

### **Rigny-Ussé nature trail**

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







# This bucolic riverside walk invites you to discover the sights of Rigny-Ussé.

If the Château d'Ussé influenced Charles Perrault to write his "Sleeping Beauty", this walk will inspire you to imagine your own fairy tale.

The hosts of these places, be they animals or people, reveal the secrets behind the success of the major stages in their lives. Encounter, seduction, marriage, moving in, birth, work... are just some of the chapters in their story to be savored along the Indre.

The trail starts at the bottom of the parking lot, to the right of the majestic 15th and 16thcentury château, with its terraced gardens designed by Le Nôtre.

#### **Useful information**

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 30 min

Length : 1.0 km

Trek ascent : 8 m

Difficulty : Very easy

Type : Crossing

Themes : Heritage and history, River and stream

Accessibility : Fauteuil roulant

# Trek

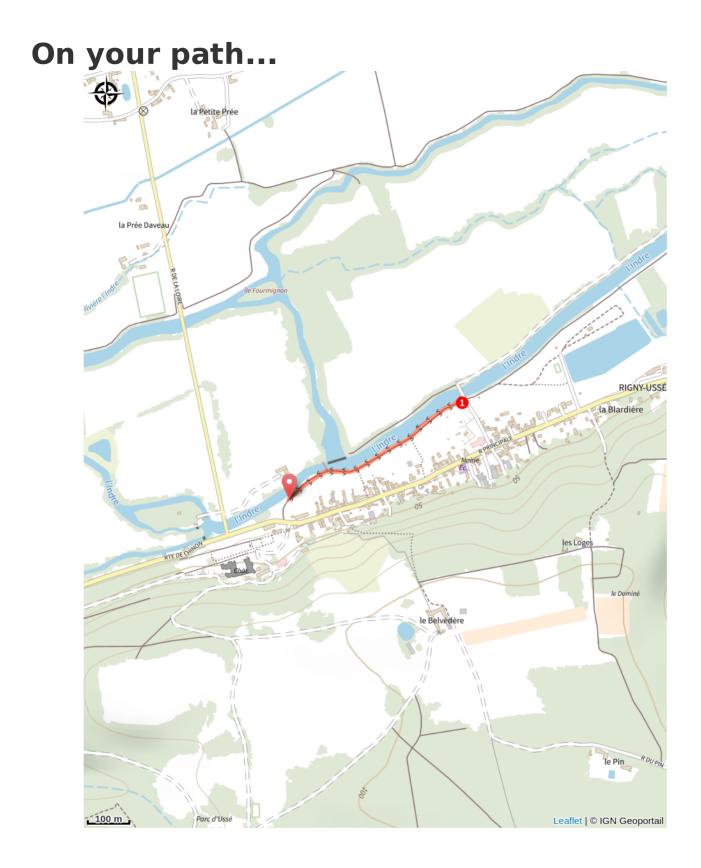
Departure : Parking to the right of the Château
Markings : Sentier du Parc
Cities : 1. Rigny-Ussé
Altimetric profile

Min elevation 34 m Max elevation 37 m

From the parking lot, head for the start station.

Follow the yellow arrows on the wooden posts from station to station.

- 1. At the start station, turn right along the Indre, passing station after station for 500m.
- 2. At the bridge over the Indre, retrace your steps back to the start station.



## **All useful information**

### Park's trail

How to come ?

Advised parking

Parking à droite du Château

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### **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 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 crake, 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.

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