

# From Pussigny to Île Bouchard

Balades et randos région de Richelieu/Ile-Bouchard/Sainte Maure - Pussigny



Coucher de soleil sur la Vienne



*The Vienne is one of the main tributaries of the Loire.*

*The quality of its waters makes it an ideal host for migratory fish. Salmon, eels, shad and lampreys all live here.*

Along this peaceful descent of the Vienne, you will find small villages and the typical landscapes of alluvial valleys; limestone hillsides or floodplains. Along this route, many launch points will allow you to take breaks :

- Nouâtre - Noyers
- Nouâtre - village
- Marcilly sur Vienne - beach
- Pouzay
- Parçay-sur-Vienne

## Useful information

Practice : Canoe

Duration : 4 h

Length : 21.6 km

Trek ascent : 3 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Crossing

Themes : Exceptional views, Fauna, Flora, River and stream

# Trek

**Departure** : Pussigny Beach

**Arrival** : Île Bouchard

**Cities** : 1. Pussigny

2. Port-de-Piles

3. Ports-sur-Vienne

4. Nouâtre

5. Marcilly-sur-Vienne

6. Pouzay

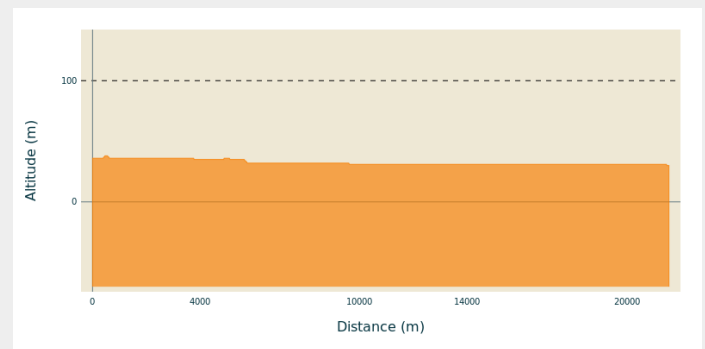
7. Parçay-sur-Vienne

8. Trogues

9. Crouzilles

10. L'Île-Bouchard

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 30 m Max elevation 38 m

### 1. Noyers

A soft light reflects off the old stones of this hamlet. The sense of tranquility it emanates is enhanced by the presence of the Vienne, whose bright reflections illuminate the hillsides on the other bank. The alleys of this village are full of architectural and decorative treasures, the centerpiece of which is the portal of the former Benedictine Abbey, founded in the 11th century.

### 2. Nouâtre

This village owes its name to the castle that Foulques Nerra built in the 10th century on the banks of the Vienne, of which the remains of three towers are still visible. In the church, discover the altarpiece of the Passion, high reliefs sculpted in alabaster from the 15th century (visit upon request at the town hall).

### 3. Pouzay

The Notre-Dame Church, rebuilt in the 19th century, houses a square bell tower with twin bays dating from the 12th century. It is topped with a hexagonal stone spire from the 15th century.

### 4. Parçay-sur-Vienne boat launch

After passing "La Musse," a former fishing village, you will discover the boat launch of Parçay-sur-Vienne on the left bank, where you can take a break.

### 5. Crouzilles

Work undertaken on the chevet of the Notre Dame Church (12th and 13th centuries) has unearthed Merovingian sarcophagi.

