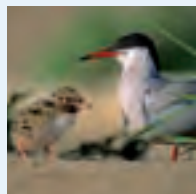
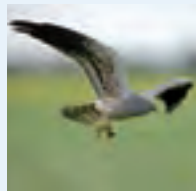
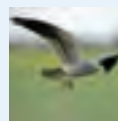
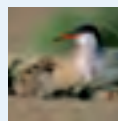
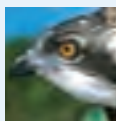


Where to watch birds (and other wildlife)

In Parc naturel régional
Loire-Anjou-Touraine - France



SOMMAIRE



The great diversity of natural landscapes of the Parc naturel régional Loire-Anjou-Touraine allows many plants and animals to thrive here. No fewer than 200 species of bird have been recorded in the Park! This natural wealth, combined with the cultural diversity of the Loire Valley, has contributed to its being on the UNESCO list of World Heritage sites since 2000.

Between Tours and Angers, 1h30 from Paris, the Loire-Anjou-Touraine Parc naturel régional stretches along the royal river Loire, registered at the UNESCO world heritage. This booklet proposes you routes or sites in which to discover some of the areas more interesting birds.

Everything is organized to simplify your stay. The accommodation we suggest are identify by a Parc quality label designated for their quality and daily involvement in support of sustainable development. Enjoy your visit.

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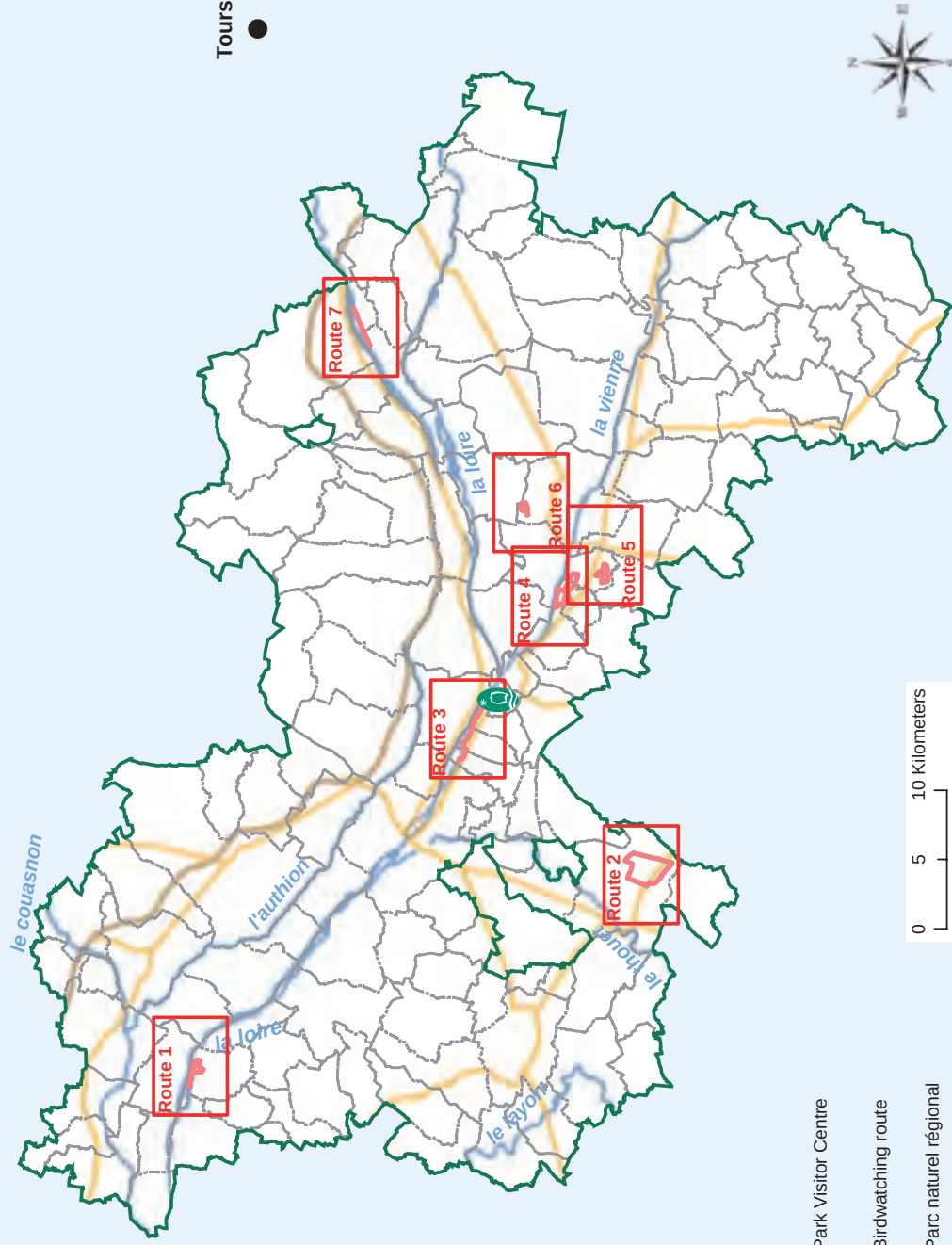


