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Stage 4 - GR® de Pays¹ Hillsides and vineyards along the Layon and the Loire

GR®

From BLAISON-GOHER
to MÛRS-ÉRIGNÉ²

4:20 hrs

17.2 km

On this stage of the GR® de Pays you will discover tree-lined villages and landscapes, where woods, vineyards and the Loire meet the eye from various standpoints. Enjoy a visit and a stroll around Mûrs-Érigné and its rich historic heritage on your arrival.

LOCATION

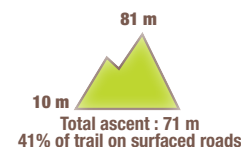
27 km south-east of Angers
33 km west of Saumur

PARKING AT STARTING POINT

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

PARKING AT END

Car park at the Centre Bouëssé
in Mûrs-Érigné
N 47.40332 °, W 0.53197 °



Trail Marking GR® FFRandonnée

- Right way
- Change direction
- Wrong way

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WHAT TO SEE IN THE AREA

- Coutures: cave-dwellings; menhirs; manor houses and castles; art gallery
- Saint-Rémy-la-Varenne: priory
- Angers: castle and the Apocalypse Tapestry; museums; old quarter of the town, *La Doutre*; botanical theme park, *Terra Botanica*
- Bouchemaine, La Pointe: confluence of the Maine and the Loire rivers
- Regional Nature Reserve *Loire Anjou Touraine*
- Mûrs-Érigné: Republican monument and panorama, *La Roche de Mûrs*; sand port, *Port Sablier*; old quarter, *La Fontenelle*; blockhouse
- Brissac-Quincé: castle

