

# Le Puy du Fou (Les Epesses) - Mortagne-sur-Sèvre

Vendée Vélo Tour

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**Départ**  
Les Epesses

**Arrivée**  
Mortagne-sur-Sèvre

**Durée**  
2 h 00 min

**Distance**  
22,23 Km

**Niveau**  
1 cycle often

**Thématique**  
Canals & intimate rivers

The Sèvre Nantaise River serves as your next guiding thread as you explore more of the Bocage Vendéen area by bike. Having enjoyed a stirring visit to Le Puy du Fou, the multi-award-winning amusement park, cycle along peacefully beside this waterway dotted with boulders, old mills and former factories. Mallièvre is a village designated a Petite Cité de Caractère that reflects the charms of the Sèvre area. Then, riding via the Poupet Valley, you reach Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre with its striking seven belltowers. The majestic arches of the Barbin train viaduct signal your arrival at another Petite Cité de Caractère, Mortagne-sur-Sèvre.

## The route from Le Puy du Fou to Mortagne-sur-Sèvre

Take the cycle path towards Les Epesses, then ride along a greenway beside the D11 road towards Mallièvre. At the round-about, continue straight on via the D72 road, in the direction of La Vallée de Poupet. Turn right towards Poupet, following the Sèvre River, and then take the direction of La Grande Yvoie. Continue on to Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre and follow the Bois de la Barbinière. Turn right after the château, cross the railway line and turn left under the motorway. After the Chaussée du Moulin du Guy, ride on beside the Sèvre, to your left. At Rochard, climb the slope to the right up to Saint-Hilaire. Follow the Vendée Vélo cycle trail up to Mortagne-sur-Sèvre.

△ Stage not recommended for carts: certain sections have steep inclines, both uphill and downhill.

### Don't miss

- **Le Puy du Fou:** multi-award-winning, twice voted best amusement park in the world, this is a unique, unforgettable venue, where you can embark on a journey back in time, enjoying extraordinary, immersive shows.
- **Mallièvre Petite Cité de Caractère:** enter the historic village of Mallièvre to discover the Cave des Tisserands (recalling the place's weaving past), the cobbled lanes, the banks of the Sèvre and the Chemin de la Poterne.
- **Vallée de Poupet:** make the most of the outdoor leisure centre here and bring a picnic, or enjoy a drink at the Auberge de Poupet, while in summer, canoe and pony outings are on offer.
- **Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre :**
  - **Basilique Saint Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort:** nicknamed the Ville Sainte de la Vendée (the Vendée's Holy Town), Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre boasts seven belltowers, including that, at the heart of the place, of the Vendée département's only basilica.
  - **Parc de La Barbinière and Viaduct de Barbin**
- **Mortagne-sur-Sèvre** Petite Cité de Caractère:
  - **Vendée Vitrail:** in the transformed Église Saint-Hilaire, Vendée Vitrail proposes a playful, interactive introduction to the art of stained glass, with visits to be enjoyed at

