

La Belle au bois dormant

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



Château d'Ussé à vélo (Morgane Cadot)



Niché en lisière de forêt et bordé par l'Indre, le charmant village de Rigny-Ussé constitue le point de départ de cette courte balade. Avant de partir, prenez le temps d'admirer le très beau Château d'Ussé qui inspira Charles Perrault pour La Belle au Bois Dormant.

Longez ensuite la rue principale puis traversez le cours d'eau pour rejoindre les bords de Loire. Profitez d'une belle vue sur le fleuve royal et ses paysages exceptionnels, inscrits sur la Liste du Patrimoine Mondial de l'UNESCO.

Useful information

Practice : Cycling

Duration : 1 h

Length : 8.8 km

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Loop

Themes : Fauna, Flora, Heritage and history, River and stream

Trek

Departure : Ussé Castle parking

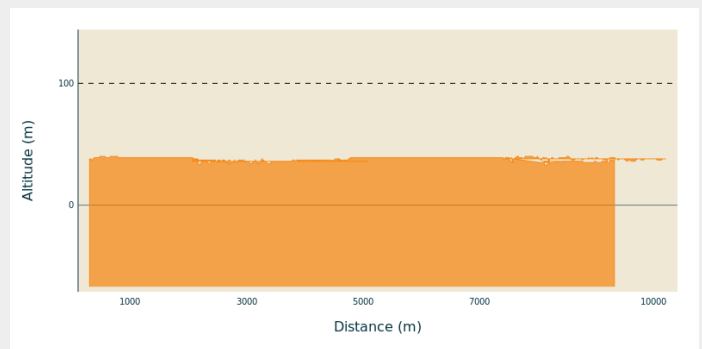
Arrival : Ussé Castle parking

Markings :  Itinéraire cyclo

Cities : 1. Bréhémont

2. Rigny-Ussé

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 0 m Max elevation 0 m

1. Le château d'Ussé

At the edge of the mysterious Chinon forest, its high white silhouette dominating the Indre Valley, Ussé, the castle in Sleeping Beauty which inspired Perrault's famous story, is the symbol of the medieval castle. The terraced gardens were designed by Le Nôtre, creator of the gardens at Versailles.

2. Le village de Rigny-Ussé

To link the Castle and the town centre, a 1km heritage interpretation trail leads through the village. A nature trail also leaves from the Château, in a bucolic setting by the water. You can also discover the «Bardeaux de l'Indre» sensitive natural area.

3. L'église Notre Dame de Rigny

Built in the 12th century, the church has a single nave with three rows of rib vaulting. An opening in the middle of the transept leads to a cavity with a flowing spring. Closed in 1860, the church is gradually being renovated thanks to the efforts of a local association which also offers tours and concerts in summer.

4. La Loire

Europe's last untamed river, the Loire has always fascinated. For a picnic or a break, you will be in front of a unique landscape listed as World Heritage by UNESCO.

5. L'oratoire Notre-Dame-Des-Eaux

This little monument, just past the Pont Neuf, was built just after the flood in 1846. The niche houses a modern plaster Virgin. On one side, two flood level marks have been cut into the tufa stone.

On your path...



All useful information

 **At the water's edge**

 **Village à -2 km**

 **En plein air**

How to come ?

Advised parking

Parking du château

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.

Amont de L'Île Garaud

Sensitivity period: January, February, March, April, May, June, July

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

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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.

Information desks

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