Heritage accomodation

Angers



Tours



Park Visitor Centre



Birdwatching route



Parc naturel régional

ROUTE 1: Sand Martin, Common tern, Little Tern, European Bee-eater, European Beaver



Other species to be seen : Little Egret,
Western Whip Snake, Stag Beetle,
Greater Capricorn Beetle, Dragonflies,
Fritillary, Gratiola, Shining pondweed



Birdwatching spot



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Departure : 47°23'51.18"N / 0°18'54.95"E
Distance : 5.3 km / 3.29 miles

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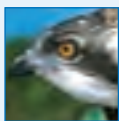
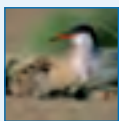
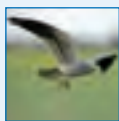
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ROUTE 1



Sand Martin, Common tern, Little Tern, European Bee-eater, European Beaver

Village of SAINT REMY LA VARENNE

Saint Rémy la Varenne faces the Loire, protected from it by a large water meadow. Its outstanding Xth century priory is the jewel of the village which also has various sites of heritage interest: a mill, wash house, dolmen...

They integrate perfectly into a landscape of hillsides, plains, forests and arable land that complement the area's dominant feature, the mighty Loire.

Recommend accomodation



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Saint Rémy la Varenne

La Barre

Dominique BRETON
+33 (0)2 41 54 95 60
ou +33 (0)6 89 71 85 07
www.gitelabarre.com
Prices: from 56 to 86 €
GPS: lat 47°22'51"
N / long 0°18'12" O



B&B

Le Thoureil

La Haute Cormerie
Michel PLAGNE
+33 (0)2 41 47 14 87
ou +33 (0)6 20 37 79 41
www.la-haute-cormerie.com
Prices: 57 €
X 22 €
GPS: lat 47°21'09"
N / long 0°15'29" O



B&B

Saint Georges des 7 Voies

La Genaudière

Nadine de GRANDSAIGNE
+33 (0)2 41 44 57 97
ou +33 (0)6 85 87 26 76
<http://la-genaudiere.monsite.orange.fr>
Prices: from 75 to 95 €
X 25 €
GPS: lat 47°21'25"
N / long 0°19'07" O



B&B - Lourere

Le Bois Noblet

François de BARBEYRAC
+33 (0)2 41 59 31 31
www.leboisnoblet.com
Prices: from 80 to 130 €
X 25 €
GPS: lat 47°17'28"
N / long 0°19'51" O



B&B - Gennes

Domaine de Joreau

Petra SCHEWE
+33 (0)2 41 38 02 58
ou +33 (0)6 18 35 17 21
www.domainedejoreau.fr
Prices: from 75 to 80 €
X 20 €
GPS: lat 47°19'52"
N / long 0°13'34" O

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Places to visit

Saint Rémy Prior - Maison de Loire en Anjou - Parc interpretation trail

Louerre	16 mn / 10 mi - 16 km	Le Thoureil	6 mn / 3,5 mi - 5,5 km
St Georges des 7 Voies	6 mn / 3,5 mi - 5,5 km	Gennes	11 mn / 6 mi - 9,5 km

ROUTE 2: Little Bustard, Stone Curlew, Montagu's Harrier

From Montreuil-Bellay, take the road N 147 to Loudun. Before the industrial area, turn right at the sign "Panreux".

