

Cugand / Montaigu-Vendée

Vendée Vélo Tour

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Départ
Cugand

Arrivée
Montaigu-Vendée

Durée
2 h 30 min

Distance
23,78 Km

Niveau
I cycle often

Thématique
Canals & intimate rivers

Leaving from Cugand, a pretty little town crossed by the Sèvre Nantaise River, the Vendée Vélo Tour cycle route branches westwards, at times leading you along calm tracks through the countryside, at times following the banks of the Maine River. Along the way, you'll spot the Moulin de Sénard and the Chaussée du Moulin de l'Ecornerie (both private properties). Arriving at Montaigu, follow the trail, "Montaigu, 1 000 ans d'Histoire", to learn about the heritage of this little town located in a corner where three historic provinces met – Poitou, Anjou and Brittany.

The route

From Cugand to Saint-Hilaire-de-Loulay, you ride along country lanes interspersed with farm tracks. Take care crossing the RD77 road after the village of La Droutière. Cross through the centre of Saint-Hilaire-de-Loulay, heading in the direction of a little place called Sénard. From Sénard, follow the Maine River, to your left, to reach Montaigu.

Don't miss

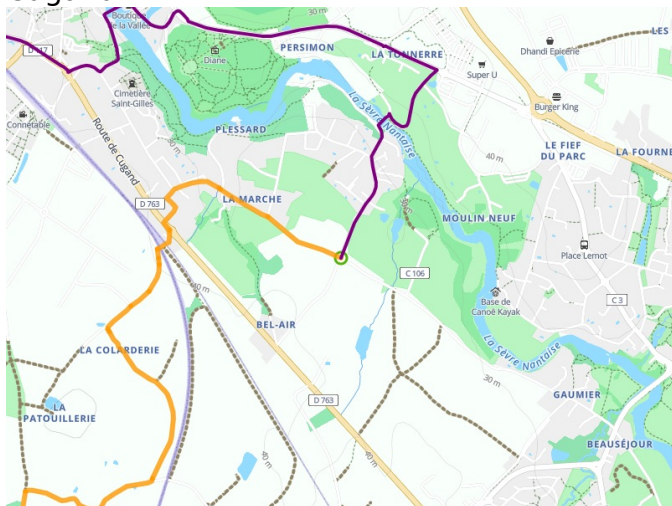
- **Moulin à Foulon de Gaumier at Cugand:** once dedicated to transforming wool, this fulling mill operated by exploiting the Sèvre Nantaise's hydraulic power.
- **Sénard mill and bridge:** the bridge is listed as an historic monument, although legend has it that it was built in one night... in exchange for a soul!
- **Chaussée de l'Ecornerie:** (a mill – private property)
- **Montaigu, 1000 ans d'Histoire:** in Montaigu, you'll encounter history around each street corner, while this trail, with stops, helps you to journey back in time, taking in the castle ramparts, the impressive moat and St Leonard's Gateway...

SNCF train stations

- Cugand TER regional train station - line 6 (Nantes - Cholet)
- Montaigu TER regional train station - line 8 (Nantes - La Roche-sur-Yon - Les Sables-d'Olonne)



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