

## To see, to discover

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An historic monument founded at the start of the 16<sup>th</sup> century by the Bourbon-Montpensier family, descendants of Saint-Louis.

### Atelier de Pieter Hoefman (Hoefman Stone Workshop), Champigny-sur-Veude

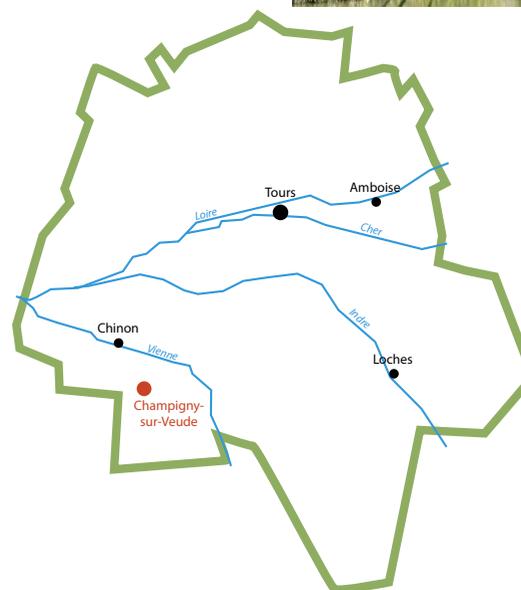
Inside his workshop, Pieter Hoefman cuts and sculpts « tufa » (the stone of the region), using antique tools like rifiers, chisels and scutch. Specialised in traditional stone cutting (like dormer windows, pillars and bull's eye windows, etc.), he also creates any kind of refined and original sculptures on request.

### Chateau du Rivau, Léméré : This fortified castle and its

Renaissance outbuildings were built by the Beauveau family, comprising unique 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century architectural setting. The garden is listed as a «Remarkable Garden» by the Ministry of Culture.

### Richelieu town

The town was built by the Cardinal in 1631 based on a quadrilateral urban layout surrounded by moats and walls with three monumental gateways to it. The fantastic bucolic park is open to the general public.



## 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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Hiking  
**NATURE - HERITAGE**