Departure : 47° 6'29.89"N / 0° 7'11.29"E
Distance : 9.7 km / 6.03 miles



Birdwatching spot

Stop here to see fallow lands full of flowers, butterflies and some orchids

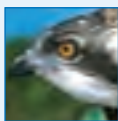
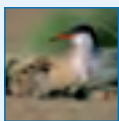
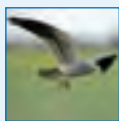
Other species to be seen: Reptiles, Western Whip Snake, Dragonflies, Bees orchids, Butterflies, Libelluloides, Hungarian Vetch, Pheasant's-eye



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ROUTE 2



ROUTE 2: Little Bustard, Stone Curlew, Montagu's Harrier City of MONTREUIL BELLAY

Montreuil-Bellay is a magnificent medieval city built on a sheer-sided spur, on the sides of the Thouet River, a tributary to the Loire. It's the only walled city in Anjou to have preserved its walls and four original

entrances. Its castle offers a fine point of view over the surrounding countryside, consisting of vineyards and an arid limestone plateau.

Recommend accomodation



B&B

Montreuil Bellay

Les Murets de Trézé

Liliane Mercier

+33 (0)2 41 50 84 85

www.murets.com

Prices: 62 €



20 €

GPS: lat 47°06'43"

N / long 0°04'37" O



Hôtel

Puy Notre Dame

Chai de la Paleine

Philippe WADOUX

+33 (0)2 41 38 28 25

www.paleine.fr

Prices: from 70 to 105 €

GPS : lat 47°07'40"

N / long 0°14'16" O



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Vaudelnay

La Pinsonnière

Pascale and Olivier SCHVIRTZ

+33 (0)2 41 59 12 95

ou +33 (0)6 61 70 63 42

www.la-pinsonniere.fr

Prices: from 63 to 75 €



32 €

GPS: lat 47°08'49"

N / long 0°15'07" O

Tourist information



www.ville-montreuil-bellay.fr

www.ot-saumur.fr

www.ot-douelafontaine.fr

Places to visit

Montreuil Bellay Castle

Saumur 15 mn / 10 mi - 16 km

Puy-Notre-Dame 9 mn / 5 mi - 8 km

Vaudelnay 7 mn / 3 mi - 5 km

Doué-la-Fontaine 14 mn / 7.5 mi - 12 km

ROUTE 3: Sand Martin, Common Tern, Little Tern, Osprey, Mediterranean Gull, Little Ringed Plover



Other species to be seen : Black Kite,
Eurasian Hoopoe, Night Heron,
Zitting Cisticola, Gomphus Dragobflies,
Butterflies, Red Goosefoot,
Trifid Bur-marigold



