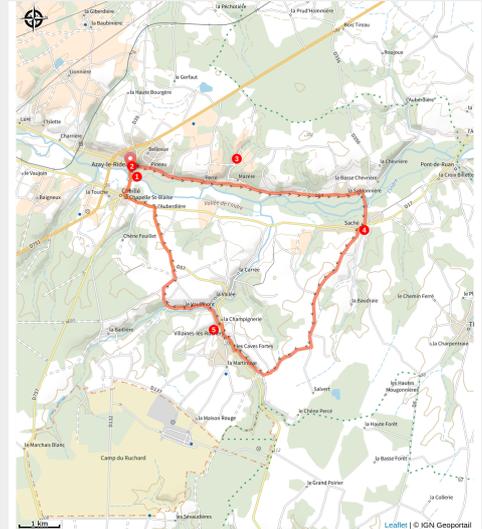


18 - De l'osier au panier

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



Cyclistes devant le château d'Azay-le-Rideau (David Darrault)



À vélo, sillonnez la vallée de l'Indre chère à Balzac et découvrez des paysages verdoyants empreints de sérénité où l'osier est roi. Démarrez la balade à Azay-le-Rideau et admirez le splendide château, chef d'œuvre de la Renaissance française.

Poursuivez en direction du charmant village de Saché qui abrite le musée Balzac, villégiature de l'écrivain. Champs d'osier et moulins ponctuent les découvertes. La boucle vous emmène ensuite à Villaines-les-Rochers, haut-lieu du savoir-faire vannier. N'hésitez pas à faire une halte pour visiter le village troglodytique.

Useful information

Practice : Cycling

Duration : 2 h

Length : 20.6 km

Trek ascent : 191 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Heritage and history, River and stream, Wren

Trek

Departure : Azay-le-Rideau

Arrival : Azay-le-Rideau

Markings :  Itinéraire cyclo

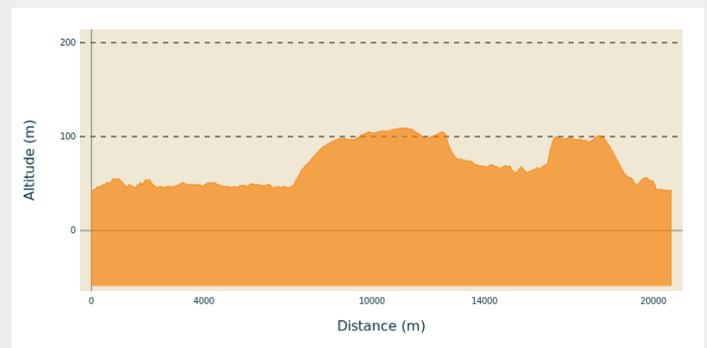
Cities : 1. Azay-le-Rideau

2. Saché

3. Villaines-les-Rochers

4. Cheillé

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 41 m Max elevation 109 m

1. Castle of Azay-le-Rideau

Don't miss the Chateau d'Azay-le-Rideau, built on a island in the middle of the Indre and his romantic park.

2. Azay-le-Rideau

You can discover Azay-le-Rideau, a land of history and heritage. Along the shopping streets, you can discover the local shops, restaurants and craftsmen. Nearby : the Château de l'Islette and its gardens and the Maurice Dufresne Museum.

3. La Vallée troglodytique des Goupillières

A group of three troglodyte farms, typical of Old Touraine. Let yourself be guided as you discover by torchlight the fascinating features of an underground refuge dating from the Middle Ages, dug by the peasants from the tufa stone.