Renaissance chapel  
and charming brooks

**Champigny-  
sur - Veude**

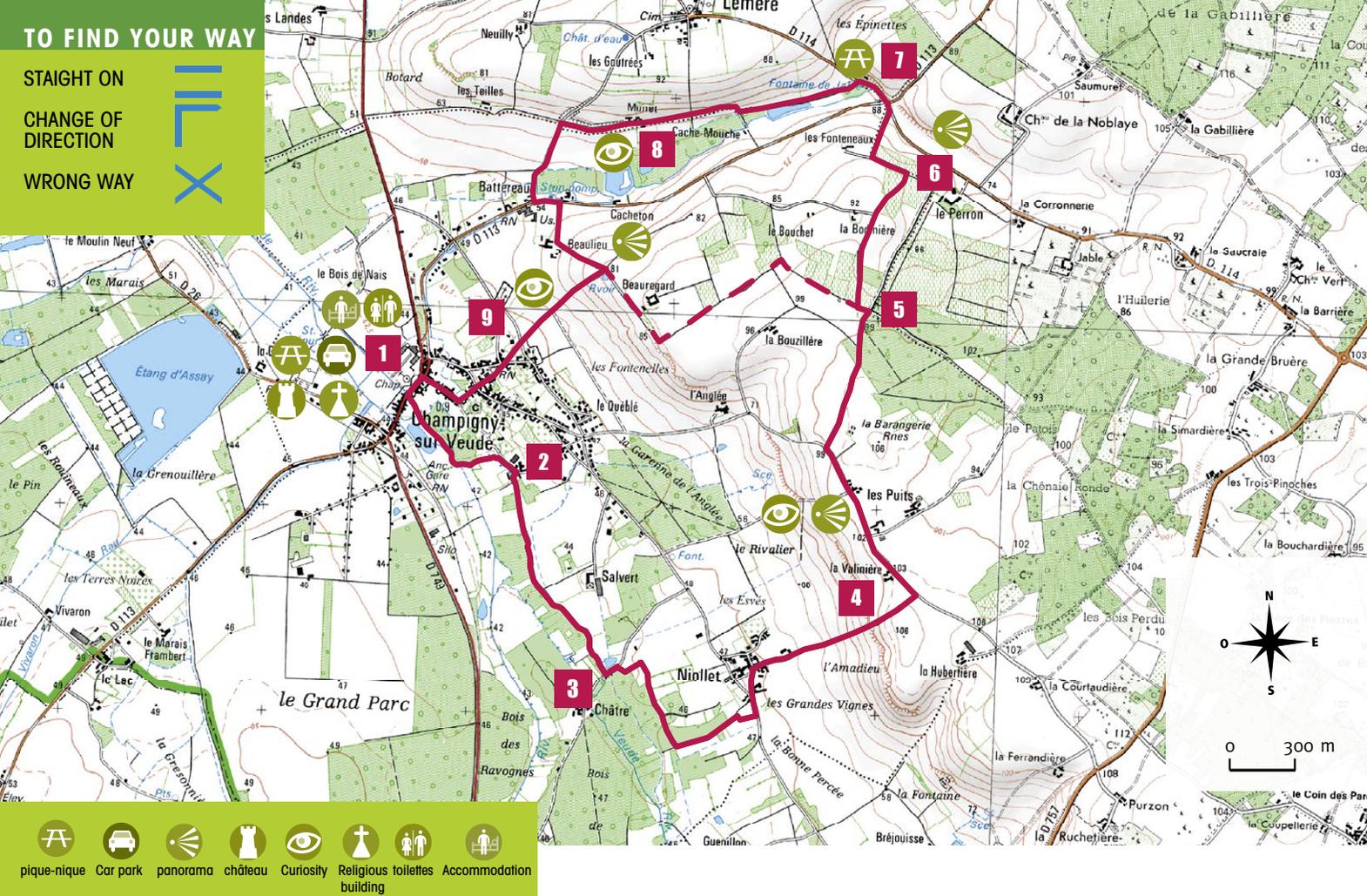
3h - 11km - Medium

**TO FIND YOUR WAY**

STRAIGHT ON 

CHANGE OF DIRECTION 

WRONG WAY 



*Who would have thought that this delightful village, full of flowers, with its remarkable architecture and its foot-path, was in its time, inhabited by important people ?*

**1 Place du Chapeau Rouge**  
This hiking trail begins at « Place du Chapeau Rouge », (so named no doubt to pay homage to **Cardinal Richelieu** who wore a red hat). Facilities include a picnic area, a play area for children, a car park and toilets.

The route begins alongside the Veude, a river cut into cenomanian sands - around 100 million years ago the Touraine region was covered by sea. Follow the path to the left of the lake, cross the small wooden « Chassenay » bridge and then turn right onto the dirt path.

**2 Chassenay Mill**  
After the hamlet and the « Chassenay mill », take the lane on your right named « Allée Chaïm Soutine » (in memory of the Jewish painter who sought refuge in the area during the last war) and follow the path lined with poplars along the river, then the underwood decorated with elder trees, elms and ash.

**3 Niollet**  
On reaching the road to **Chatre**, cross the small bridge then turn right. The trail leads towards « **Niollet** » where the fine Touraine dwellings built in the region's white stone can be admired.

**4 Aubuis**  
Next, go right, up towards « **Les Puits** ». After this strenuous effort, on top of this rise you will be rewarded with the tufa soil landscape and an open view over the Richelieu and Loudunais plateaux. Turn left onto the tarmac road, pausing to admire the village of Champigny. Continue for 800 metres then take the path to the right.

**5 Orchards and vineyards**  
You will come to a cherry plantation where wild cherries once grew. You will also notice a beautiful lodge in the middle of cabernet and sauvignon vines. To take 2 km off the route and return directly to Champigny, follow the path which passes close by the lodge. Otherwise turn right.

**6 Domaine du Perron wine estate**  
On your right is the « **Domaine du Perron** » and chateau. A magnificent panorama stretches out in front of you. From here can be seen the chateau de la **Noblaye** opposite and the village of **Léméré** on the hillside.

**7 Fontaine de Jâbles**  
Next follow the signpost for Léméré. On the left, notice the « **fontaine de Jâble** », a pleasant place to rest and have a picnic. Next walk alongside the « fontaine de Jâble » lake, on a path lined with poplars and fields where various crops are growing.

**8 Munet Manor**  
You will then pass the « **Manoir de Munet** », built in the late 15<sup>th</sup> century. On reaching the road, turn left at the place named « **Battereau** », then right. Go up towards « **Beaulieu** » and « **Beauregard** », aptly named for the outstanding view over the Veude and Champigny valleys.

**9 St-Louis Chapel**  
The path then takes you back to the village centre, with its 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century houses. If you can, stop by the « **Chapelle Saint Louis** »; flamboyant Gothic in style, it is remarkable for its raised nave and 11 stained glass windows, exceptional for their size, state of preservation and beauty.

Something else that needs to be pointed out is the magnificent residence of the Bourbon Montpensier, but all that remain are the outbuildings known today as the « **château de Champigny-sur-Veude** ». Follow the markers in the village to the end of the trail, which ends exactly where it started !