

# Santenay / Épinac

## The Autunoise Greenway and Morvan Roaming

**Départ** Santenay **Arrivée** Epinac

Distance

Durée 1 h 40 min

Niveau l cycle often 25,29 Km Thématique

Old railway

Welcome to the Itinérance Verte en Autunois-Morvan! Before heading off, make sure you visit Santenay's vineyards. A short way from the charming wine village of Santenay, a splendid greenway takes you along a former railway track, rising gently up the slopes to Nolay, with its attractive medieval heart and streets. Beyond Nolay, and especially from the viaducts of Rochabec and Cormet, enjoy magnificent views of the surrounding countryside and villages. To reach Epinac, after Châtillon Wood, you'll need to push hard on your pedals before you rediscover the peace of the greenway at the La Farge Stream.

## The Route

The greenway is signposted and well laid out along 13.5km between Santenay and Epertully (Bois de Châtillon). The route is well surfaced along the former railway track between Santenay and Epinac. There are kilometre markers along the way. Stretches take you along slope-side tracks offering views of valley and vineyards. The viaducts of Cormot and Rochabec are each c.200m in length.

### **Tourist Offices**

<u>Santenay</u>: 03 80 20 63 15 <u>Nolay</u>: 03 80 21 80 73

#### Link

From Nolay, don't miss the detour, along a road shared with motorized traffic, up to the Cirque du Bout du Monde (a dramatic steephead valley 'at the end of the world') and its waterfall, going via the D111E road on a 5km detour, heading in the direction of Vauchignon.

### **SNCF train stations**

French national SNCF stations at Santenay (on the line Chalon - Autun) and at Chagny. If coming from Lyon or Dijon, it is easy to reach this cycle route by train, arriving at Chagny station, then following the EV6 - Canal du Centre cycle route along 5.4km, as far as Santenay.

### Don't miss

- **Santenay**: the <u>spa town</u>; the casino; Sorine Mill (a restored windmill with views); the Church of St John; the 19th-century <u>Manoir de la Crée</u>; the <u>Château de Philippe le Hardi</u>, dating back to the 14th century.
- **Nolay**: the <u>medieval village</u>; the 16th-century covered market; the medieval shop fronts; timber-frame houses; nearby, the Cirque du Bout du Monde (a dramatic steephead valley 'at the end of the world')
- Épinac: the Hottinguer Mine; the Musée de la Mine, de la Verrerie et du Chemin de Fer, a museum on mining, railways and glass-blowing, open by appointment on +33 (0)7 82 03 21 17.





