

To see, to discover

Le Grand-Pressigny Prehistory Museum

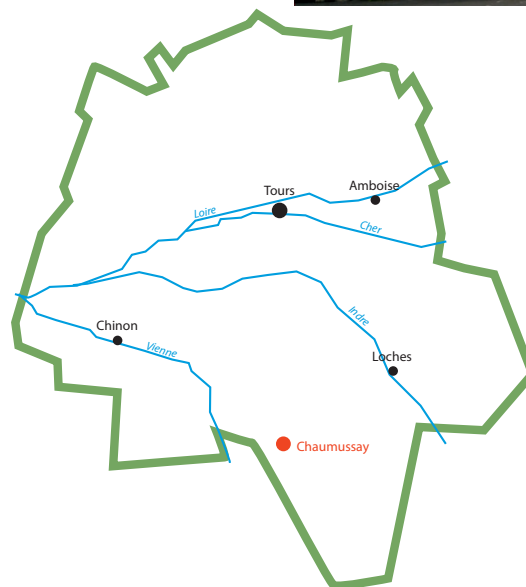
The biggest tourist attraction in southern Touraine is the Prehistory Museum at Château du Grand-Pressigny exhibiting collections and tool carving expertise from the end of 3000 BC.

Preuilly-sur-Claise

The town is packed with heritage including the 11th century abbey whose bell tower has a Burgundy-style roof with glazed tiles. Musée de la Poterne.

Cycling loops

Put your best pedal forward with family or friends and hit the countless bike loops and paths to cycle around the Touraine countryside and soak up its heritage.



