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Stage 3 - GR® de Pays¹ *Hillsides and vineyards along the Layon and the Loire*

GR®

From GENNES to BLAISON-GOCHIER²

5:35 hrs

22.6 km

This section of this trail is memorable for its magnificent panoramas over the Loire. Enjoy some bird-watching (osprey, common terns, cormorans...) along the way and look out for their prey (pike, catfish, eels...) in this royal river. The villages you encounter are perfect for having a rest and discovering the local heritage.

LOCATION

16 km north-west of Saumur
35 km south-east of Angers

PARKING AT STARTING POINT

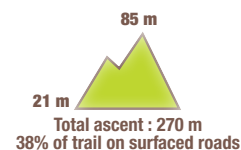
Rue du 8 Mai in Gennes
(Gennes Val de Loire)
N 47.33998 °, W 0.29242 °

PARKING AT END

By the church: Place de l'église
Blaison-Gohier (Blaison-Saint-Sulpice)
N 47.33998 °, W 0.23393 °

Warning

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



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Right way
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direction
 Wrong way

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Local hiking committee

- Comité FFRandonnée de Maine-et-Loire :
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WHAT TO SEE ALONG THE WAY

- Gennes: churches *Saint-Vétérin* and *Saint-Eusèbe*; castle *Château de la Roche*; dolmens
- Windmills
- Saint-Georges-des-Sept-Voies: oratory, sculptured troglodyte site, *Hélice Terrestre*
- Le Thourel: picturesque village; flooding pathway; Dutch manor house, *Manoir des Hollandais*; church *Saint-Genuif* and tower, *Tour de Galle* (11th century)
- Regional Nature Reserve, *Loire Anjou Touraine*
- Blaison-Gohier: collegiate church, *Saint-Aubin*; mound *Butte de Gohier*; castle



WHAT TO SEE IN THE AREA

- Several traditional indoor bowls clubs
- Gennes: Gallo-Roman amphitheatre; dolmen, *La Madeleine*, lake, *étang de Joreau*
- Cunault: picturesque village; priory church *Notre-Dame*
- Boat trips on the Loire
- Saint-Rémy-la-Varenne: hamlet of Saint-Maur and its abbey; priory
- St-Mathurin-sur-Loire: visitor centre, *Loire Odyssée*
- Blaison-Gohier: wine chateaux

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

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

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GEOGRAPHY, GEOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT

SAND OF THE LOIRE

The annual 'production' of sand from the Loire is estimated at between 500,000 and 1 million tons.

During the final decades of the 20th century extraction became industrialised and at the same time demand increased, as the sand from the Loire is of excellent quality. 5 million tons were extracted in 1972 in Maine-et-Loire and Loire-Atlantique alone. However the sand of the Loire is not an unlimited resource, so extraction was prohibited in 1992. Now the river can replenish its reserves of sand, a necessity for its ecological balance. Once more it carries sand to the sea, which is necessary for the coastline's stability and the conservation of the beaches.

Market gardeners from the Nantes region use sand from the Loire. Their annual

needs are estimated at 600,000 tons. After sowing (carrots, lamb's lettuce, radishes), a fine layer of sand is spread over the land to loosen heavy soil. The soil will thus warm up quicker in spring. In this way sand contributes to the early growth, taste and renown of vegetables from Nantes region. The market gardeners of the Nantes area now use sea sand, some of which probably comes from the Loire.



Sand banks in Gennes

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FLORA AND FAUNA, ENVIRONMENT

THE OSPREY, A UNIQUE BIRD OF PREY

Osprey eat only fish. The bird fishes frequently, hovering 20 – 30 m high, then nose-diving, wings half open, feet forward, plunging more or less deeply into the water (up to 1 m deep). With the distinctive bend of its wings, it is similar in appearance to a gull.

Osprey start breeding only in their third year, returning each year to the same nesting site. The couple usually mate for life, meeting up again each year. The male bird builds one or more nests and parades above them every day, trying to attract a partner. The female will generally choose the most suitable nest, but sometimes she goes off again. If a female accepts a nest,

she will then join the male in replenishing it (in « refreshing » the old area). Finally she mates with the male on the nest after he has offered her a fish. The nest is built in a quiet, high place, offering a wide field of vision.

