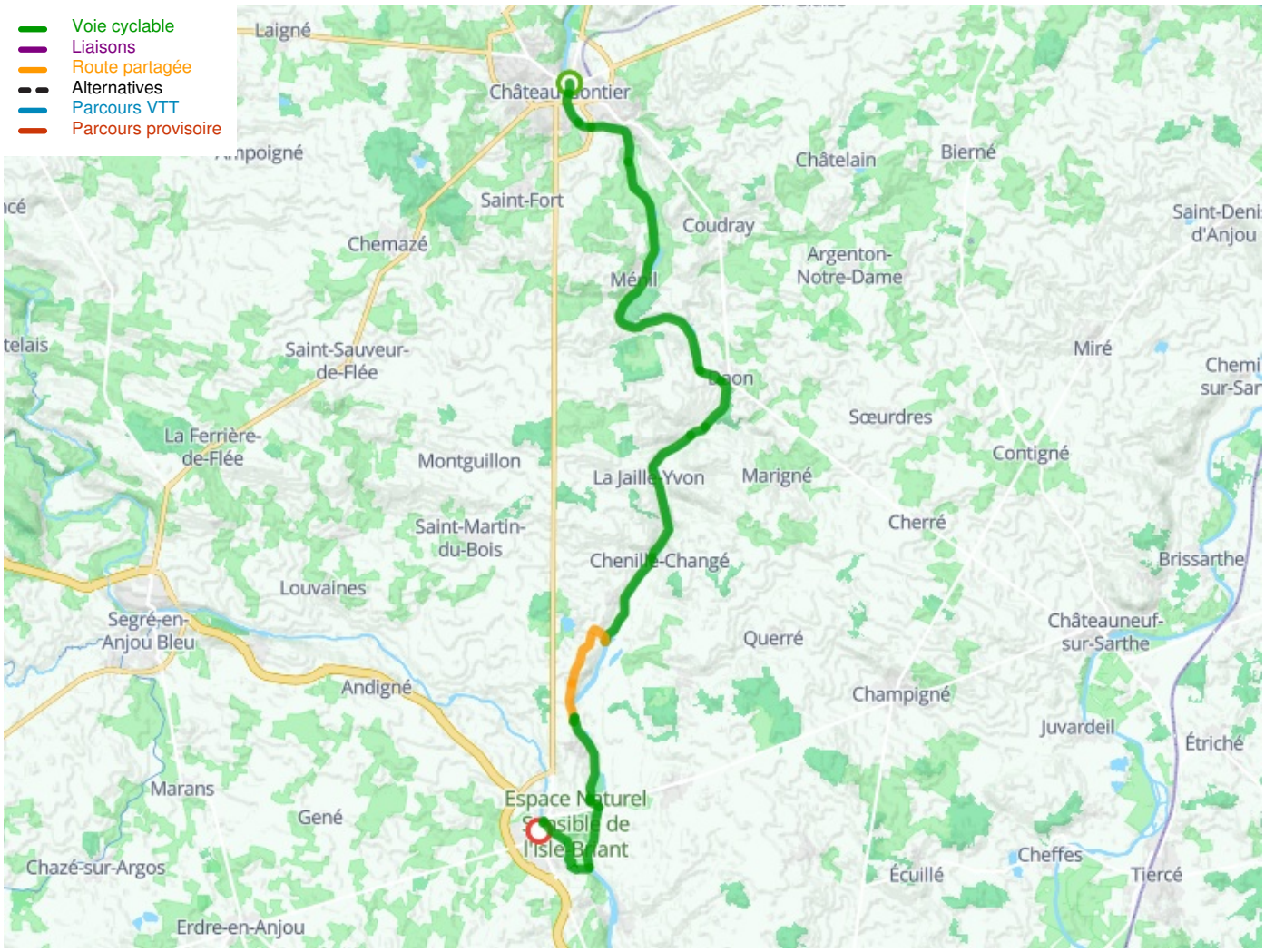
Line 1 Laval > Château-Gontier > Angers
Central contact number for transport and mobility questions: +33 (0)2 43 665 333 et Kéolis : +33 (0)2 43 67 08 15
Ligne N°29 Angers > Laval
Contact TER : +33 (0) 810 324 324
Bikes are allowed in the hold if there is room. The Perrin bus company decides on an individual basis, so try checking in advance: +33 (0)2 99 47 42 42.

Markets

Château-Gontier: Thurday

Don't miss

Château-Gontier: L'Arche animal rescue centre, +33 (0)2 43 07 24 38; Ursuline convent; church of St John the Baptist, +33 (0)2 43 70 42 74; river boating tourism, +33 (0)2 43 07 61 78
Ménil: the small ferry and the ferryman's house; St George's Church and Notre-Dame de Bonne Fortune Chapel
Daon: river port and outdoor sports and leisure centre
By crossing the bridge at Chambellay you can reach delightful waterside Chenillé-Changé, listed as a Village de Charme
Le Lion-d'Angers: home to the reputed national stud farm and hippodrome of L'Isle-Briand



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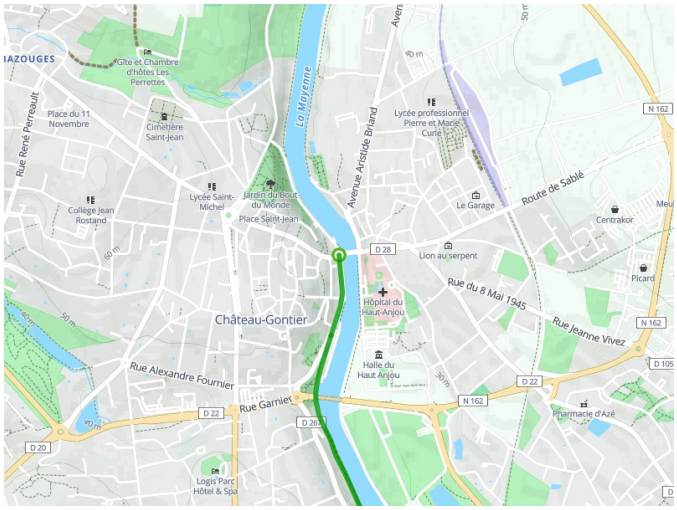

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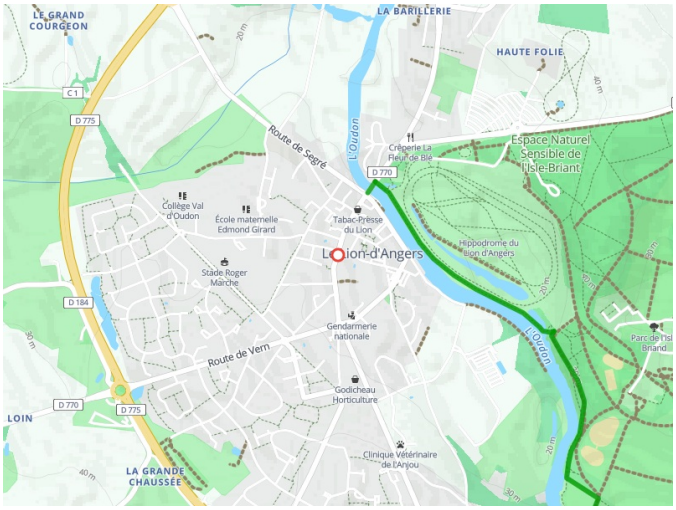
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