

Nans-sous-Sainte-Anne / Port-Lesney

P'tite GTJ by bike

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Départ
Nans-sous-Sainte-Anne

Arrivée
Port-Lesney

Durée
2 h 54 min

Distance
43,56 Km

Niveau
I cycle often

Thématique
Mountains

Before leaving Nans-sous-Sainte-Anne, do go on foot to see the remarkable site of the source of the Lison, the river springing out of the earth in the form of a startling waterfall, reached via a lovely country path. Back on your bike, this stage of La Petite GTJ first leads you through the cliff-lined Lison Valley towards Saraz. You leave the Lison at the level of Myon. After several stretches through forests, the cycle route reaches the Loue Valley at Champagne sur Loue. Another 4.7km away, the Saline Royale d'Arc-et-Senans – sensational saltworks designed in the 18th century by Claude-Nicolas Ledoux – makes a remarkable place to explore, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1982. At Port-Lesney, at certain times, you may observe the entrancing sight of paragliders high in the air, setting off from the nearby summit of Mont Poupet.

The Route

As this stage is very undulating up to Ronchaux, the main challenges are along its early parts, between Nans-sous-Sainte-Anne and Saraz. This stage takes you along roads shared with motorized traffic, but the traffic is generally light. The stage, for some of its length, follows the Voie des Salines cycle route, between Arc-et-Senans and Salins-les-Bains.

Practical information

Services available: restaurants; fromagerie (cheese shop). Just 4.7km from the route: Arc-et-Senans (with tourist office, train station, shops, cafés/restaurants and a pharmacy)

Don't miss

- **Nans-sous-Sainte-Anne:** the source of the Lison River; Musée de la Taillanderie (a well-preserved 19th-century tool-making factory)
- **Port Lesney:** Mont Poupet, a mountain where the region's great 19th-century scientist Louis Pasteur conducted an important experiment debunking the notion of spontaneous generation

Nearby:

- Saline Royale d'**Arc-et-Senans**
- Grande saline de **Salins-les-Bains**

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