The osprey, like all birds of prey, is a protected species in France.



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From Gennes to Thoureil

9.7 km 2:30 hrs

In Gennes >

1 Turn right on to rue de la République towards the town hall of Gennes. Head in the direction of Les Rosiers-sur-Loire and 60 m further on, turn left. After 180 m, turn right on to rue du Mémorial. At the top, fork left to > Saint-Eusèbe church and > the Mémorial des Cadets de Saumur. Carry on left, go through the housing estate, take rue des Trois Lapins and enter the woods. Take the D 70 on the right for 70 m.

2 Fork right at the first path (> Dolmen in the undergrowth on the left). Carry on to a junction of 4 paths at the edge of the forest, turn left then right and walk along the straight path for 1 km. Take the road opposite, then the first road on the left for 300 m. Take the second path on the right, at the edge of the woods.

3 Walk on through the woods. On reaching the road, turn right and go left round the cemetery (on the left, > Priory) Turn right and go along the departmental road for 120 m. Carry on left through the woods. Cross the D 751 () and take the road opposite for about 300 m. Turn left on to the first gravel track and walk up to a small wood. On reaching the road, take the surfaced road opposite to Cumeray, along a wooded area.

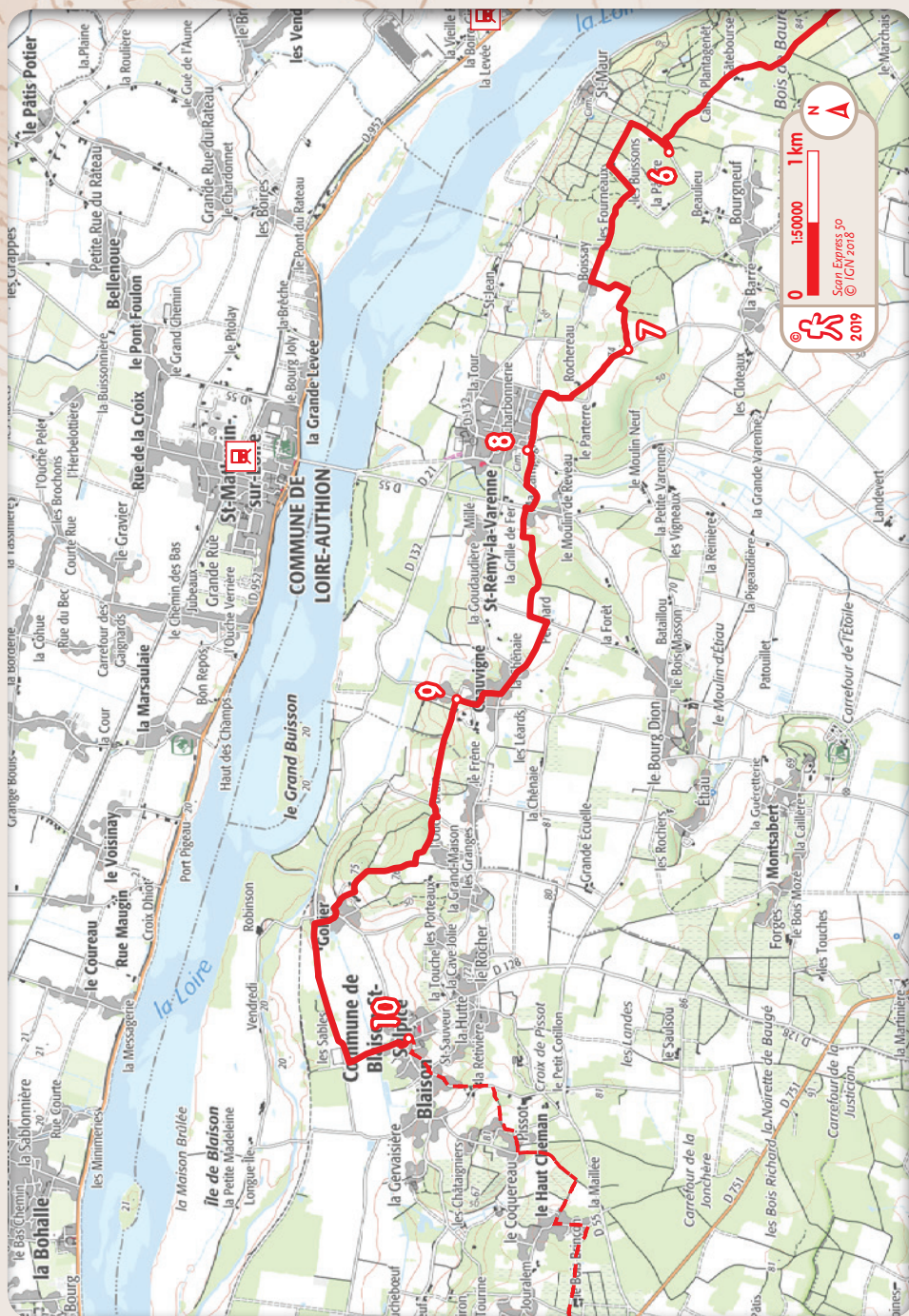
4 In the hamlet of Cumeray, take the first road on the left and climb for 200 m, then take a small path on the right. At the surfaced road, turn left to > the chapel. Stay on this road and reach the top (> panorama over the Loire valley).

