

# Illiers-Combray / Châteaudun

## The Vallée du Loir by bike



**Départ**  
Illiers-Combray

**Arrivée**  
Châteaudun

**Durée**  
2 h 35 min

**Distance**  
38,90 Km

**Niveau**  
I cycle often

**Thématique**  
Nature & small heritage

Determined cyclists might begin this journey by the source of the Loir, at Saint-Éman. Many will opt to start from the little historic town of Illiers-Combray, immortalized in Marcel Proust's masterpiece, *Remembrance of Things Past*.

South through fields and pastures, you come to the walled medieval town of Bonneval, nicknamed the Little Venice of the Beauce area. Finally comes the town of Châteaudun, a member of the association "Les Plus Beaux Détours de France". Its historic centre and vast château look down dramatically on the Loir.

### The route

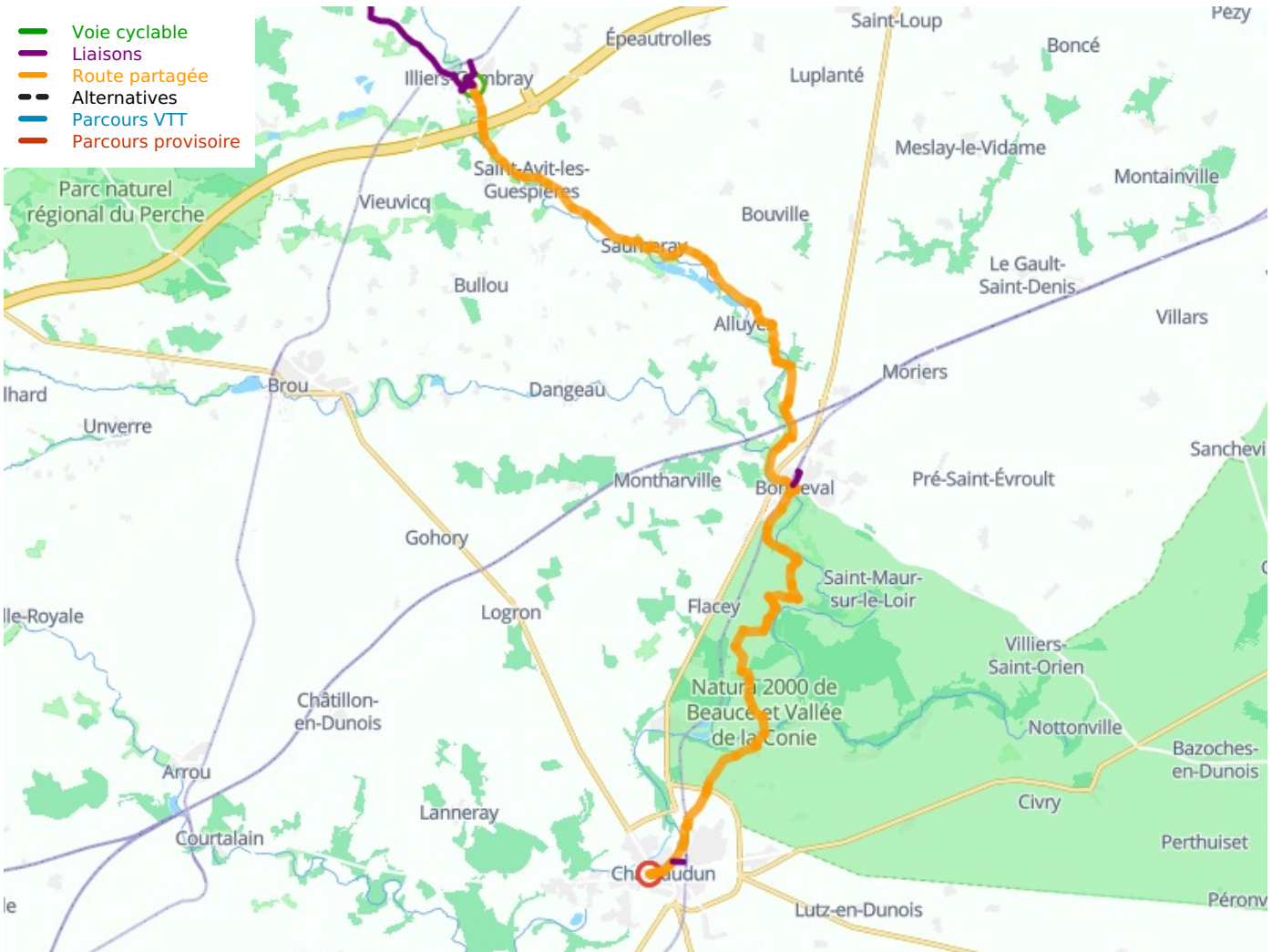
Follow quiet county and smaller country roads signposted "Vallée du Loir V47". Leaving Illiers-Combray, be careful of traffic along the D941. This stage shares the way with the Saint-Jacques à Vélo route, hence the double signage. The very first stretch, between the Loir's source at Saint-Éman and Illiers-Combray, is c.6km in length. Illiers Combray is also a stop on the Véloscénie (or Veloscenic) Paris-Mont-Saint-Michel cycle route.

### SNCF

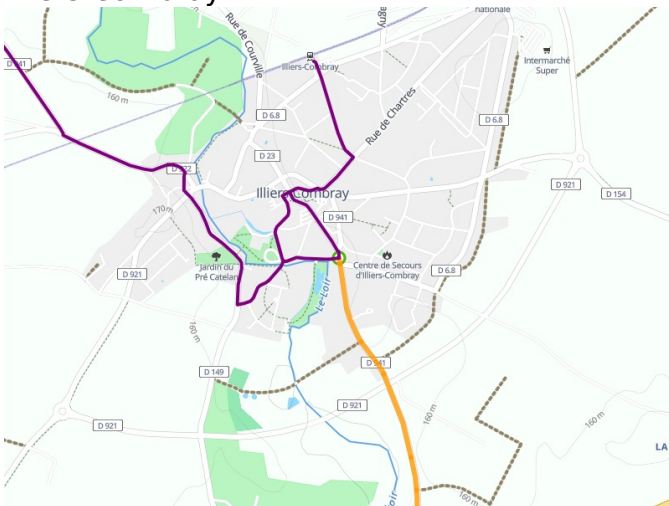
Train line Illiers-Combray - Chartres - Paris. [See schedule](#)

### Tourist offices

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