

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

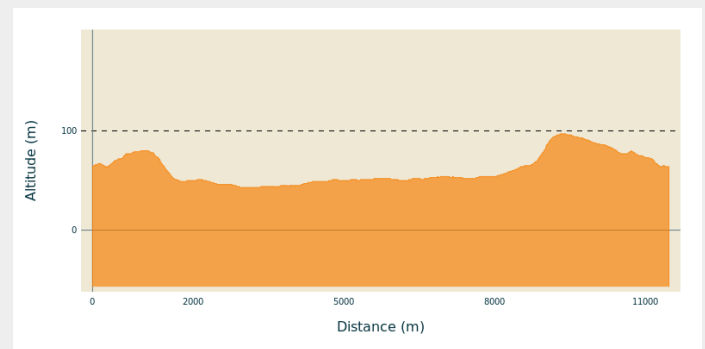
Arrival : Marçay's washhouse

Cities : 1. Marçay

2. Beuxes

3. Ligré

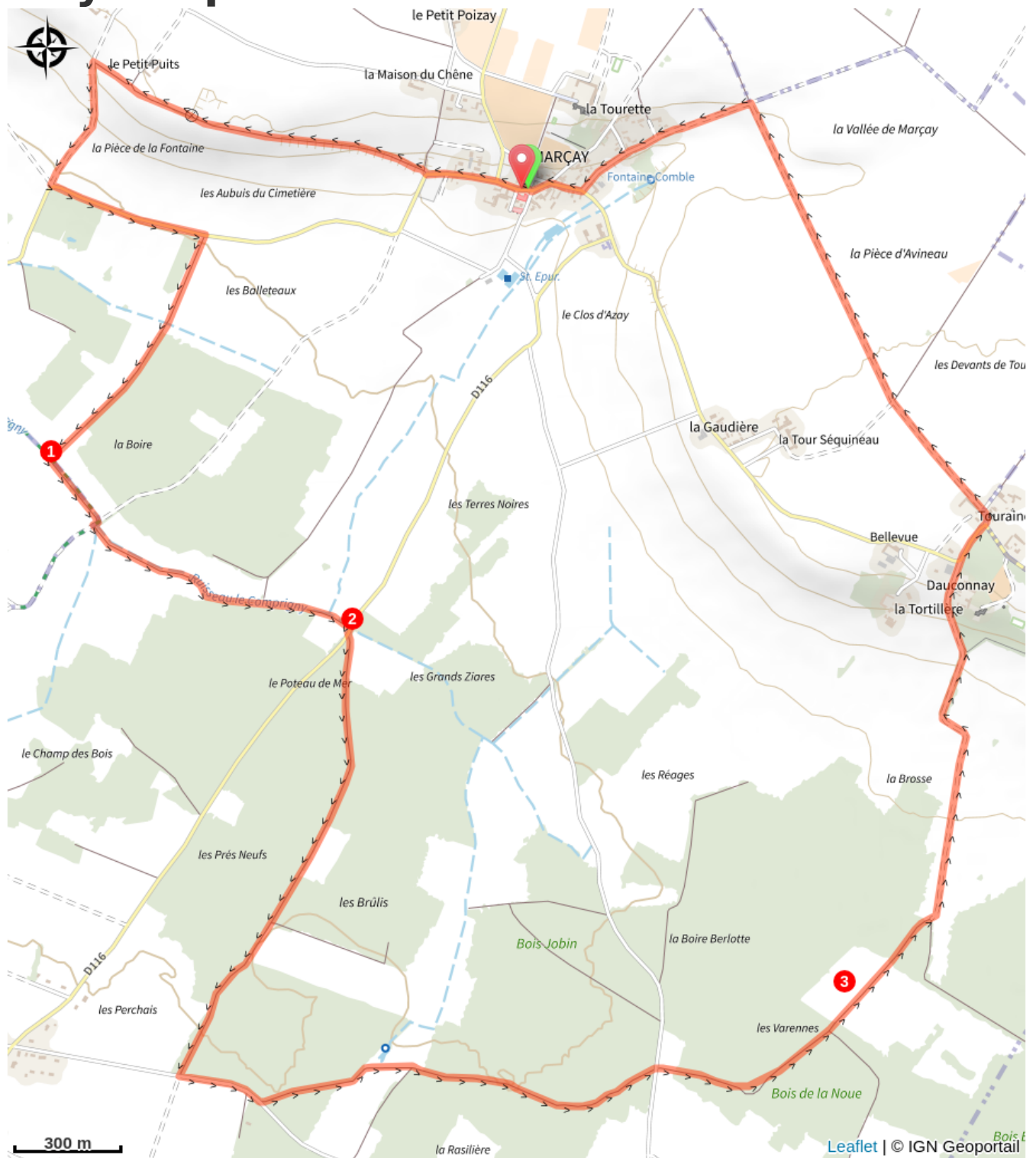
Altimetric profile



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...



All useful information