

## To see, to discover

### The chateau of Champchevrier

In the heart of a wooded site, this chateau, dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, is protected by moats and ditches. Louis XI and Louis XIII came to hunt with hounds at this site full of game and where the tradition of hunting subsists. Inhabited by the same family since 1728, the chateau, which is richly decorated, still lives at the rhythm of horse hunting with hounds.

### Rillé lake,

Canoe, pedalo, tourist train, bike hire, ... The Rillé lake offers a moment of relaxation in a beautiful protected environment. A bird observatory and a botanical walkway allow you to discover the rich flora and fauna.

## Technical information

GPS COORDINATES N 47°426053 - E 0°386570

ELEVATION + 61 m

## Accommodation / Catering

Hotels - restaurants

Holidays rental

Bed and breakfast

Campsite in Rillé

### Tourist office Touraine Nature

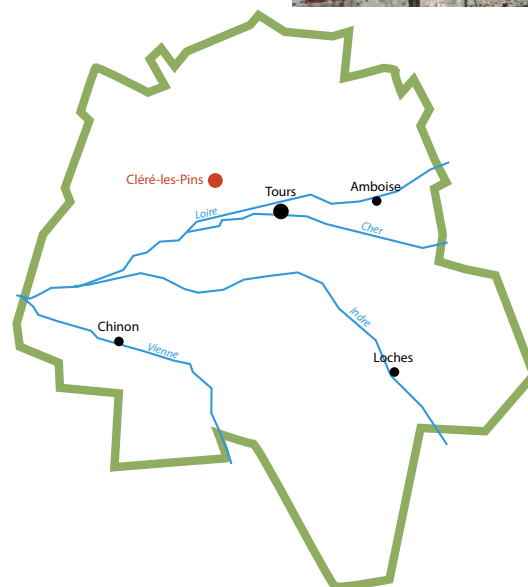
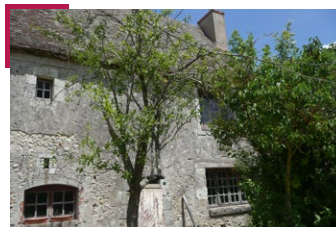
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## Walking charter

Cherish and respect nature. Listen to it, do not spoil it and do not harm it. Stay on the trail and be discreet. Do not damage plants or undergrowth. Do not smoke in the forest or do not light fires. Do not scare animals. Do not neglect human contact. Respect and get to know this rural world that welcomes you.

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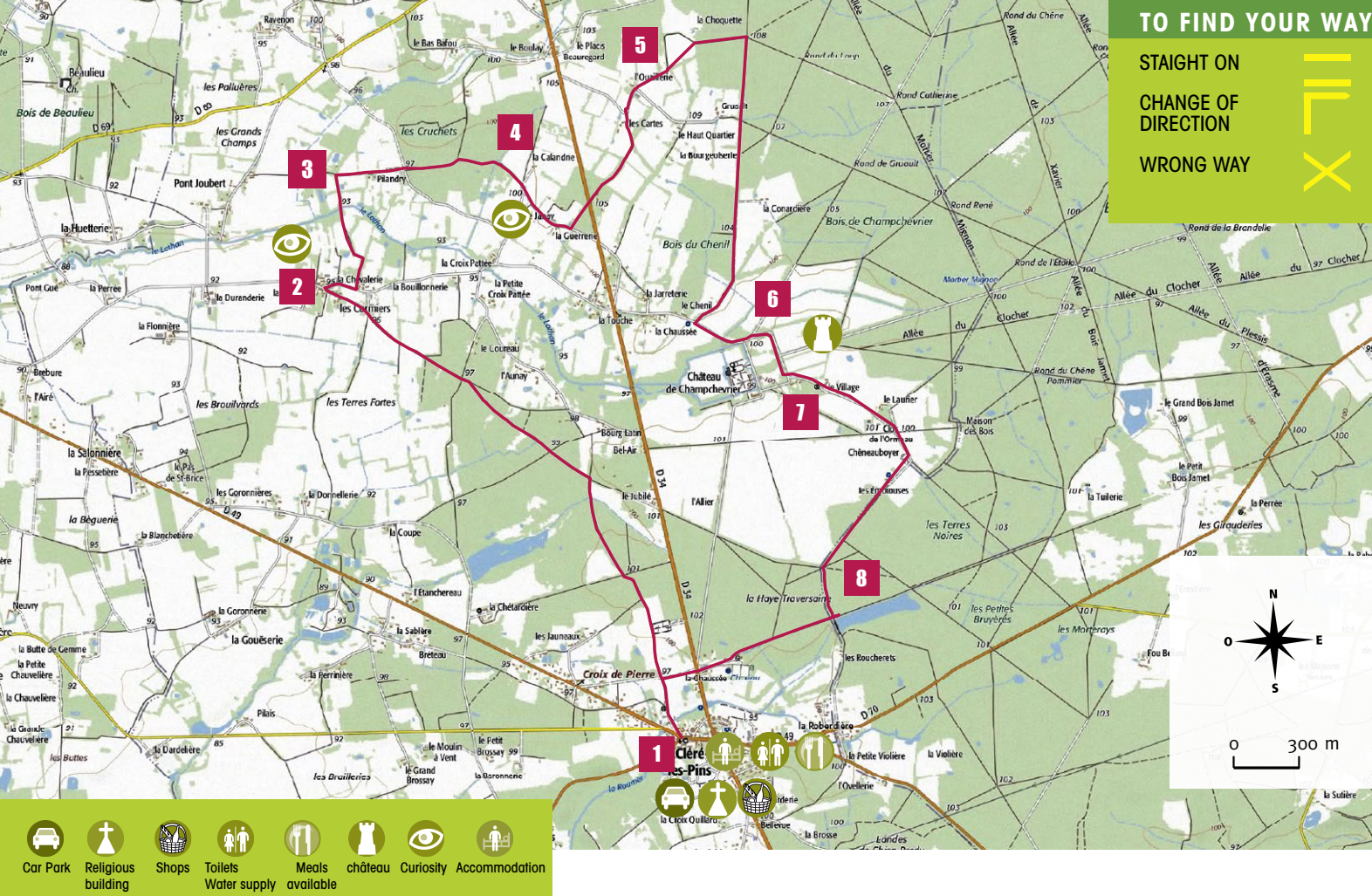
Around the chateau  
of Champchevrier

