

# Journées et séjours groupes



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**105 €**  
par personne

Séjour et week-end  
**Cadre Noir**  
de Saumur



**379 €**  
pour 2 personnes

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par personne

Week-end  
**Troglodyte**



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par personne

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## Stage 2 - GR® de Pays<sup>1</sup> *Hillsides and vineyards along the Layon and the Loire*

**GR®**

From **LOURESSE-ROCHEMENIER**  
to **GENNES<sup>2</sup>**

**5:35 hrs**

**22.4 km**

This stage of the GR® de Pays *Hillsides and vineyards along the Layon and the Loire* offers scenic diversity : cave dwellings and the forest that you roam through to reach the banks of the Loire. A rich heritage, both built and archaeological, is on display along the route.

### LOCATION

27 km west of Saumur  
40 km south of Angers

### PARKING AT STARTING POINT

Car park, Rue du Musée  
in Rochemenier  
N 47.23184 °, W 0.29242 °

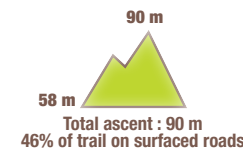
### PARKING AT END

Rue du 8 Mai in Gennes  
(Gennes Val de Loire)  
N 47.33998 °, W 0.29242 °



### Warning

Market day on Tuesday mornings in  
the car park, Rue du 8 Mai in Gennes



### Trail Marking GR® FFRandonnée

- Right way
- Change direction
- Wrong way

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### Local hiking committee

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### WHAT TO SEE ALONG THE WAY

- Rochemenier: village - cave-dwelling museum  
*Village troglodytique*
- Louresse-Rochemenier: windmill, *Moulin Gouré*
- Milly-le-Meugon: castle
- Milly: National Forest
- Cunault: priory church of *Notre-Dame*; boatman's village; manor house, *Château de Beauregard*
- Gennes: lake, *étang de Joreau*; church of *Saint-Vétérin*; church of *Saint-Eusèbe*; memorial and panorama



### WHAT TO SEE AUX ALENTOURS

- Denezé-sous-Doué: sculptures in caves, *Caves aux Sculptures*
- Chênehutte: Roman ruins; feudal mound
- Trèves: tower
- Doué-la-Fontaine: zoo, *Bioparc*; rose gardens, *Chemin de la Rose*; cave-dwellings, *La Sablière*; cave-dwellings, *Troglodytes et Sarcophages*; geological and cave-dwelling museum, *Le Mystère des faluns*
- Saumur: town, castle
- Gennes: flour mill, *Moulin de Sarré*; dolmen, *La Madeleine*; Gallo-Roman amphitheatre