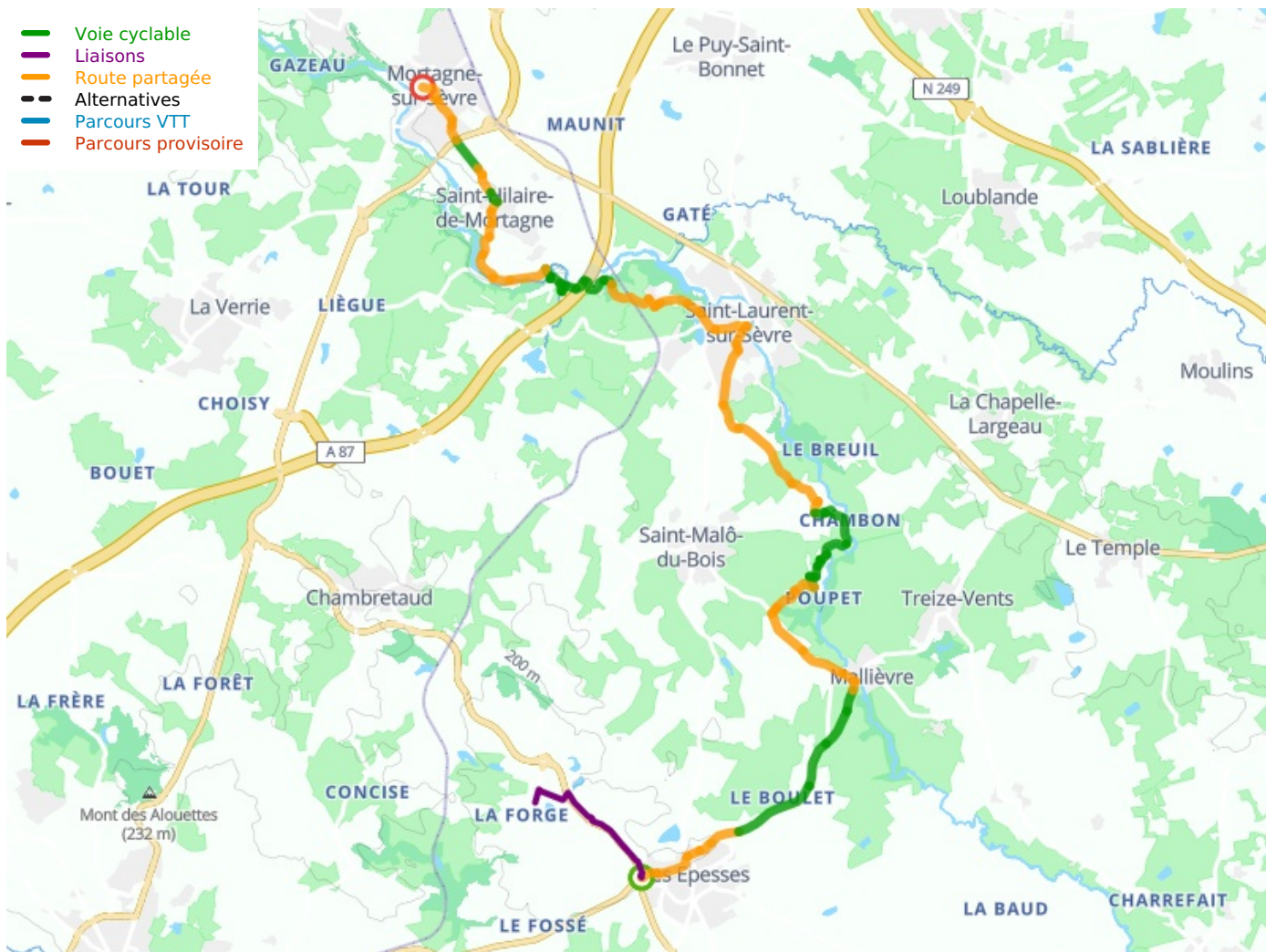
your own pace, plus they're free.

- **Chemin de Fer de La Vendée**: enjoy a steam-train outing, with commentary, or then a meal in the Voitures des Grands Express, a restaurant in classic railway carriages.
- **Les Jardins de La Cure**, terraced public gardens with valley views.

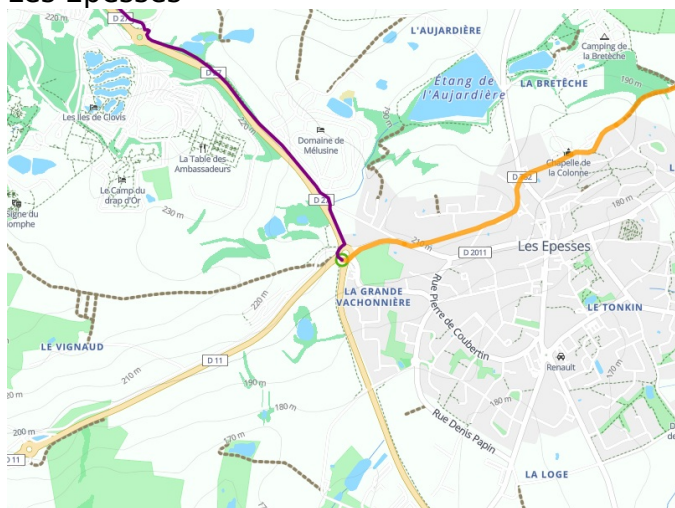
### **SNCF train stations**

- Note that there are no train stations along this stage.
- Closest train station at the town of Cholet

- Voie cyclable
- Liaisons
- Route partagée
- - - Alternatives
- Parcours VTT
- Parcours provisoire



### Départ Les Epesses



### Arrivée Mortagne-sur-Sèvre

