

## To see, to discover

### The Loire by bike and the Loire riverbanks

#### Les Bardeaux de l'Indre

Take your family on a new route from Chapelle-aux-Naux to Rigny-Ussé.

The signposted and secure route takes you along little roads and paths through stunning scenery such as the Sensitive Nature Area of Les Bardeaux de l'Indre.

#### Nearby

The Chateaux of Azay-le-Rideau and Langeais, Rigny-Ussé, Villandry

#### «Poire tapée» in Rivarennes

Heritage poire tapée® dried pears are made using an artisan and traditional method involving long and painstaking dehydration. After several days and nights in the oven, the dried-out pears are flattened using a «platissoire». Several artisans have brought the art of heritage poire tapée production back to life in Rivarennes... There's even a small museum devoted to this mouthwatering dessert!

## Technical information

GPS COORDINATES N 47°29'57.8 - E 0°35'55.3

ELEVATION + 24 m

## Accommodation / Catering

Holidays rental, bed and breakfast, campsite

Municipal holiday cottage (30 beds)

All shops available

Car park town hall and church

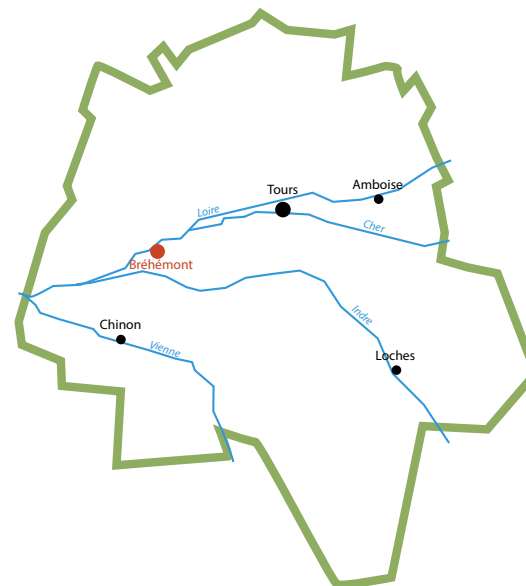
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## Walking charter

Cherish and respect nature. Listen to it, do not spoil it and do not harm it. Stay on the trail and be discreet. Do not damage plants or undergrowth. Do not smoke in the forest or do not light fires. Do not scare animals. Do not neglect human contact. Respect and get to know this rural world that welcomes you.

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LABEL BALADE  
EN TOURAINE



Hiking  
**NATURE AND HERITAGE**

Between  
Indre and Loire

**Bréhémont**

3h - 12km - easy

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## TO FIND YOUR WAY

STRAIGHT ON

CHANGE OF  
DIRECTION

WRONG WAY



*Bréhémont has a prime spot in the heart of the Loire-Anjou-Touraine regional nature park and within the boundaries of the UNESCO World Heritage Loire area.*

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### Saint-Madeleine Church

The 12 km route starts on Place du 8 Mai at the sign that you'll find at the end of the little tarmac road behind the school. Start on a high at the stunning Sainte-Marie-Madeleine Church, its choir and stained glass windows. It was built in 1843 and is one of few churches with a «disorientated» layout in France. The choir tends to be east-facing but this one faces west.

Turn left and follow the yellow markers. Go past the cemetery.

Turn right at the stop sign then left along the signposted trail.

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### Dyke

Go right again onto the little tarmac road then left on the first path you see until you reach the dyke and turn right. Cross a tarmac road and go straight on. Cross a path then carry on between two rows of poplar trees.

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### Milly

Now you can see **Milly** fortified farm. Go straight on and you'll pass a stone bridge on your left. Turn left at the crossroads then go over the stone bridge. Turn left at the top of the tarmac road then left again before the bridge.

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### Les Bardeaux de l'Indre

Go along the Indre and you'll see a small island in the middle. Follow the Loire by Bike path. You're entering a Sensitive Nature Area, **Les Bardeaux de l'Indre**. Along the way you'll see the **Routoir de Butte aux Oies** and **Routoir**

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### Former Cher

Leave the stone bridge on your right and carry on along the grassy path ahead (along the **former Cher**), the Cher's former riverbed that was diverted in the late 18th century. Turn right at the end onto the 119 road and cross the little bridge as per the signage.

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### Heritage vineyards

Turn left onto the sand path just before the 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge and carry on ahead. Turn right at the crossroads, cross the 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge then take a sharp left after the bridge. Go straight on until the end of the path.

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### Bridges

Turn left after the iron bridge and cross the stone bridge. Follow signs for "circuit n°2" at the crossroads and go straight on along the dyke. Cross a path with a stone bridge on either side and continue straight on. You have a lovely glimpse of the hilltop village of Saint-Michel-sur-Loire to the right. Cross the D119 road then turn right (after the sewage treatment plant).

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### Bréhémont village

Go straight on when you reach Bréhémont on Rue des Foucaults then turn right and head down Rue du Croissant on the left. At the end of the street turn left or go up the narrow stone staircase. Cross the wide street and go down to **Bréhémont port** which is also famous for its recently restored public urinal.

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### Port

The heyday of the oldest cobbled port in Touraine was the 19<sup>th</sup> century because of the boom in trade from hemp growing and fishing. Rich traders at the time built countless houses by the port that bear witness to the great lifestyle in the region