From Thoureil to Saint-Rémy la Varenne

6.7 km 1:40 hrs

In Le Thoureil >

5 At the corner of a wooded plot, go down the path on the right, turn left (further on the ruins of a tower can be seen > Tour de Galle – 11th century, from which the village takes its name) and walk along the > tree-lined flooding path which overlooks and follows alongside the village of Le Thoureil. Cross rue Creuse and go straight ahead (on the right, > Dutch manor house, Manoir des Hollandais). Go past the cemetery and walk down the road. Leave the village centre on the right (50 m further on, > Saint-Genulf church – 11th century ; bar, restaurant, toilets). Take the road opposite and walk up chemin Courgain. This becomes a gravel track. Walk on alongside a wood and meadow to the end. (about 2.5 km).



6 At the junction, walk down the road on the right for about 300 m. (👁 > Hamlet of Saint-Maur and its abbey : carry on along this road for 500m to the end.)

Turn left and walk up the first road opposite the vineyard (👁 > Panorama over the Loire valley – La Ménittré and Beaufort-en-Vallée), the road gives way to a track. Go into the forest by the track on the right. Go past the wastewater treatment plant. At the junction, take the road opposite and head right towards Boissay. At this locality, turn left (chemin des Fourneaux) and walk along the edge of the woods to the road.

7 Walk on taking the road on the right, heading for 👁 > the windmill, *Moulin de Rochereau*, then walk down the small path. At the bottom, turn right on the road. Just after the remains of a washhouse, turn left along rue de Rochereau, walking past a housing estate to the junction with rue de la Glycine (sports centre with car park opposite).

From Saint-Rémy-la-Varenne to Blaison-Gohier

6.2 km 1:35 hrs

In Saint-Rémy-la-Varenne > 🏠 🍷 🛒 🚶 🚲

8 Walk on along this gravel road. Shortly after, at the corner of the wastewater treatment plant, take the path on the left. Walk up to the road and cross over. Carry on opposite along the path going through the woods for 1 km. Take the road on the left, then turn right. In Chauvigné, turn right on to ruelle du Haut-Chauvigné, follow the road on the right for 300 m.

9 Take the path on the left between orchards, woods and meadows (👁 > splendid view over the Loire valley). At the edge of the woods, take the small lane on the left and 500 m farther on, turn right into the woods. Walk up on the left and then down to Gohier by a path lined with old walls.

On entering the village, turn left, cross over rue de la Petite Loire and take rue des Gabarres. At the end of this road, at the bottom, take the track on the left (rue des Sables). Pass the sports grounds then head left to reach Blaison by rue des Basses Arches. Head for 👁 > the collegiate church, *Saint-Aubin* and the town hall.

In Blaison-Gohier > 🏠 🍷 🛒 🚶 🚲



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Traditional boats on the Loire