

Le Lion-d'Angers / Angers

La Vélo Francette: Normandy / Atlantic by bike

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Départ
Le Lion-d'Angers

Arrivée
Angers

Durée
2 h 01 min

Distance
29,13 Km

Niveau
I begin / Family

Thématique
In the vineyards, Canals
& intimate rivers,
Nature & small heritage

After the picture-postcard equestrian grounds at L'Isle Briand, with its château and national stud farm, plus the Mayenne and Oudon confluence, you cross the low-lying ends of several river valleys that form one of the most exceptional areas of wetland in Europe, going right up to Angers, a famed historic Plantagenet city. Up to that town's Pont Jean Moulin bridge, the rural atmosphere remains almost untouched.

Cycle route

You follow the towpath beside the Oudon, then the Mayenne, up to the bridge at Grez-Neuville. A dedicated section from Le Lion d'Angers to the entrance to Angers along the river, with a narrower section at the foot of the Montreuil-Juigné hillside. At the Montreuil-Juigné campsite, a variant allows access to the Terra Botanica plant park and leads to Angers by taking an old railway track. Caution is recommended at the junction of RD 107, at Cantenay-Epinard.

Links

Link to Cantenay-Epinard bike's area.

Just before reaching the ferry crossing at L'île St-Aubin, a bit north of Angers, a small road enables you to head directly from the towpath to the major family-oriented plant-life theme and adventure park, Terra Botanica.

Tourist Offices

- [Anjou Bleu Toutist Office \(Lion d'Angers branchy\)](#)
- [Angers Loire Tourisme](#)

SNCF train services

Angers train station: TGV high-speed services and TER regional services, line 5 Nantes > Angers > Tours > Orléans

Line 19 Angers > Saumur > Tours

Line 29 Laval > Angers

Don't miss

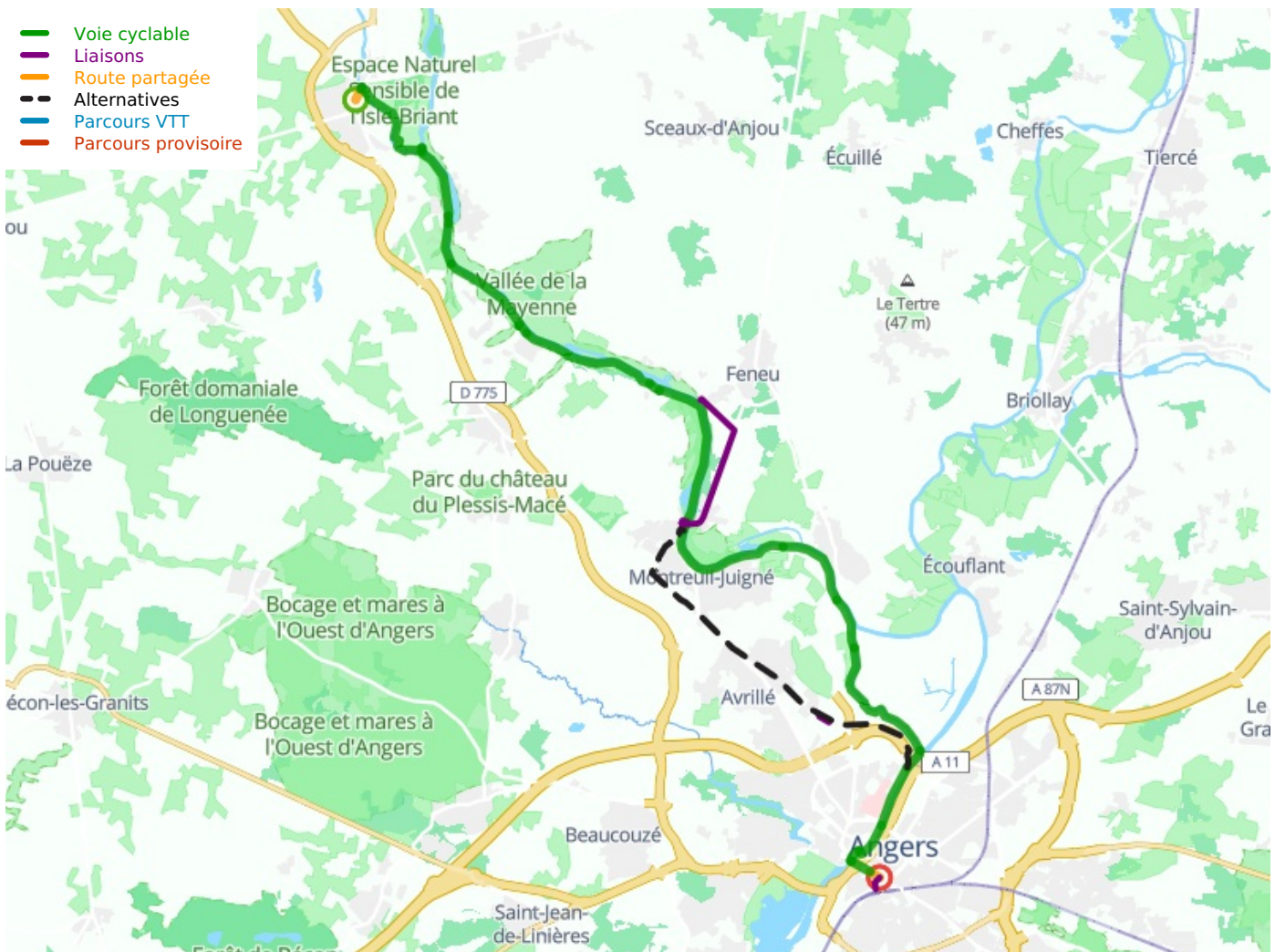
Le Lion-d'Angers: home to the reputed [national stud farm](#) and hippodrome of L'Isle-Briand

Grez-Neuville: river port; large mill and lake; St-Martin de Vertou Church

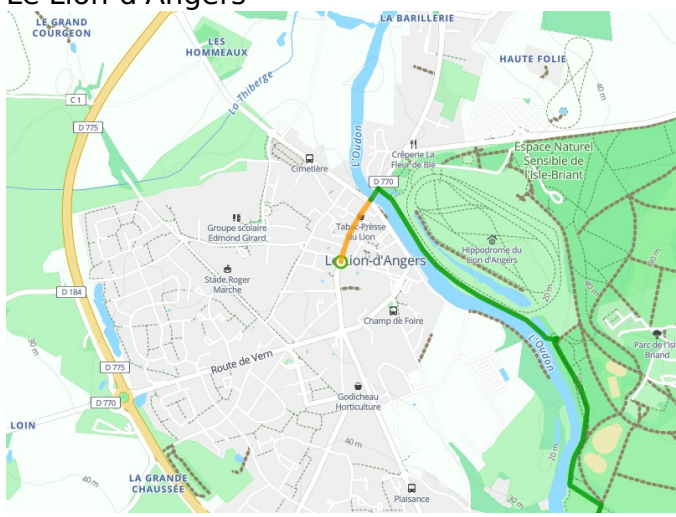
Port-Albert: traditional riverside summer restaurant, or guinguette

Île St-Aubin: small ferry and exhibition on the local wetlands at the traditional, restored Maison de l'île

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



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