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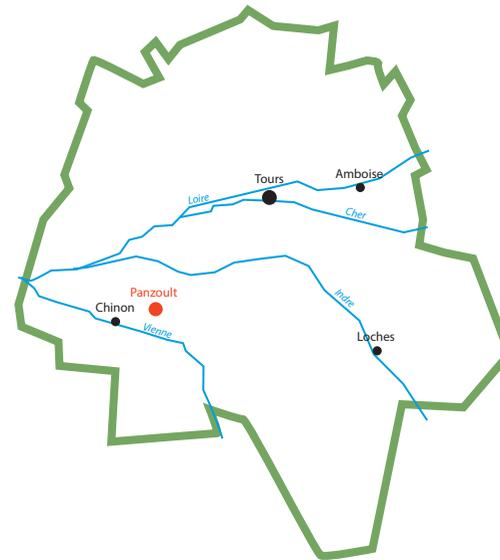
The sculpted wine-growers cellar (AOC Chinon)

The sculpted wine-growers cellar (AOC Chinon) at the heart of a 200 hectare vineyard which annually produces 8,000 hl of well-reputed Chinon. The Panzoult wine-growers have created in this shared cellar a unique, mysterious and entirely sculpted underground world which brings alive the spirit of Rabelais for those who visit.

Wine Festival on the 1st of May

The Romanesque churches of the Vienne valley

The charm of St Vincent's church in the heart of a listed site at Antogny-le-Tillac, the Carolingian pillar and oriental decoration of the church in the Vieux-Bourg de Cravant, the richly carved capitals of St Leonard's priory at Ile-Bouchard, the remarkable frescoes in St Nicolas' church at Tavant, the many decorative biblical evocations sculpted on stone and the sumptuous architecture of the church of Rivière, the polychromatic keystones in the church of Sazilly and the arched doorway of the church at Avon-les-Roches.



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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Hiking
NATURE - HERITAGE