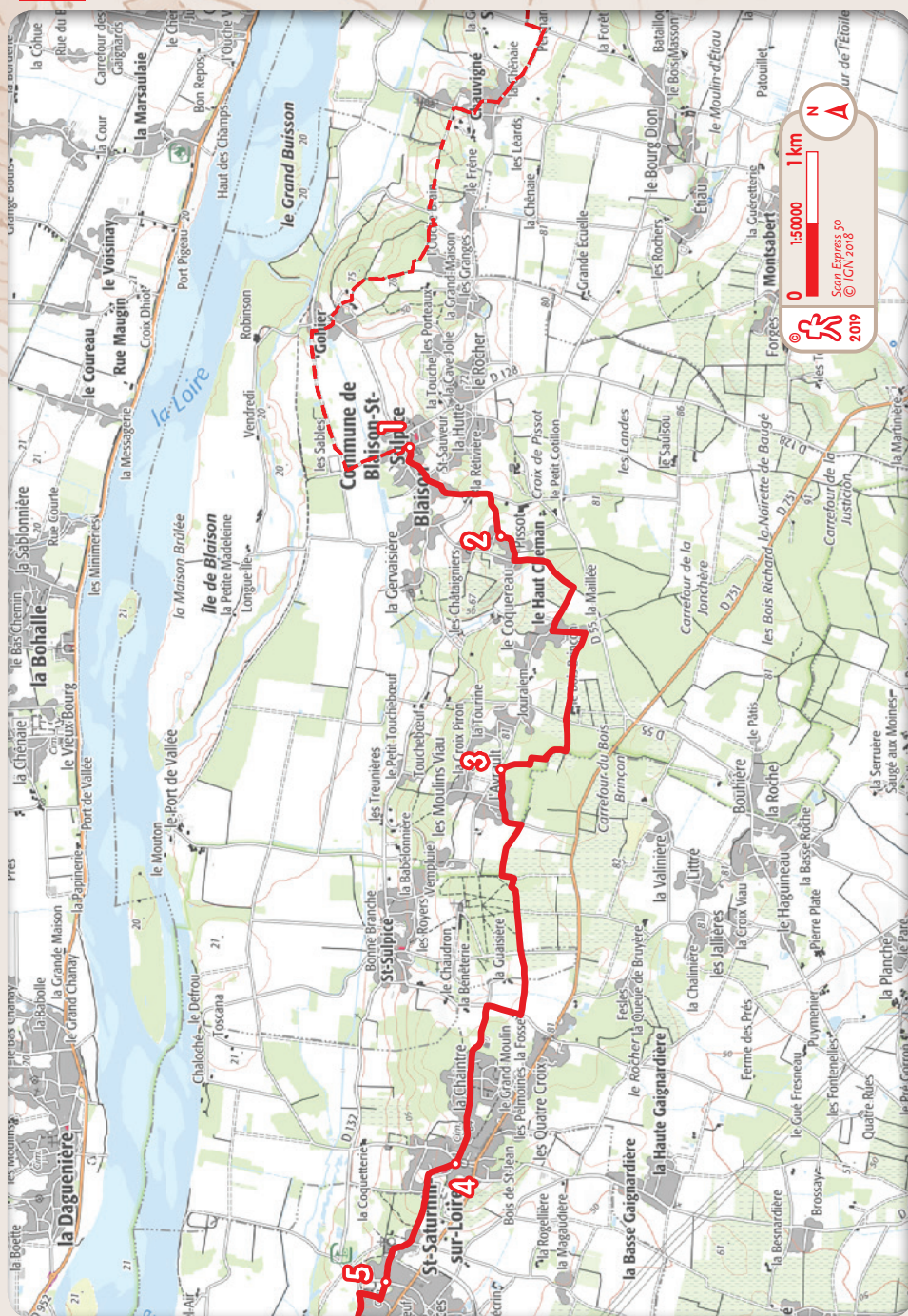


WHAT TO SEE ALONG THE WAY

- Blaison-Gohier: charming village; wine château *Château de Bois Brinçon*, privately-owned castles, *Château de Cheman*, *Château de Blaison*; collegiate church, *Saint-Aubin*
- Saint-Saturnin-sur-Loire: castle and park, *Mont Rude*
- Saint-Jean-des-Mauvrets: golf course d'Angers
- The Loire valley
- Vineyards and wine tasting

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.



Accomodation

Blaison-Gohier (49320)

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Bed and Breakfast - Château de la Giraudière:
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Holiday cottage - La Grange:
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Saint-Jean-des-Mauvrets (49320)

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Saint-Sulpice (49320)

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Juigné-sur-Loire (49610)

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Mûrs-Erigné (49610)

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HISTORY

THE CASTLE OF BLAISON-GOHIER

In Roman times a villa and a church were built on top of the hillside. Blaison was a busy trading place. An old moat is evidence of the first wooden fortress.

Around 1000 AD, the village grew up a little further down. A stone castle, with outer wall and moats, replaced the wooden one. In the 11th century, Foulques Nerra, Count of Anjou, a violent but profoundly religious man and builder, founded a Collegial Chapter for four canons (priests to serve the people) and ten chaplains. He endowed it with land and income and had a collegiate church built, which shaped the town as it is today. The lanes and alleyways still lead to old canonical houses and noble residences, the architectural details of which reveal the owner's standing :

upper floor, mullioned windows, staircase tower, curved dormer window... As for the hamlets, they can boast of a string of picturesque houses, old castles or cellars cut out of the tuffeau stone.

The English disarmed the castle during the Hundred Years War. At this time it belonged to the De Rais family. Gilles de Rais, a great noble lord and companion Joan of Arc, did not reside there but did take part in the hunts on the land. He sold the seigneurie in 1430 to Guillaume de la Jumelière, who rebuilt the castle in the 15th century.

From 1570 to 1961 the castle suffered numerous other changes, destructions and reconstructions. Part of the castle is lived in and it is not open to visitors.



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From Blaison-Gohier to Saint-Saturnin-sur-Loire

7 km 1:45 hrs

In Blaison-Gohier >

1 From the church square > church in Blaison, take the road on the right : rue de la Grange aux Dimes. At the bottom pass > the castle and turn left into ruelle aux Loups. Cross the road, carry on opposite along chemin du Tertre Ruault and walk up to la Rétivière. Take the road left for 120 m, then take the first path going up on the right. (> Viewpoint over the Loire valley and Angers.)

2 Follow the road. 250 m further on take the second path on the left in front of the gate. At the edge of a plot of vines, turn right to go alongside it, then follow the road. Take the road on the left for 250 m, then take the path on the right and reach the wine estate of > château de Bois-Brinçon. Leave Bois-Brinçon and cross the road to take the path opposite. Walk along the edge of the wood then enter it on the right.

3 At the road, fork left and walk on. After a bend to the left, take the path on the right through the vines. Opposite the outer wall of the castle > château de l'Ambroise head left for 100 metres, then follow the path on the right through the undergrowth. Follow the wall of the castle. At the corner of the domain, cross the road and carry on opposite to reach la Fosse (> restored buildings and chapel). Follow the road on the right for 250 m, then the road left to Saint-Saturnin. Go through the housing estate along rue de l'Evière then rue du Logis des Bois, which leads to the centre of Saint-Saturnin-sur-Loire.