**Cléré-les-Pins**

3h 15 - 13km - Medium

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### Place du Champ de Foire

The starting point of this enjoyable 13-kilometre ramble is the «Place du Champ de Foire» (near the Maison Médicale). Follow straight along the shell marl-covered path, the result of fossilised marine matter having been buried under the sand for around 15 million years.

Continue walking along past the cemetery, and then take the yellow way marked wooded path for about 750 metres. Along the way, admire the magnificent arch formed by the intertwining branches of the trees. At the crossroads, turn left and continue along the broad, well-maintained footpath (through the trees for about one kilometre)

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### Les Cormiers

Continue straight on to the place known as «**Les Cormiers**» with its inn, the «**Hostellerie Saint-Louis**», the seat of a fief where the lords of Champchevrier rendered justice. The three medieval county inns in this village were stops for farmers taking their herds of piglets from the region of Bourgueil to Paris to be sold. Turn right into the small, tarmac road, then immediately left at the first footpath (bordered by trees and grain fields).

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### Touraine countryside

When you arrive at the crossroads (facing a house with a green gate), turn right and follow the footpath bordered by troglodytic houses typical of the region. At the next crossroads, continue your ramble straight on following the sandy wooded path.

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### Le Janay

At the crossroads, turn right and go to the place known as «**Le Janay**». Take the small, tarmac road in the direction of «**La Guerrierie**». On your way (on the right) you will see one of the curiosities of the region: a «**heather lodge**» covered with Virginia creeper. These huts, typical of the Touraine region, are built with pine or chestnut posts and covered with heather. They are resistant to bad weather and are often used to shelter farm equipment. At 150 meters from the stop sign, turn left onto the footpath and then cross the road D 34.

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### Champchevrier woods

Continue past «**Les Cartes**», «**L'Ouallerie**» (another heather lodge) and «**La Choquette**». Then branch off to the right and follow the large wooded alley toward the chateau de Champchevrier. It is not unusual to see all sorts of animals here: deer, rabbits, squirrels, wild boars, etc.

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### Château de Champchevrier

Located in the heart of a wonderfully wooded site, the **Chateau of Champchevrier** was especially appreciated by Louis XIII. With sumptuously decorated ceremonial rooms, tapestries from the 17th century and an impressive array of copper pots and pans in the kitchen, the tour of this site is an unforgettable walk combining nature and cultural heritage. The entrance is located on the left side of the chateau. Otherwise follow the yellow way-markers to continue your ramble.

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### Roucherets Lake

At the next crossroads, turn left towards «**Les Emotouses**», then right 600 metres further on, eventually arriving at the pond «**Étang des Roucherets**» (where it is particularly enjoyable to make a stop on a hot day).

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### Boule de fort ball game

Take the path on your right that goes to the stadium. You will go past a place where «**boule de fort**» is played; a game of skill in which competitors roll their ball (which is flattened on two sides) on a curved floor with the goal of being the closest to the «**master**» (a kind of jack). Next, cross the road and follow the sandy country road designed for travellers.

After 200 meters, turn left and continue in the direction of the «**Champ de Foire...**» the starting and ending point of your ramble.