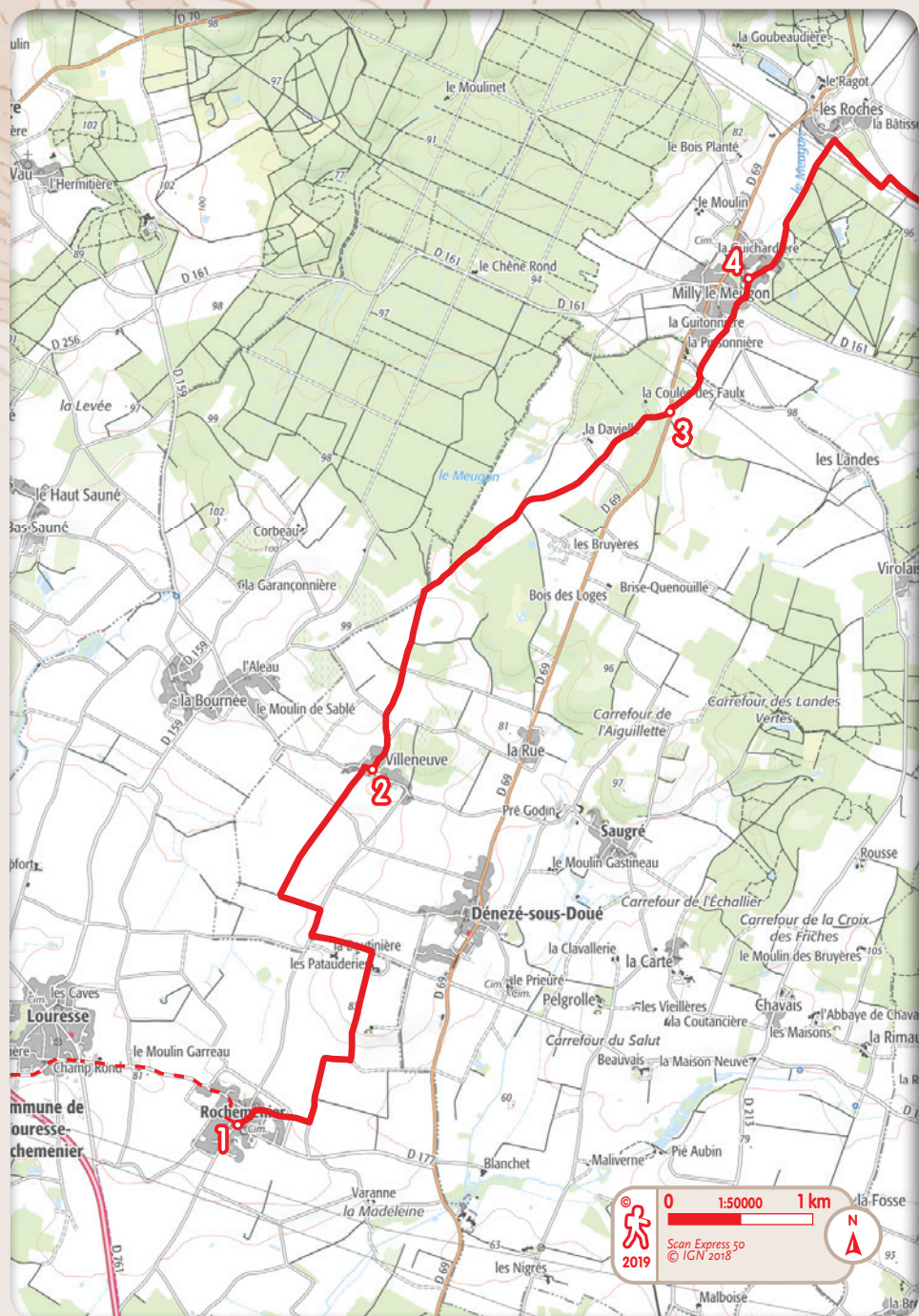
<sup>1</sup>Translator's note : GR® de Pays (Grandes Randonnées de Pays) are regional hiking trails.

<sup>2</sup>Translator's note : place names and proper nouns in general have been left in French for easy recognition.



GR®

## Stage 2 - GR® de Pays Hillsides and vineyards



shelter (unmanned) stopover lodge hotel Bed and Breakfast campsite food shop restaurant café tourist office bus train cash machine pharmacy

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DESTINATION  
**SAUMUR**  
VAL DE LOIRE

### Accommodation

#### Louresse-Rochemenier (49700)

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#### Cunault (49350 Chênehutte-Trèves-Cunault)

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#### Gennes (49350)

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Priory church of Notre-Dame in Cunault



## ARCHEOLOGY, HISTORY

### ARCHEOLOGICAL REMAINS IN GENNES

Numerous prehistoric remains can be found in the region around Gennes including several megalithic monuments: the menhir of Pierre Longue, the dolmens of La Forêt, Pierre Couverte and La Madeleine.

The last one dates back to Neolithic times and is built from sandstone slabs. Its area measures around 80 square metres. Two stone slabs, including a very large one split into two, form the capstone of the dolmen. The room is 2.7 m high, bounded by three standing portal stones (orthostats) on the north side and three more on the south side. The west side of the room is not completely closed, as for the east side, it is entirely open but must have had a portico, which has since disappeared. The floor has been dug deeper, for use by the farm nearby as a shelter for carts. Similarly, a bread oven was put in at the back of the room. In 1940 an

archeologist discovered various human remains in the debris outside the room and some cut flints in the area. The structure was classified as a historic monument in 1930.

