

## **Between Vienne and Chinonais**

Balades et randos région de Chinon - Marçay







Photographie d'un champ de tournesol, avec randonneurs en fond (Aurore Poveda)

A small restored village with tufa stone houses, Marçay was once part of the Poitou region. Now a province of Tours, it is nonetheless a land of transition between the two regions. The appearance of the village is marked by the Poitevin influence, often with canal tiles, in contrast to the traditional Touraine slate roof.

#### **Useful information**

Practice: Hiking

Duration: 2 h

Length: 11.5 km

Trek ascent: 92 m

Difficulty: Easy

Type: Loop

Themes: Forest, Heritage and

history

### **Trek**

**Departure**: Marçay's washhouse **Arrival**: Marcay's washhouse

Cities: 1. Marçay

Beuxes
Ligré

#### **Altimetric profile**



Min elevation 43 m Max elevation 97 m

- 1. You follow cultivated and wooded plots until you reach a small stream that flows into the Ruisseau de Comprigny. Beyond this boundary, you reach the Poitevin lands with the hamlet of Comprigny.
- 2. Between pastures and crops, walk up the stream until you reach the tarmac road from which you can see the village bell tower. On the other side of the D116, you cross a deciduous wood that marked the border between the Turons and Pictons. The origin of Marçay's name comes from two Gallic words, **Maro** and **Ceton**, meaning "The Great Wood".
- 3. Between the Noue woods and the Dauconnay manor house, you will pass through damp meadows. A former stronghold of La Roche-Clermault, this 16th-century manor house stands in the middle of wooded parkland and can be seen from the gate to the south-east of the property. The estate also features a cylindrical ashlar dovecote, which has retained all its bolts and its pivoting tree.

On your path... le Petit Poizay le Petit Puits la Maison du Chêne ala Tourette la Vallée de Marçay la Pièce de la Fontaine IARÇAY les Aubuis du Cimetière la Pièce d'Avineau les Balleteaux le Clos d'Azay les Devants de Tou la Gaudière la Tour Séguinéau les Terres Noires ourain Dauconnay la Tortillege les Grands Ziares le Poteau de Mer le Champ des Bois les Réages la Brosse les Prés Neufs les Brûlis la Boire Berlotte Bois Jobin les Perchais

Bois de la Noue

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la Rasilière

300 m

# All useful information