From Saint-Saturnin-sur-Loire to Saint-Jean-des-Mauvrets

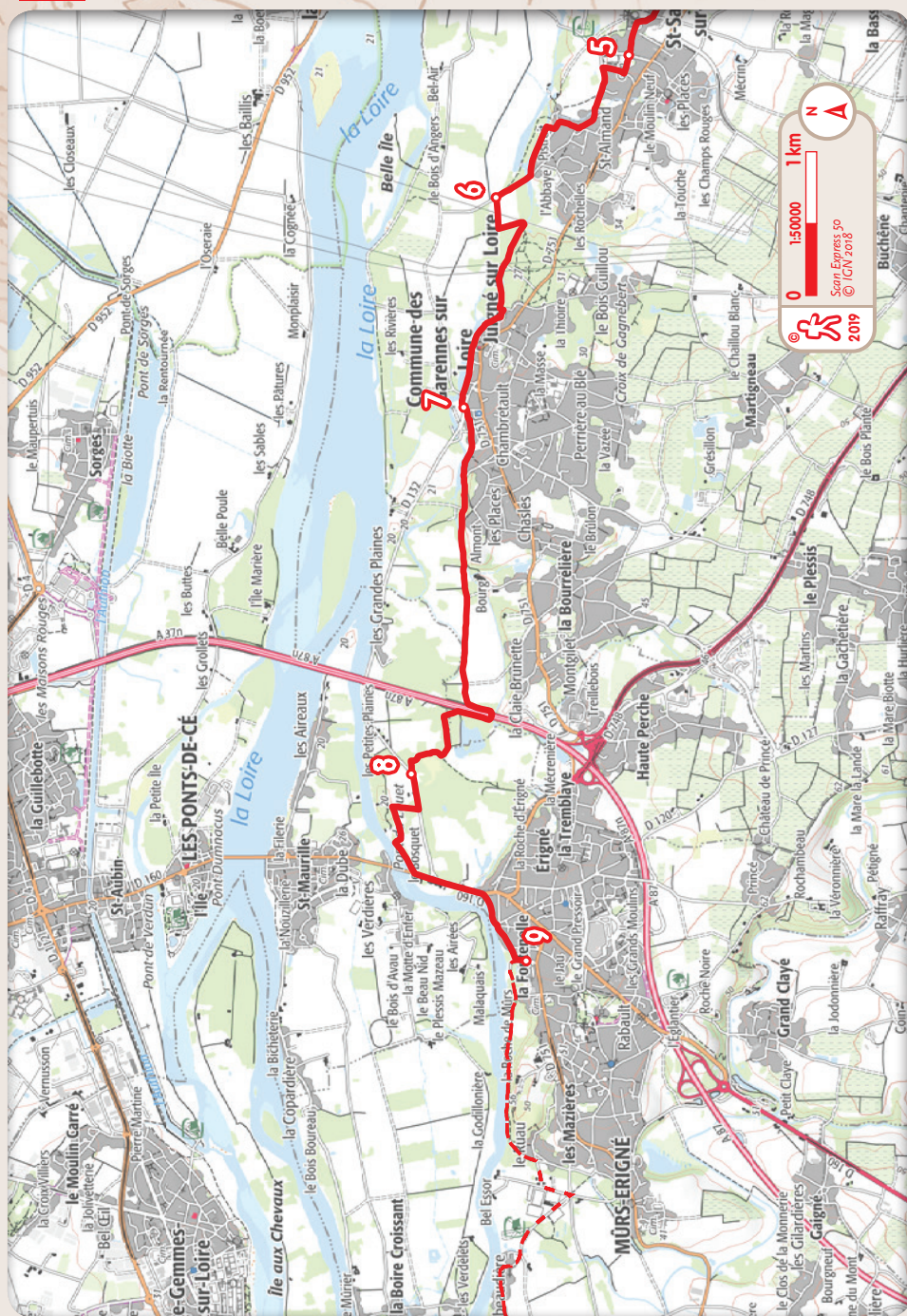
1 km 15 mins

In St-Saturnin >

4 Walk down behind the church in Saint-Saturnin along rue du Mont-Rude. Go past the town hall (> 19th century castle) and the sports ground. Take the path straight ahead, going down through the undergrowth. Carry on along the road to the right and reach Saint-Jean-des-Mauvrets with its typical slate walls (> restored residences).



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From Saint-Jean-des-Mauvrets to Juigné-sur-Loire

3.5 km 50 mins

In Saint-Jean-des-Mauvrets >

5 At the crossroads by the cemetery, go straight on, then right for 200 m, then head left along the golf course. Take the road on the right walking down chemin de Pistrait, turn left then take the first path on the right. Carry on left to reach the bridge. Turn right at the road and carry on for 200 m.

6 Take the path on the left. The path turns left, then sharp right, passing through the Garennes area > a reforested area on the site of an old slate quarry. After a bend to the left, stay on the right and walk on down the path, between the slate garden walls in Juigné-sur-Loire and a winterbourne (« boire » or dead branch of the Loire), to reach the D 132 road (⚠).

From Juigné-sur-Loire to Mûrs-Érigné

5.3 km 1:20 hrs

In Juigné-sur-Loire >

7 Leaving Juigné-sur-Loire on the left, take chemin de la Carinière, which leads to the A87 motorway (2 km further on). Follow the bank on the left to pass under the motorway, then turn back right. Carry on along the path on the left (susceptible to flooding in periods of high water (⚠)).

8 Follow the D 132 road to the left for 250 m, take the track on the right and reach the banks of the Louet. Follow the path left to the bridge over the Louet (N 160) in Erigné. At the bridge, go up the steps, turn left and head for the village. After 300 m, in a bend, take impasse Gérard Allory on the right, pass two chicanes, walk on and carry on along quai Gérard Allory. Turn left on to rue des Deux Ports then chemin des Prés to reach Centre Bouëssé La Garenne.

In Mûrs-Érigné >

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