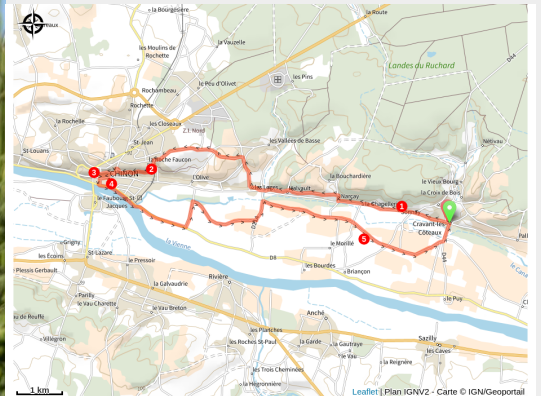


# Chinon and the Vienne river valley

Balades et randos région de Chinon



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Arpentez l'AOC Chinon grâce à ce parcours vous menant sur le coteau, et profitez en pour faire une pause patrimoine dans la ville de Chinon !

## Useful information

Practice : Cycling

Duration : 1 h 45

Length : 20.4 km

Trek ascent : 185 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Loop

Themes : Heritage and history, Vineyard

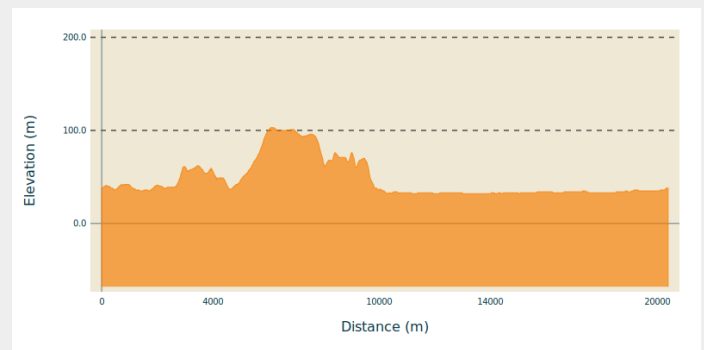
# Trek

**Departure** : Cravant-les-Coteaux

**Arrival** : Cravant-les-Coteaux

**Cities** : 1. Cravant-les-Côteaux  
2. Chinon

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 32 m Max elevation 103 m

### 1. On the hillside

The old village, with its wash-house and pre-Romanesque church, is a peaceful, harmonious sight. On the hillside, a number of isolated hamlets are home to some remarkable houses, the finest feature of which is the white tufa stone. Admire the view over the valley and the vineyards.

### 2. Sainte-Radegonde Chapel

The semi-troglodytic Chapelle Sainte Radegonde is built around a well dug into the rock in the 2nd and 3rd centuries. It is decorated with murals, including a 'royal hunt' from the late 12th century. From the hillside, enjoy the exceptional panoramic view over the town of Chinon and the Vienne Valley.

### 3. The fortress of Chinon

The Royal Fortress of Chinon is famous for being the place where Joan of Arc first met the Dauphin Charles (the future Charles VII) in 1429. Take your time to discover this interactive and entertaining site, with its rich programme of events and exhibitions.

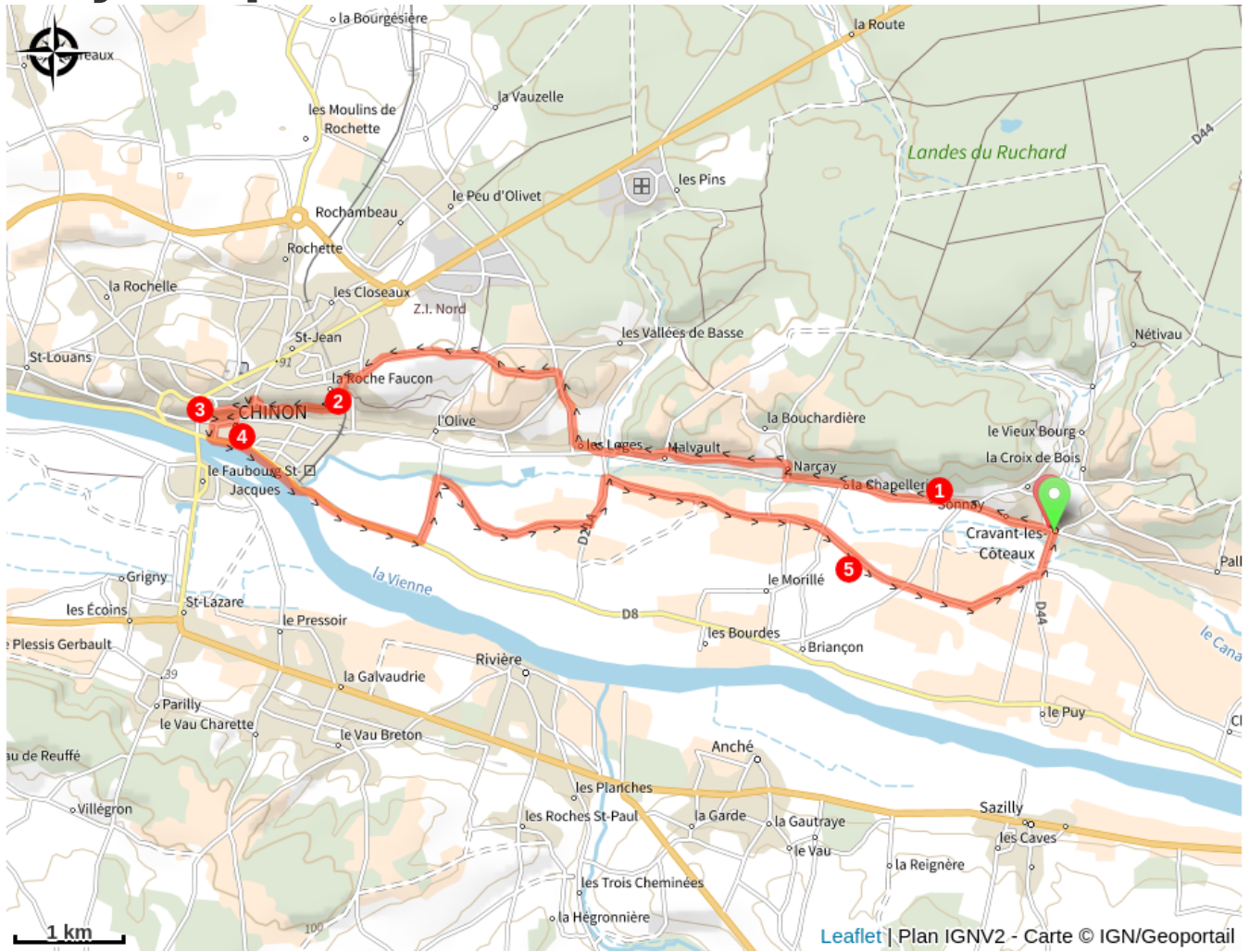
### 4. Chinon, a medieval city

Chinon has an exceptional built heritage. The presence of Henry II Plantagenet in the 12th century, followed by that of Charles VII in the 15th century, led to the development of the town and the construction of medieval houses that can still be seen today. Take a break in the town centre and visit rue Voltaire, one of the main thoroughfares of the medieval town.

### 5. In the heart of the vineyards

Cravant owes its fame to its Chinon appellation wine. Along the way, don't hesitate to stop off at one of the many wineries for a tasting of this 'purée septembrale'.

# On your path...



# All useful information