# To see, to discover

**Leisure activities** Lake, fishing, leisure, pool.

## In the surrounding area

Montrésor « Plus beaux villages de France » (Most beautiful villages of France), Chemillé-sur-Indrois, with its aquatics and bathing centre, and the royal city of Loches.

## La Piéta de Nouans

Painted by Jean Fouquet around 1460-1465 and displayed on the church's high altar, this painting is unique in Europe. Painted on wood (walnut), it shows a scene of the Passion. In 2008, the « Maison Jean Fouquet », 50 metres from the church in the direction of the car park, was opened to allow visitors to learn more about the artist and his work of art.

# **Technical information**

GPS DEPART N 47°13764 - E 1°29896 ELEVATION + 122 m

# Accommodation / Catering

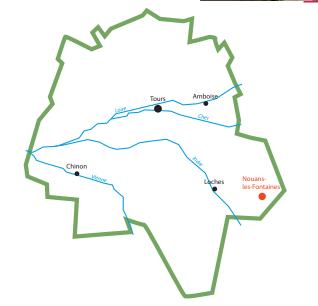
Holidays rental Restaurant Bed and breakfast Campsite in Chemillé-sur-Indrois Car Park, place Saint Martin

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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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If you encounter any problem during the process of your walk, please inform us at sentinelle.sportsdenature.fr





# Hiking NATURE - HERITAGE

LABEL BALADE

**EN TOURAINE** 

of the Piéta of Nouans

# Nouans-les-Fontaines

3h - 12 km - medium

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The village of Nouans-les-Fontaines owes the second part of its name to the numerous streams which begin within its boundaries. Those streams are called : the Issard, the Réau, the Jubardière, the Chevallon, the Tourmente and the Saint Martin.

This 12 km circular route allows you to discover a hilly landscape with pretty viewpoints before admiring within the village's church a masterpiece painting dating back to the end of the Middle Ages: La Piéta de Nouans.

## Place St-Martin

1

The meeting place for this walk, marked in blue, is in the « **Place St-Martin** » that you will find by walking past the church on the road to Saint-Aignan. Go across the bridge over the Saint-Martin river and turn left immediately onto « rue des Dames de Touraine ». Follow the grassy path to the right uphill across the fields. Here, mixed farming has gradually been replaced by grain production. If you turn around you will see, in the distance, the church and village of Nouans, thus called because of the ground clearing carried out throughout the High Middle Ages (Novus).

#### La Faisandière

2

Arriving at the remarkable oak tree, admire the countryside around you. To the right, the small winding tarmac road takes you to « **La Faisandière** ». Discover and enjoy the hilly countryside of Touraine.

Discover and watch this hilly landscape of the far east of Touraine. Just before the hamlet of « **Ia Pépinière** », turn left and follow the dirt road.

## Fields and woodlands

At the crossroads, turn left and go through the grove, continuing your route on the tarmac road till you reach the factory. The town road, on your right, takes you through the verdant countryside. After 500 metres, take the rural path, dotted with broom, which runs alongside the wood. Cross the ford by the footbridge to reach the clearing, and then enter the forest of oak and chestnut trees.

### Plateau

Cross the fields along the grassy path to the hamlet of « **La Forêt** ». Here, in the place of the present house, stood a 15th century chateau surrounded by moats until the 1980's. Continue your route on the small tarmac road, then cross the departmental road and follow the grassy path. The plateau offers you sprawling farmlands and, on your right, remarkable farm buildings, those of « **La Grande Richerie** ».

## La Jubardière

Turn right and discover the vast lake below. The reservoir **« La Jubardière »** was created in 1990. This stretch of water, covering 27 hectares and containing 820,000 m<sup>3</sup> of water for irrigation, is a refuge and stopping point for numerous species of birds. Continue along the public footpath.

Near the water tower and the village, finish your walk by a path leading to the church bell tower to reach the road to Saint-Aignan and your vehicle. Before you leave be sure to visit the **Saint-Martin church**, built in the 12th and 13th centuries and home to the famous painting **« La Piéta »**.

