

Riotord / Bourg-Argental

Via Fluvia

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Départ
Riotord

Arrivée
Bourg-Argental

Durée
1 h 20 min

Distance
20,81 Km

Niveau
I cycle often

Thématique
Nature & small heritage

The Via Fluvia follows a provisional route along this stage, going via quiet roads, while awaiting the transformation of the former railway line and Le Tracol Tunnel. This stretch is steep, going up and down a lot, and marked by high-altitude landscapes. Cross via the Col du Tracol, a pass at 1,023m, to reach the Parc Naturel Régional du Pilat. Here, nature is king, dense forests alternating with green meadows filled with flowers in spring, and, in summer, with cows. The town of Bourg-Argental, with its hotels and restaurants, makes an ideal stop at which to recharge your batteries.

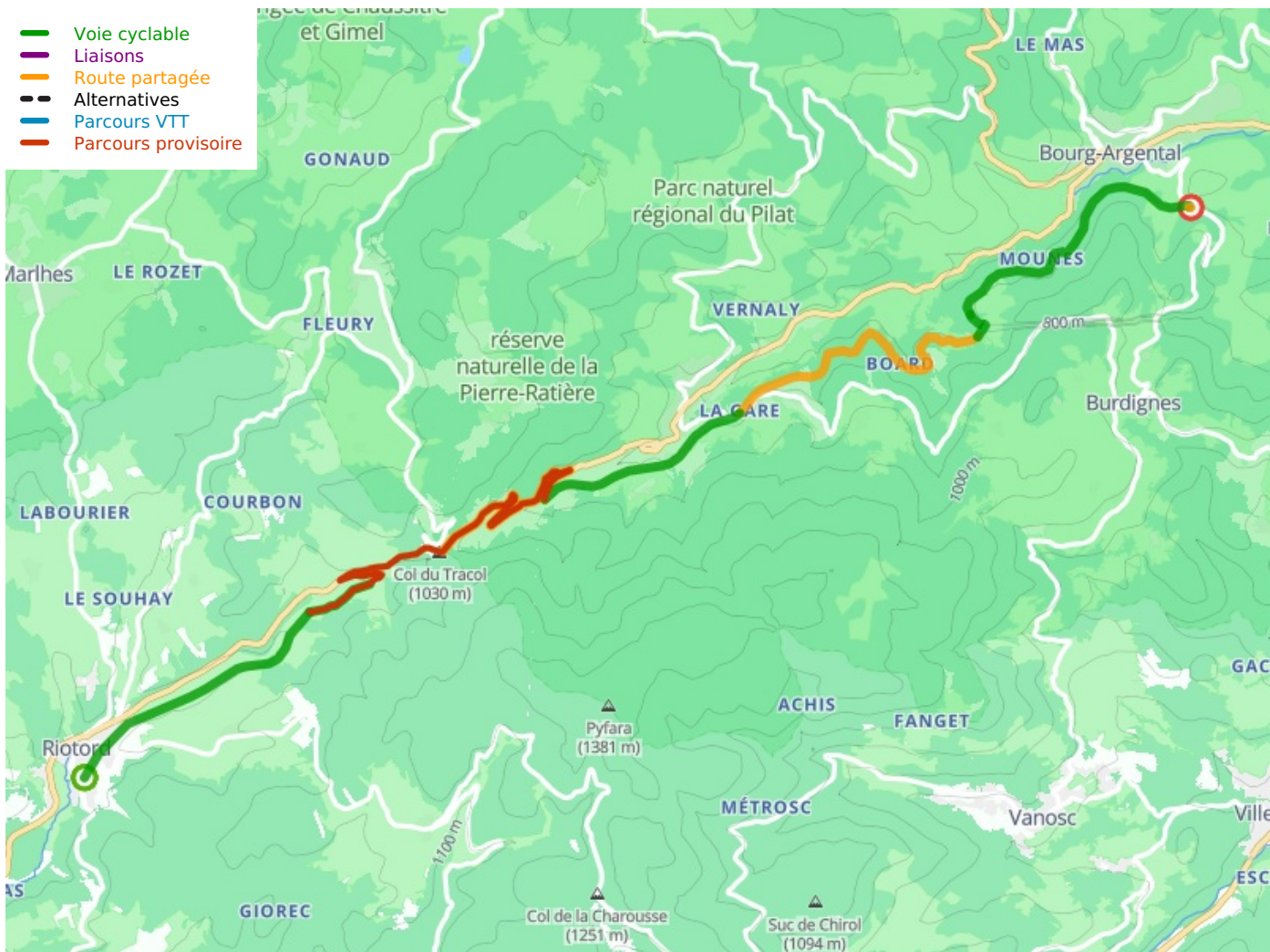
Via Fluvia from Riotord / Bourg-Argental

Provisional route - not signposted

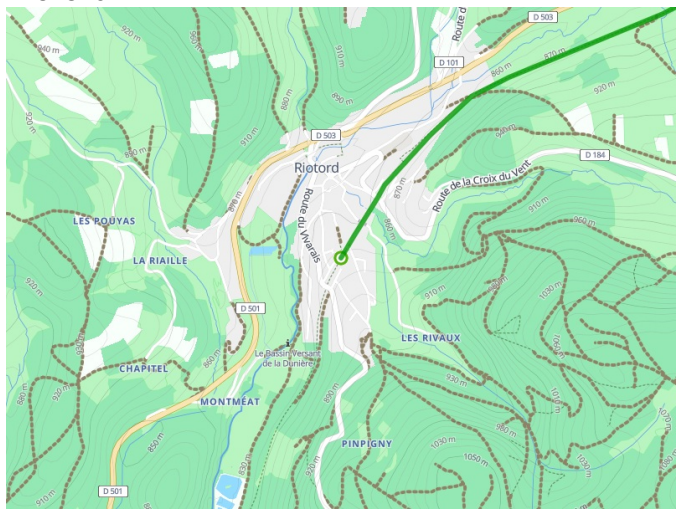
Between Riotord and Maisonneuve, the Via Fluvia cycle route follows the former railway line. After Maisonneuve, a **provisional stretch of route that is not signposted** takes you along roads, ensuring the route's continuity while awaiting the transformation of the former railway line and Le Tracol Tunnel here. To reach the D503 road, take a pebbly track for a few hundred metres. The provisional itinerary goes along county roads; car and lorry traffic can be busy on the D503. It's quite a climb to the Col du Tracol (3.8% gradient), followed by a steep descent and many bends to Chavannes, in the parish of Saint-Sauveur-en-Rue. There is a 2.7km stretch of the Via Fluvia greenway that has been set up at time of writing. The route crosses the town of Bourg Argental, with its shops, restaurants and accommodation. The route is not signposted along this stage; remember to download the necessary .gpx tracks or.pdf file.

Don't miss

- **Saint Sauveur en Rue:** Porte de la Vialle, a gate, and the Pietà statue (a heritage stop) a remnant of the village's former priory
- **Bourg Argental:** La Maison du Châtelet, with parts dating from the 15th and 18th centuries, home to the Tourist Office and hosting exhibitions



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