### 6. L'Île Bouchard railway bridge

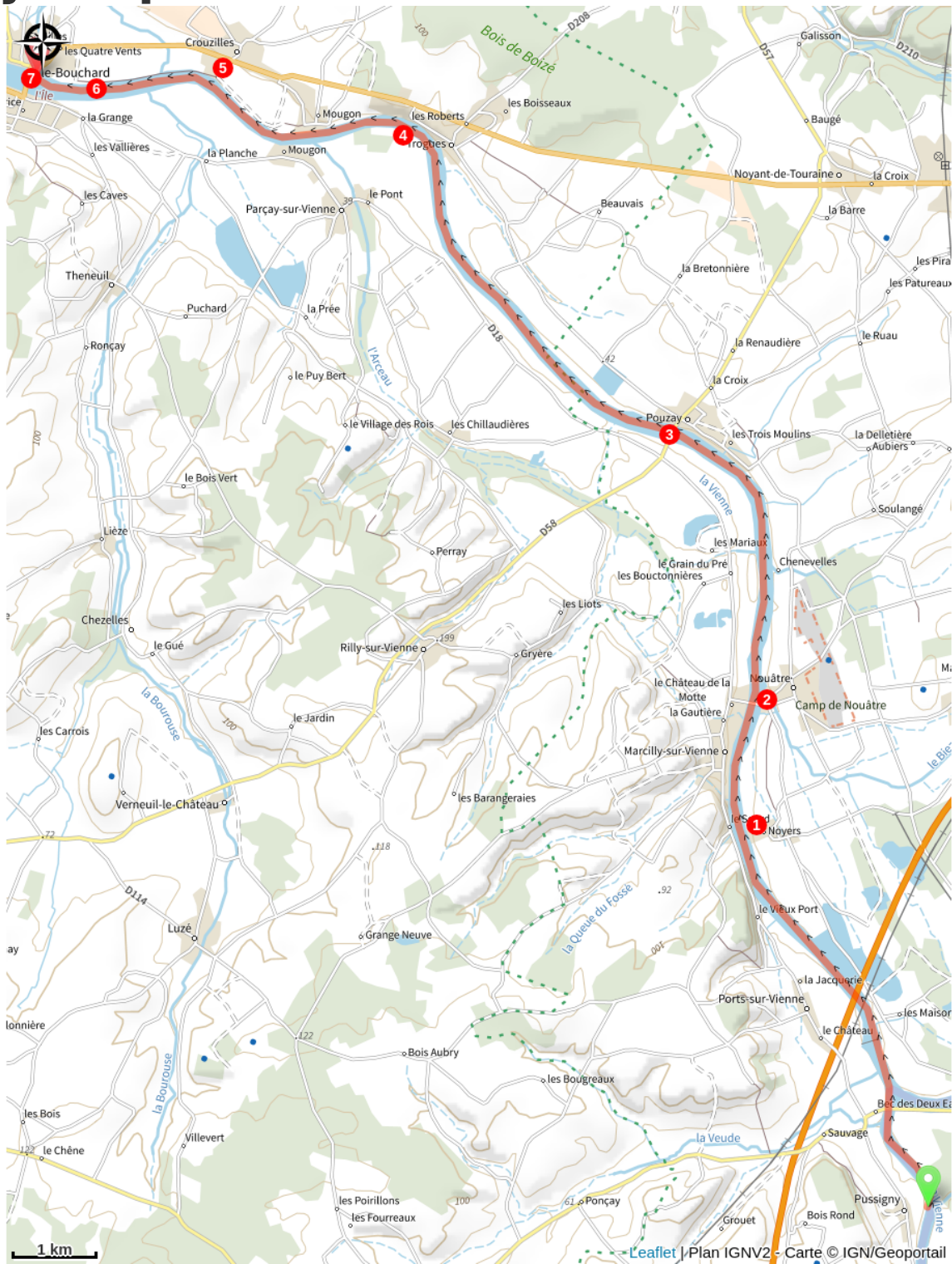
### 7. Île Bouchard

The bridges, emblems of the town, are the reason for the union in 1832 of the communes of Saint-Gilles (to the north) and Saint-Maurice (to the south). The Saint-Maurice district houses one of the oldest Romanesque buildings in France: the Saint-Léonard Priory, built around 1067. Nearby, the former station houses the Museum of Local Traditions.

## Stages :

- 1.** From Pussigny to Marcilly-sur-Vienne  
7.3 km / 3 m D+ / 1 h 30
- 2.** From Nouâtre (Noyers) to Pouzay  
6.4 km / 0 m D+ / 1 h 6
- 3.** From Pouzay to Île Bouchard  
10.8 km / 0 m D+ / 1 h 50
- 4.** From Parçay-sur-Vienne to Île Bouchard  
5.2 km / 0 m D+ / 1 h

# On your path...



# All useful information

## At the water's edge

### **Advices**

#### SAFETY

- You must be able to swim at least 25 meters and be confident under water.
- You are required to wear a proper life jacket and shoes that will not slip off.
- Take care when approaching bridges and always take the marked channel
- Follow the instructions on this sheet and heed the warnings of the hire crew.
- Weather conditions and water levels can be unpredictable. Information on this sheet is for guidance purposes only and is based on optimum conditions.
- Be cautious of cyanobacteria present in the Vienne River: [learn more](#).

#### WATERWAY CODE

- Only disembark in designated areas. Do not try to land on the small islands and sandy banks where you could endanger ground-nesting birds.
- Many of the islands shown on the map are private property.
- Respect our wildlife: keep noise to a minimum.
- Do not litter. Take your rubbish home with you.
- Do not tie up to the marker buoys. They could be displaced and give misleading information.
- Be aware that other people use the waterway too.

REMEMBER : YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY

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