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

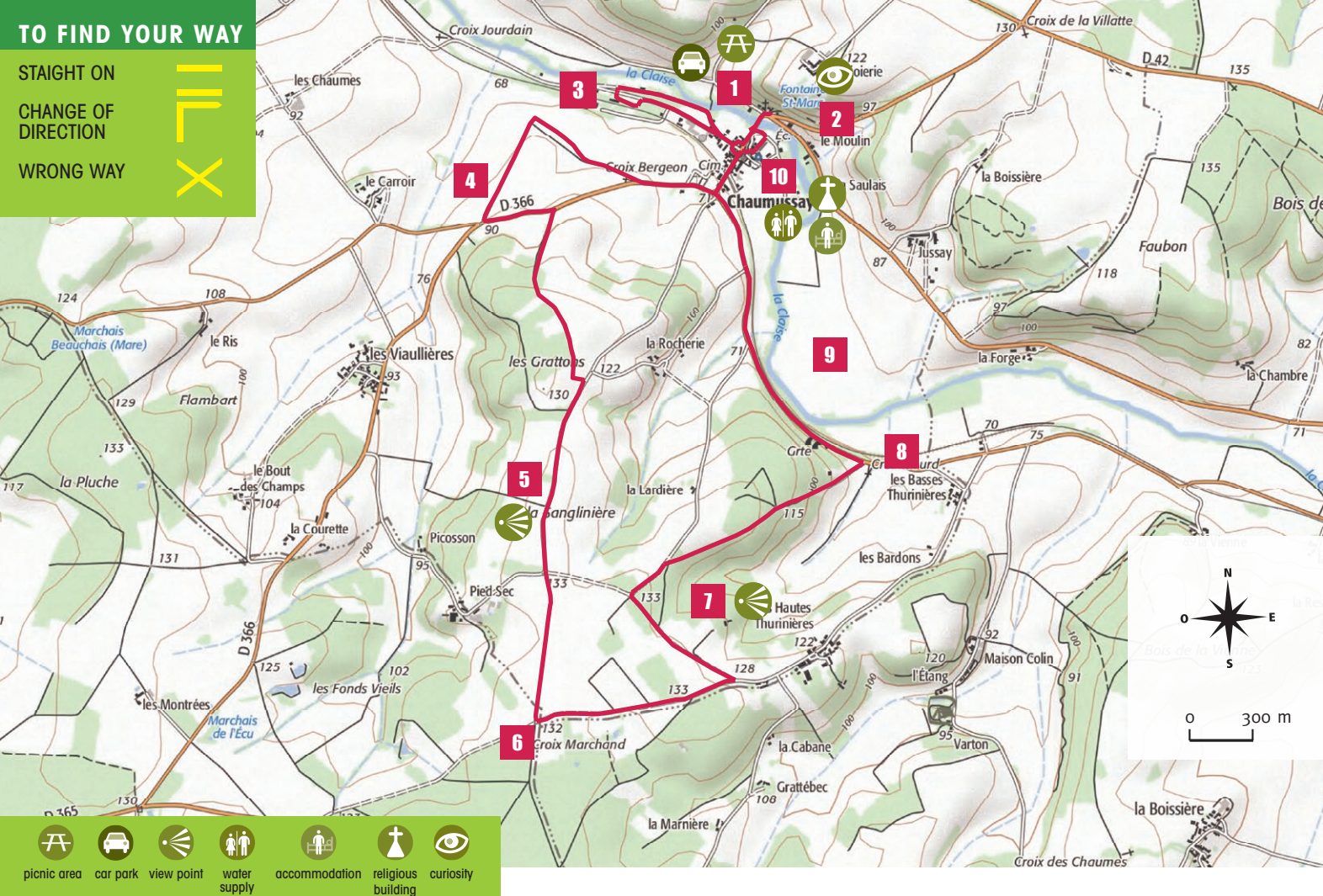
Claise river
and coteaux

Chaumussay

2h 15 - 9 km - medium

TO FIND YOUR WAY

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The village of Chaumussay in the heart of the Claise Valley is home to fantastic built and natural heritage with its church, rivers and leafy hillsides. This walk will introduce you to the unspoilt wealth to be found in southern Touraine.

1 Place des Saules

The walk with yellow markers starts opposite the Claise on Place des Saules. The discovery of Paleolithic tools and Gallo-Roman relics nearby proves that the area was inhabited at a very early time.

2 Saint-Marc Fountain

Cross the stone bridge to the other side of the river to see Saint-Marc grotto and fountain, listed among the best in Touraine. Its spring is supposed to cure visual impairment. Overlooking the fountain, you'll see a calvary whose lower part is reminiscent of Lourdes grotto. This was a major pilgrimage site until 1971.

3 Train station

Cross the bridge again then go right along the Claise. Go up the stairs on the left to the former train station and railway line linking Port de Piles to Le Blanc. It was inaugurated in 1885 and used by 2 passenger and parcel trains every day. Then it was used by a train transporting stone between 1950 and the 2000s.

4 Through fields

Go back to the village along Avenue de la Gare that was once lined with 2 cafés, a grocery shop, clog maker, coach inn and wheelwright. Turn right then continue along the right-hand path after the cemetery. You're on the GR 48 hiking trail with red and white markers from Limoges to Chinon. Turn left at the road then right.

5 Panorama

Suivez un chemin légèrement pentu qui passe en sous-bois pour arriver sur un plateau. La vue sur la vallée de la Claise est magnifique. La commune continue aujourd'hui à maintenir les activités agricoles à travers la culture de céréales, de fourrage et l'élevage.

6 La Croix Marchand

When you reach La Croix Marchand you'll see a large leafy hill within the Chambon and Boussey areas. Turn left then left again at Les Hautes Turinières.

7 Woodland

Go into a copse then fork right on the edge of the woods. 24 % of the department's surface area is covered in trees, mainly oaks and pines. And 90 % of these forests are private property. Go straight on.

8 Croix Sourd

When you reach the road turn left to go into the village. You'll go past the river, railway line and limestone hill. If you're here in spring then you'll see countless varieties of orchid. Local stone called «Touraine tuffeau» used to be extracted here. The limestone was used to build most of the properties nearby.

9 Claise River

Look at the Claise again on your right. No fewer than 68 water mills once stood along this river. Keen fishermen appreciate its slow flow and presence of aquatic plants that make it popular among fish.

10 Church

You're nearing the end of your outing. Be sure to stroll around Place de la Mairie and Place de la Poste. Gaze at the 12th century church devoted to Saint Médard, presbytery, former tithe barn, dovecote and well that all bear witness to our ancestors' expertise.