To see, to discover

Château de Jallanges

Between the picturesque Vaugondy and Cousse valleys, Jallanges is an elegant 15th century chateau. Built in brick and stone, the chateau sits in a park of ancient trees and French formal gardens. Inside, each room is more beautiful than the next and luxurious guest accommodation is on offer.

The park and gardens of the chateau de Valmer in Chancay.

Created on the hillside in the 15th and 17th centuries, the gardens are in the Italian terrace style, decorated with fountains, balcony railings and statues, and overlooking the Vouvray vines and the Brenne valley. There is also a tree-covered maze, a vegetable garden and a 16th century troglodytic chapel.

Technical information

GPS DEPART 47°25.969 - E 0°50.635 ELEVATION + 76 m

Accommodation / Catering

Hotels / Restaurants, Holidays rental, Bed and breakfast, Camper van parking free All shops available in Vouvray Car park, parking Saint Vincent

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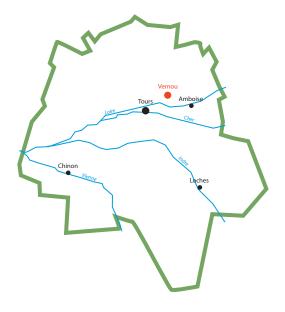
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Walking charter

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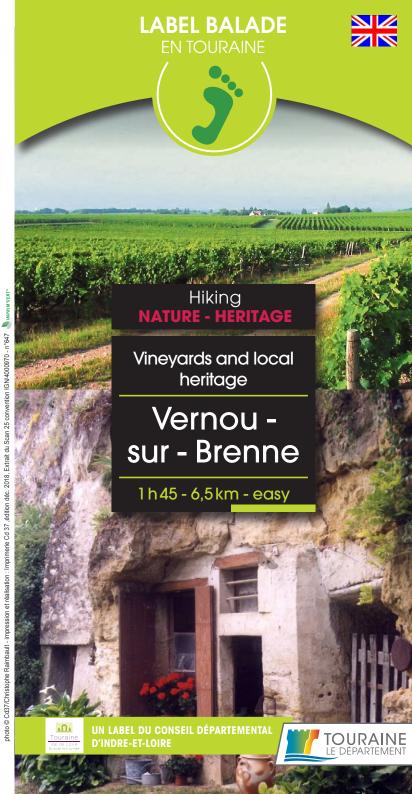
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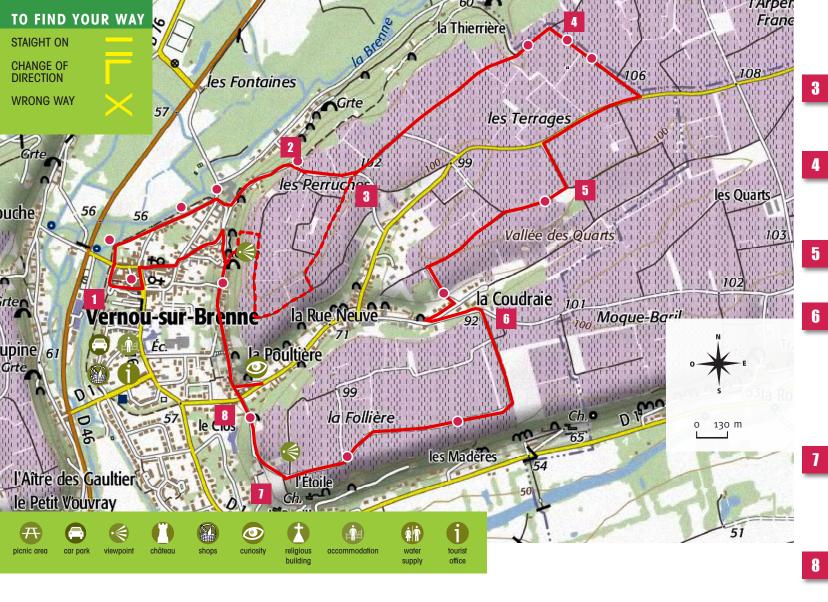
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At the heart of the Vouvray wine-making area, this ramble makes you discover Vernou-sur-Brenne. Along the route, fifteen information boards will help you to get to know the heritage and the vineyards of this area.

1 Place Saint-Vincent

The ramble starts from the « Place Saint-Vincent » car park, behind the town hall (55m altitude). The embankment, which protects the village, is in front of you; walk along it to the right, cross the road. Go up the small steps to read the first information board. Continue on your path, the Brenne river flows on your left.

Leave the embankment following the yellow signs. Go down « rue du coteau de la Poultière» opposite. Take the stairs on the left, then the steeply sloping road. Before entering under the cover of trees, turn around to view the village and the hillsides.

Plateau

You will come out on the plateau (100m altitude). The «chenin blanc» vines which change colour throughout the season stretch out as far as the eye can see. These grapes produce the famous Vouvray wine.

Ramblers beware! The signs among the vines are often on cobblestones set into the ground. After 200 m, on the right, you can follow an alternative route to go back to the village centre (2,5 km circuit).

In the vineyards

For the 6,5 km loop, continue straight ahead, in the middle of the vineyards, towards an enormous walnut tree. The trees, on your left, are on the edge of the hillside which borders the Brenne valley, 50 m down below.

A former vine lodge

Turn right. An information board tells you about vines work. A bit further on, opposite some ruins, another board describes what a vine lodge is. At the end of the path, turn right onto the tarmac path for 300 m and then go down a path in the vines on your left.

La Coudraie

Turn right then continue straight ahead before descending steeply left to « rue Neuve » in the place named « La Coudraie ». Following the signs, go up the hillside opposite.

Panorama

Take the first road on your right. Continue on this small tarmac road then on the dirt path which takes you back towards the village. On the left you can see the Loire valley behind a curtain of trees. Just before you re-join the tarmac road, there is a 200 m return journey you can take on your right to admire the panorama over the Loire valley, the Brenne valley and the village of Vernou. The hillside and its troglodytic dwelling can be seen on the other side of the valley.

Château du Clos

Go back to the path: on the left after a few metres, in good weather, you can make out Tours cathedral. Then go down « rue du Haut Clos » to cross « rue Neuve » once again. Turn around to admire the charming « **chateau du Clos** » before climbing the tarmac slope. Follow « rue du Coteau de la Poultière» to the left.

Troglodyte homes

There are hidden troglodytic dwellings and caves on your right which can be seen from the other side of the valley. Stop a moment at the board perched on the right which will help you get to know the village better. A hairpin turn on the left takes you back down to the heart of the village. Look for remains of the Archbishops palace and its oculus on «rue Pasteur». After admiring the magnificent portal of the romanesque church (11th and 12th centuries), read the last information board, underneath the lime-tree in « Place du Centenaire ». Go through the former covered market, underneath the town hall, to get back to the start of the route.