

Damvix / Bazoin / Marans

La Vélo Francette: Normandy / Atlantic by bike



Départ
Damvix

Arrivée
Marans

Durée
1 h 51 min

Distance
27,89 Km

Niveau
I begin / Family

Thématique
Canals & intimate
rivers, Nature & small
heritage

The Sèvre Niortaise remains your guide on this stage, except on two stretches, one where you follow the Canal du Nouveau Bézou, the other the Canal du Pomère. Enjoy the ballet of little boats exploring the wetlands around these parts. You arrive at Marans via its quaysides, allowing you to appreciate how this little town lives via its waterways. Marans traditionally stood guard over the canal, marshes and river estuary; today it stands out because of its futuristic bell tower.

The route

Follow the signposts indicating La Vélo Francette. You have to share the way with motorised traffic all along this stage. There are many little bridges crossing the waterways.

Tourist Offices

[Marans Tourist Office](#)

SNCF Train Services

Marans train station: there are plans afoot to re-open the station to create a rail link La Rochelle <> Marans from 2017.

Don't miss

Damvix: landing stages from which you can embark on punts or in canoes; Le Collibert, a boat offering cruises, including dining cruises; the church of Saint-Guy

Marans: the port and its quays; the banks of the Sèvre Niortaise River; the 19th-century covered market; Notre-Dame Church, with its striking belltower made from metal and glass – built in 1988, it has become a belvedere for the wider area; the ruins of the former church of Saint-Etienne; the Moulin de Beauregard, an 18th-century mill in the centre of the town that's still in use; the Parc du Bois Dinot grounds.

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The map shows the Marais de l'Enpreneau area. Key features include the Rivière du moulin flowing through the center, the Canal de Marans à La Rochelle running along the bottom, and the Canal des Boches at the top. Landmarks such as Marais de l'Enpreneau, Aire d'équipement, Parc naturel régional du Marais poitevin, and Marais de l'Enpreneau are labeled. The map also shows the location of Marais de l'Enpreneau, Aire d'équipement, Parc naturel régional du Marais poitevin, and Marais de l'Enpreneau. The map is oriented with North at the top.