Between the Juche-Pie
woods and vineyards

Panzoult

2h30 - 10km - easy

TO FIND YOUR WAY

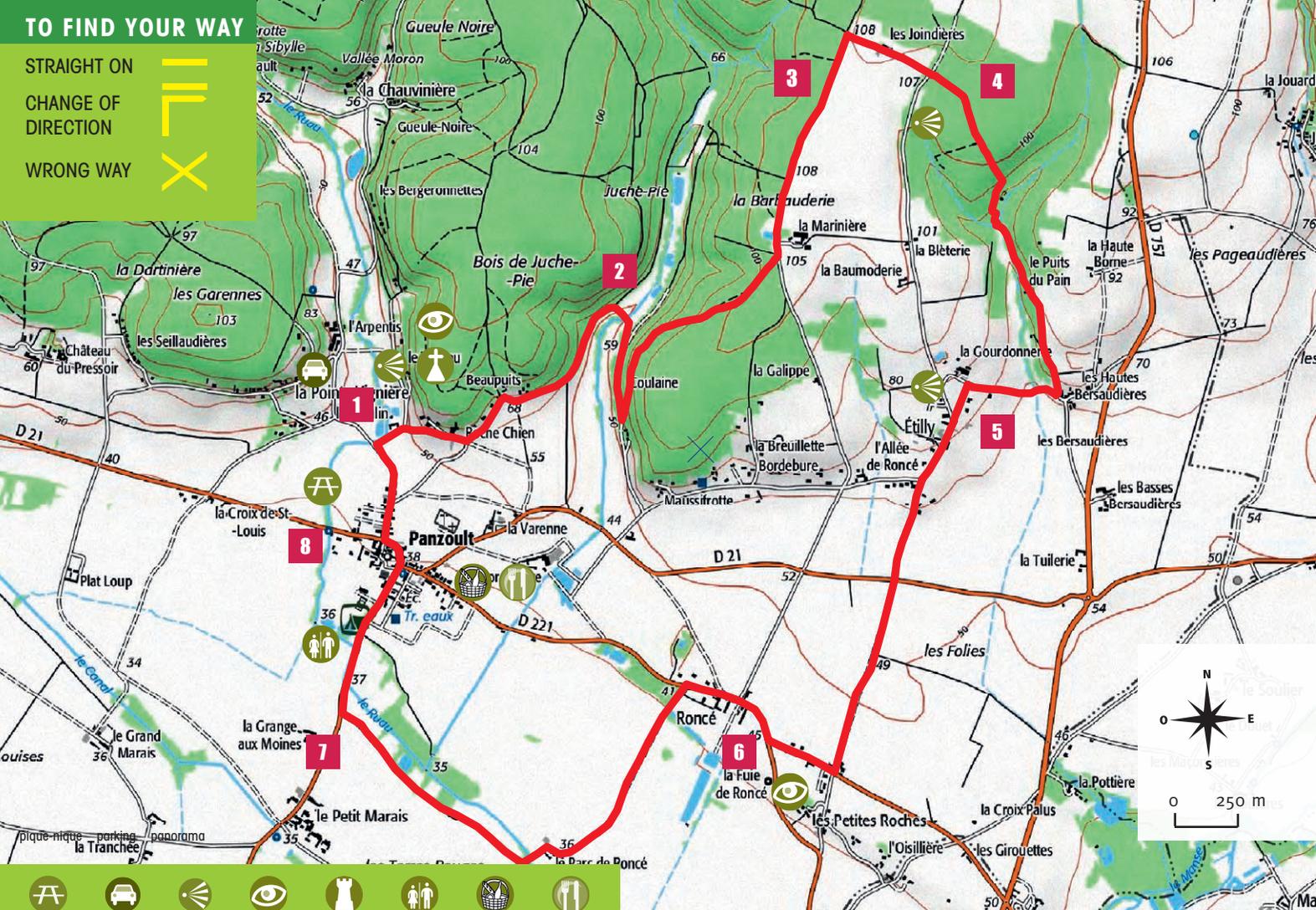
STRAIGHT ON



CHANGE OF DIRECTION



WRONG WAY



Between the plains and small valleys, cornfields and vineyards, the vestiges of yesteryear along with civil and religious architecture, the diversity of Panzoult is what is so attractive about it. Panzoult is one of the 19 wine-making villages of the Chinon appellation which includes more than 200 wine-growers.

François Rabelais' character the Sibylle, a prophet who comes to consult with Panurge about the advice of Pantagruel, lived in Panzoult, in the «Croulay» valley.

1 Wine producers cellar

This red way-marked 10-kilometre path starts from the «cave des vigneron» (wine producers cellar).

2 View over the valley

Pause to enjoy the view over the valley.

Then continue your path into underwood where you might cross paths with one of the many deer that roam the region. Turn right, then left following the path which passes close by **the ruins of a former castle**.

3 Woods

Approximately 500 metres further on, turn left onto a small tarmac road and walk past a winegrower's house. Continue straight ahead, and then turn right onto a grassy

path. After the farmhouse enter the woods when you get to the picnic table.

4 Le Puits du Pin

Follow the path for around 800 metres as it descends gently towards «Le Puits du Pin».

After passing the ruins of a house, leave the wood. You are walking alongside what were once open-air pools.

5 The «Folies» vineyard

Then turn right and walk up the tarmac road towards «Étilly». Turn left again at the hamlet of «Étilly» and admire the view over the valley of **the Manse river**. Arriving at the give way sign (cédez le passage), go straight ahead: you will pass close by **the «Folies» vineyard**. But, as Rabelais wrote, be careful not to enjoy **the «dive bouteille»** (divine bottle) too much!

Turn right before «Les Petites Roches». You will come to the D 221. Notice on your left, **la Fuye de Roncé** (a 17th century hexagonal dovecote with 2400 pigeon holes inside). Head to the right.

6 Roncé

At Roncé, read carefully the information board, to find out about the local climates and soils. Turn left as you leave the village and take the grassy footpath.

7 La Grange aux Moines

After walking among vines and pastures to **the «Grange aux Moines»**, turn right; continue for 200 metres to reach the lake of Panzoult.

8 Panzoult

Go up «rue de la Vienne», pass the town hall and **the former presbytery** (one of its walls is decorated with a 17th century slate sundial). Go down «rue de l'église». This church, dedicated to Saint Vincent, was built in the 11th century then reworked between the 12th and the 16th centuries. Saint-Vincent, patron saint of wine-growers, is celebrated every year in Panzoult on the first Saturday of February. Go over the crossroads, go down «rue de la Forêt», then turn right and head towards **la «cave des vigneron»**. This cellar is full of surprises and is well worth a visit.

