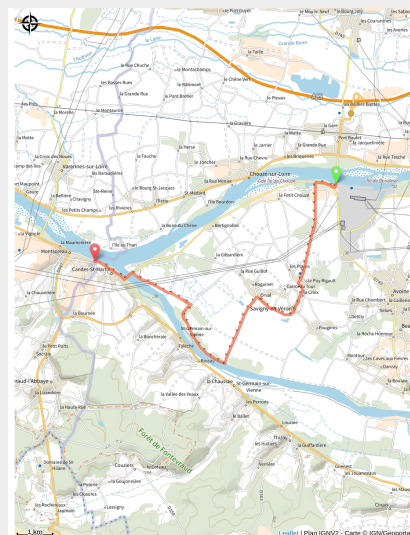


# La Loire à Vélo - Liaison entre Bourgueil et Candes-Saint-Martin

Balades et randos région de Chinon - Avoine



(Jean-Christophe Coutand)



*Chinon, a city 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 : 45 min

Length : 14.1 km

Trek ascent : 44 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Crossing

# Trek

**Departure** : Savigny-en-Véron

**Arrival** : Candes-Saint-Martin

**Cities** : 1. Avoine

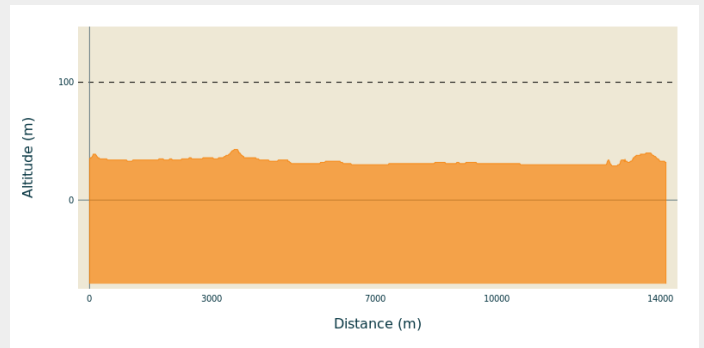
2. Savigny-en-Véron

3. Saint-Germain-sur-Vienne

4. Candes-Saint-Martin

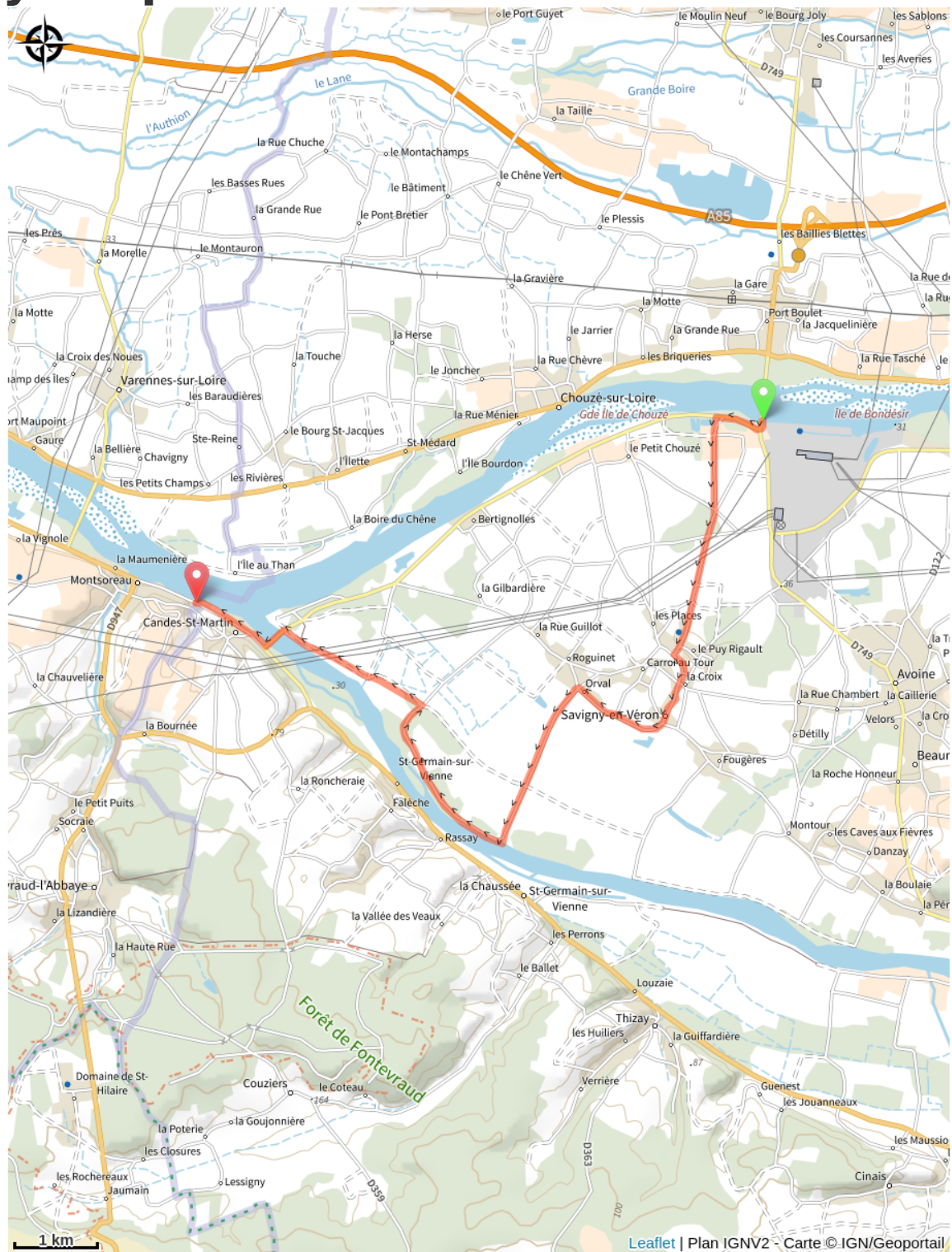
5. Montsoreau

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 29 m    Max elevation 43 m

# On your path...



# All useful information

 **At the water's edge**

# 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 serpentini...).

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.

## **Site Natura 2000 des basses vallées de la Vienne et de l'Indre**

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

The site was designated in 2005 under the Birds Directive. The Park has been coordinating the site since 2010 (initially for the period 2010-2016, then renewed for 2016-2019 and 2019-2022), in conjunction with the CPIE Touraine-Val de Loire and the Indre-et-Loire Chamber of Agriculture.

The low valleys are largely covered by natural flood meadows, which are mown and/or grazed. These meadows form large complexes that are home to rare and endangered birds: corncrake, red-backed shrike, meadowlark, spotted crane, etc.

Certain sectors are characterized by a dense bocage network, with pollarded trees surrounding the meadows (Véron bocage): this is the home of the Common Fritillary, Natterjack Toad, Great Capricorn...

Finally, the banks of the Vienne and Indre rivers are occupied by alluvial woodlands and poplar plantations.