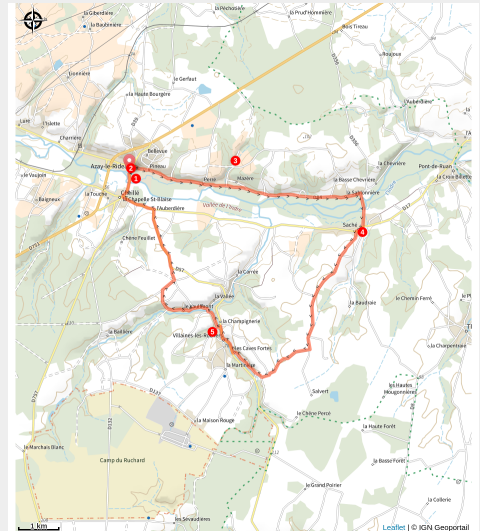


18 - De l'osier au panier

Balades et randos région d'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 : 20.7 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

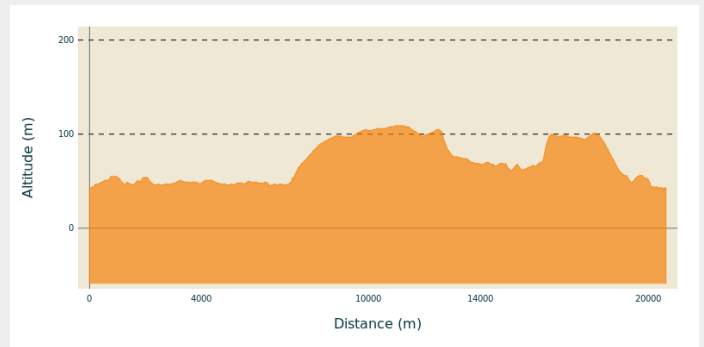
Cities : 1. Azay-le-Rideau

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.

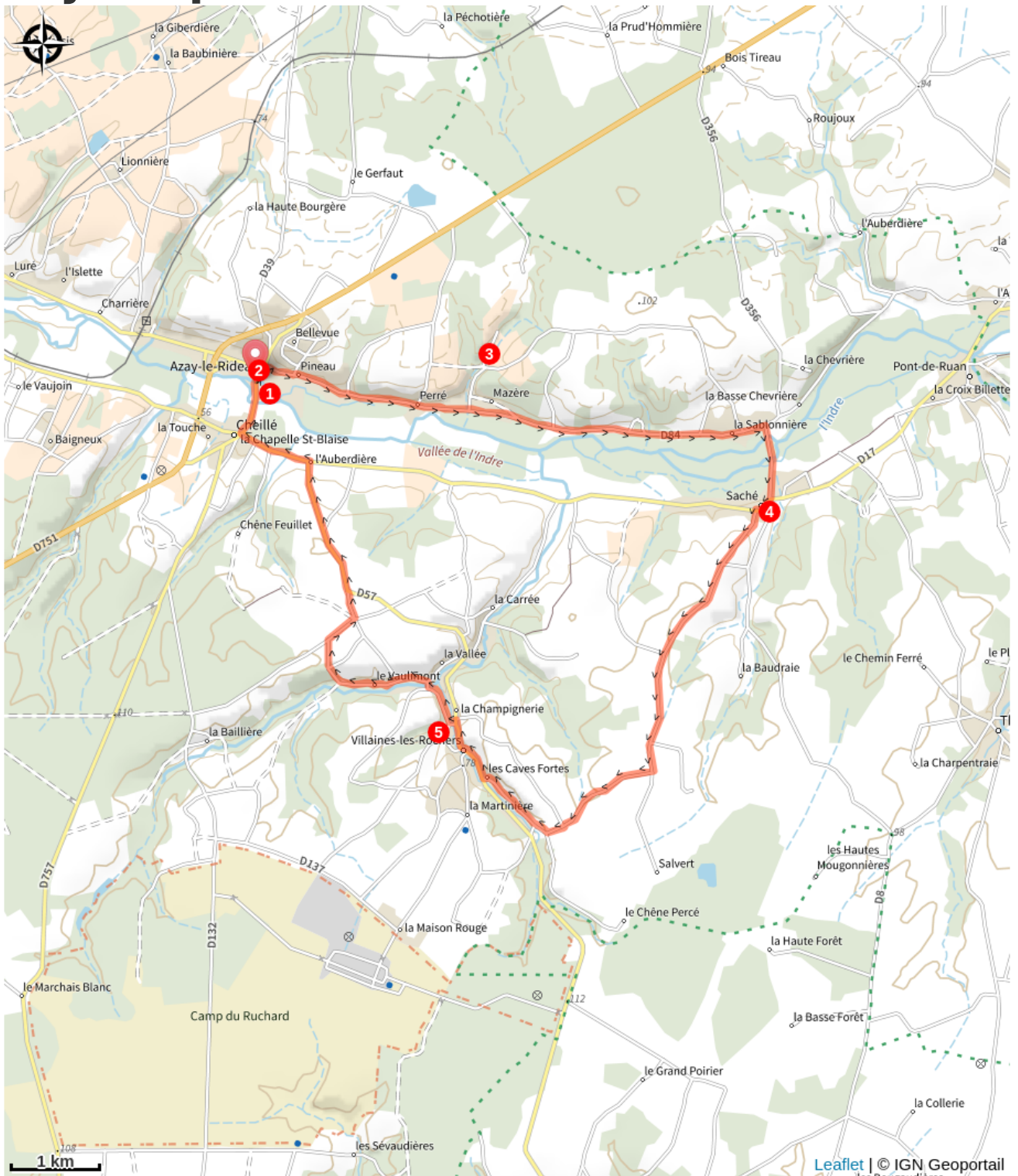
4. Saché

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**

 **Information desks**

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