The village of Gennes is also situated at a crossing point over the Loire river, at the junction of two ancient Roman roads. Various excavations have revealed the existence of a large Gallo-Roman city. Some remains of that period can still be seen: amphitheatre, nymphaeum, water tower with various conduits, aqueduct...



Dolmen of la Madeleine in Gennes

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### From Rochemenier to Milly-le-Meugon

8.3 km 2:05 hrs

In Rochemenier >

**1** Turn left (rue du Moulin). At the stop sign cross the road and go straight on. After 100m take the path on your left. At the foot of the windmill mound take the grassy path on the left (view of > Moulin Gouré). On reaching the road, turn left. At the stop sign, turn right. After 150m take the pathway on your left. 250m further on, turn right. Cross a surfaced road.

**2** In the hamlet, on reaching a road, turn right, then left (rue du Creux Chemin) > Cave-dwellings. Take the path forking left. Follow the main track for about 3 km to reach the forest > forêt de Milly. Continue to the right along the edge of the forest until you reach the main road.

**3** Turn left along the road, cross over () and take the path ahead. Turn left on the surfaced road, then immediately right. On reaching a surfaced road, continue straight ahead then turn left onto the road leading downhill. At the stop sign, cross over, heading slightly to the right (rue Saint-Pierre de Milly). Follow the wall of the castle > château de Milly-le-Meugon. Turn right on to rue Abbé Souillet ( > chapel).

## GEOLOGY, HERITAGE

### CAVE-DWELLINGS

With its cave-dwellings, Anjou can boast of a unique heritage in France. People made use of such spaces as old Tuffeau (limestone) quarries and natural cavities in the hillside for housing, mushroom farms or wine cellars.

Tuffeau is a sedimentary rock formed several million years ago (Cretaceous) by the deposit of alluvions carried by rivers to the sea. This white tuffeau marks the southwest limit of the geological Paris Basin.

As early as the 12th century, the local Tuffeau stone (both soft, easy to work with and resistant,) appealed to stonemasons for building anything from castles to humble vineyard shelters. It was used for centuries throughout the Loire valley as far as

Nantes. Today only 2 quarries are still operating. The old quarries, particularly those in the cliff side, were often used for housing. Some villages are also composed of cave-dwellings cut out in flat areas, as in Rochemenier.

Throughout the Saumur region, there are hundreds of kilometers of underground galleries cut out of the Tuffeau. The temperature is 12°C all year round!



Village troglodytique in Rochemenier

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### From Milly-le-Meugon to Cunault

8.9 km 2:15 hrs

**4** Follow the park wall. Shortly after the high-voltage line, take the first path on your right which runs along a grove. On reaching the surfaced road, turn right; carry on parallel to the high-voltage line, then turn left. Continue through the fields. Walk into the forest and carry on for 2 km. Reach the D 213 road.

**5** Carry on straight ahead. Cross a field; follow the edge of a wood. Turn right on to a path after the wood. Go round the field then enter the forest. Reach another field, follow the edge of the forest. Reach a surfaced road.

**6** Turn left. After 150 m, take the path on the right and walk downhill towards the > la Loire. On reaching the riverside road (D 751), > view on the manor Château de Beauregard, turn left and follow the road into > Cunault. Turn left towards the church > Notre-Dame de Cunault. Turn left (rue Notre-Dame), then right (rue du Cadran) to reach the priory church.

### From Cunault to Gennes

4.8 km 1:15 hrs

In Cunault >

**7** Pass the cemetery ( > ruins of Saint-Maxence church). Take the path straight ahead, then the road (rue de la Sablière); take the road on the left (rue de la Sablière). Go through the gate; reach a road. Turn right and then immediately left towards the lake > l'étang de Joreau. Reach the lake and follow along the edge. Go past the picnic area.

**8** At a crossroads, turn right. At the stop sign, turn left to Gennes. At the first roundabout, carry straight on (rue du Clos Baujon). At the second roundabout carry on, following the path on the right side of the road (D 70). Take the first path downhill on right. Cross the stream; take the path on the right and follow the stream > view of fine mansions. On arriving at the church > Saint-Vétérin, walk downhill on the left (rue du Nymphée). Then turn left (rue de la Cohue), and reach rue de la République.

In Gennes >

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