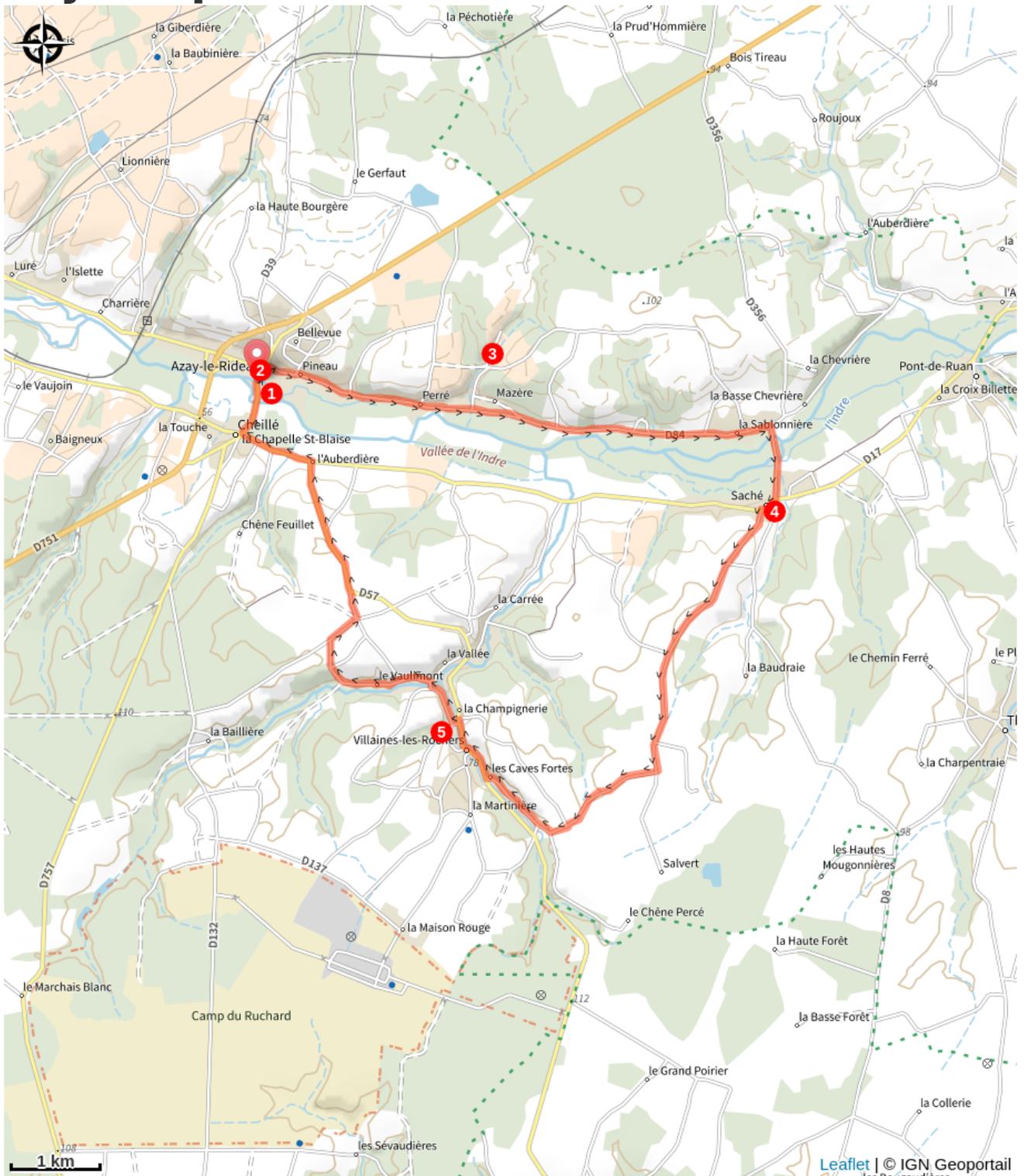
4. Saché

Around a central square with a mobile by Alexander Calder, you will find a magnificent 15th century house. You can visit the chateau de Saché (Balzac Museum), favorite place of inspiration for Honoré de Balzac.

5. Villaines-les-Rochers

As producers of both willow and baskets, the inhabitants of Villaines-les-Rochers have known for century how to get the best from this plant to make objects, furniture and artistic creations. You can also see troglodyte dwellings.

On your path...



All useful information

 **At the water's edge**

 **En plein air**

 **A la campagne**

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 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.

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