

# Louhans / Lons-le-Saunier

## Voie Bressane

Arrivée

**Départ** Louhans

Lons-le-Saunier

Durée 1 h 51 min Distance 27,94 Km

Niveau

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Thématique Old railway, In forest The greenway skirts around Louhans Châteaurenard's centre, but signposting can guide you to its historic heart, with the cobbled Grande Rue, still the main thoroughfare through town, boasting a staggering 157 arcades. Among the town's medieval riches, don't miss the 17th-century Hôtel-Dieu (an historic hospital). After enjoying a bumpy tour of the town centre by bike, cycle off in the direction of the Jura Mountains' foothills. Crossing the motorway, you cross the frontier between the French counties of Saône-et-Loire and Jura. The route leads you gently on to the town of Lons-le-Saunier, bringing you out beside the site where the famed La Vache qui rit (Laughing Cow) cheese is made.

### The route

A signpost along the greenway indicates the way into Louhans Châteaurenaud town centre. Make the most of the detour to discover this place's historic treasures.

Arriving at Lons-le-Saunier, the Voie Bressane comes to an end at the Chemin des Dombes. From here, to reach the town centre, it's best to take a left to pass over the greenway via Avenue de Montciel, then to turn left onto Rue du Couchant and Chemin du Bas (accessible only to pedestrians and cyclists), riding beside the railway track. Take care crossing Route Macornay. Carry on to Chemin des Quarts, then very soon after, take a left onto a firm path. Continue beside the rail track, via the back of the train station (access to the platforms possible) and cross a car park, leading you to an underpass linking Route de Montaigu to Rue Rouget de l'Isle. This way allows you to reach the town centre safely.

You'll see how small kilometre-markers have been put in place along the whole route.

<u>Important</u>: note that along the Voie Bressane, certain stretches of the greenway can be used by agricultural machinery; bear this in mind, noting that the portions concerned are signalled.

#### **Train stations**

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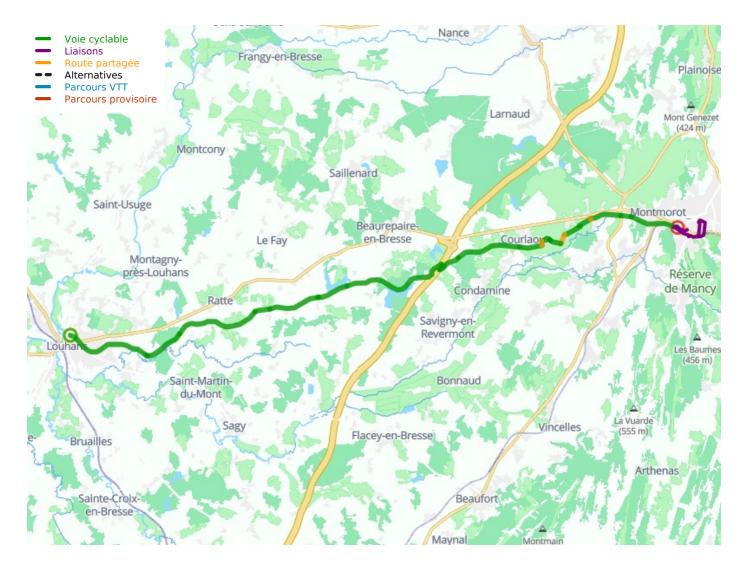
#### Don't miss

Louhans-Châteaurenaud: the historic hospital (or Hôtel-Dieu) with its 17th-century apothecary, the arcaded Grande Rue, the Musée Histoire et Culture des Sourds (dedicated to the deaf)

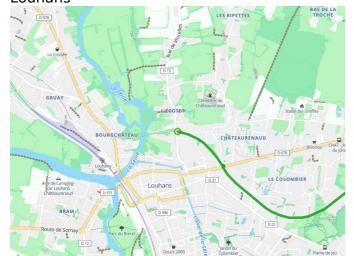
Courlaoux: the church with its colourful varnished roof tiles

Lons-le-Saunier: the Bel Fromagerie (a major French cheese-making factory at the crossroads of Chemin des Dombes and Boulevard Jules Ferry), including the tourist visitor centre, la maison de la vache qui rit; the arcades along Rue du Commerce; Place de la Liberté and Place de la Comédie (fine squares); Les Thermes Ledonia (a thermal spa)

Nearby: St-Usugue and its surprising <u>musée du vélo</u>, dedicated to the bicycle and cycling!



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