

## La Loire à Vélo - Communauté de Communes Chinon Vienne et Loire - Antenne de Chinon



Balades et randos région d'Azay-le-Rideau - Rigny-Ussé





(Jean-Christophe Coutand)

Chinon, a ctiy not to be missed for many reasons! A stroll through the medieval streets is sheer pleasure. The architecture is rich and typical of Touraine! Here, the pedestrian (and the cyclist) is king and can reach the banks of the river Vienne, the beach and the guinguette (open-air café) for a delightful break.

#### **Useful information**

Practice: Cycling

Duration: 2 h 15

Length: 35.1 km

Trek ascent: 210 m

Difficulty: Easy

Type: Crossing

Themes: Heritage and history,

River and stream

## **Trek**

**Departure** : Rigny-Ussé **Arrival** : Candes-Saint-Martin

Cities: 1. Rigny-Ussé

2. Huismes

3. La Chapelle-sur-Loire

4. Chinon

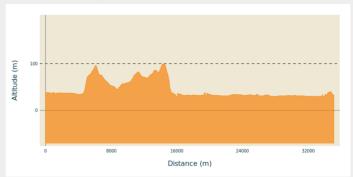
5. Beaumont-en-Véron6. Savigny-en-Véron

7. Saint-Germain-sur-Vienne

8. Candes-Saint-Martin

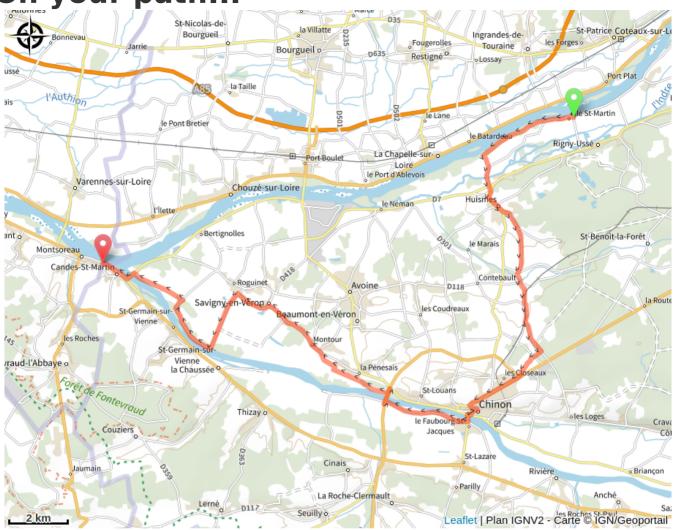
9. Montsoreau

### **Altimetric profile**



Min elevation 29 m Max elevation 99 m

On your path...



# All useful information

### **Environmental sensitive areas**

Along your trek, you will go through sensitive areas related to the presence of a specific species or environment. In these areas, an appropriate behaviour allows to contribute to their preservation. For detailed information, specific forms are accessible for each area.

### Site Natura 2000 de la Vallée de la Loire des Ponts-de-Cé à Montsoreau

Sensitivity period: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, Decembre

The Loire Valley offers a rich mosaic of landscapes, including a variety of natural environments such as flood meadows interspersed with bocage and "boires", sandy shores, limestone hillsides...

These varied environments are home to numerous rare or endangered plant and animal species, including migratory fish (salmon, etc.), aquatic mammals (European beaver, European otter), terrestrial mammals (bats) and invertebrates (Rosalie des Alpes, Gomphe serpentin...).

The Natura 2000 site is also an important area for migratory avifauna, with over 30 species of heritage birds such as Common Terns and Ospreys present and dependent on the site.

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