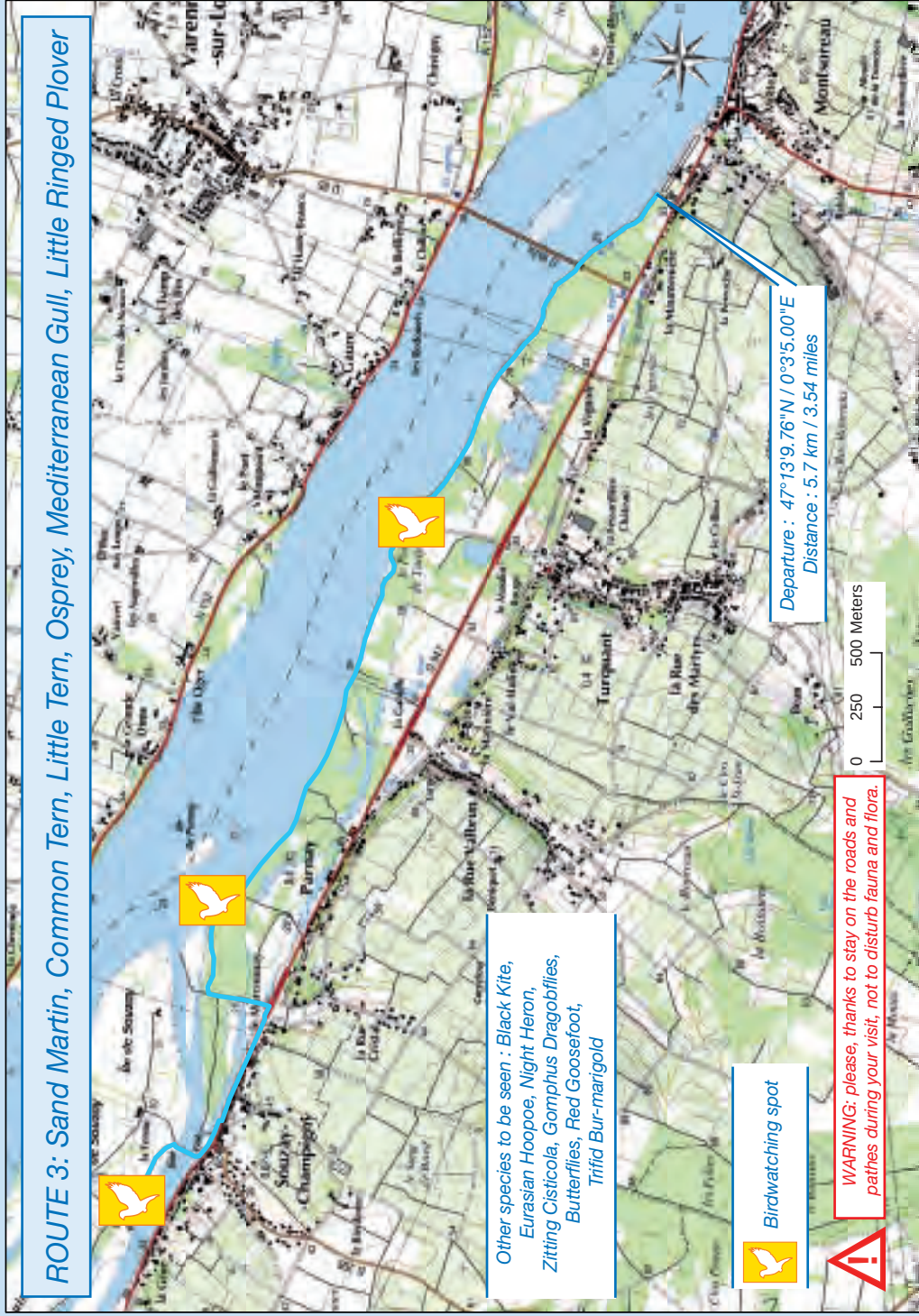
Birdwatching spot

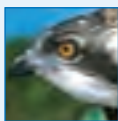
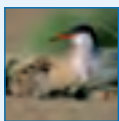
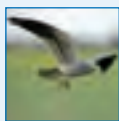
Departure : 47°13'9.76"N / 0°3'5.00"E
Distance : 5.7 km / 3.54 miles

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ROUTE 3



ROUTE 3: Sand Martin, Common Tern, Little Tern, Osprey, Mediterranean Gull, Little Ringed Plover

At the confluence of the Loire and Vienne, Montsoreau is one of the most beautiful villages of France. Close to Fontevraud abbey, the village is built around its castle from the XVth century and preserves a rich heritage strongly influenced by the Loire navy. Discovering

Montsoreau is to walk through flower filled narrow-roads leading up to the vineyards whilst admiring white freestone residences with French-style gardens and tasting the reputed Saumur-Champigny wine.

Recommend accomodation



Hôtel Montsoreau

La Marine de Loire
Caroline CHAGNAUD
+33 (0)2 41 50 18 21

www.hotel-lamarinedeloire.com

Prices: from 140 to 240 €



35 €

GPS: lat 41°13'00"

N / long 0°03'21" E

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Souzay Champigny

La Ferme du Port
André PETIT
+33 (0)2 41 38 19 64

ou +33 (0)6 82 96 66 88

<http://lafermeduport.com>

Prices: 55 €

GPS: lat 47°14'22"

N / long 0°00'36" O

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Saint Hilaire Saint Florent

La Closeraie
Hélène PRADERE-NIQUET
+33 (0)2 41 59 56 00

ou +33 (0)6 12 91 33 64

www.chambredhote-lacloseraie.com

Prices: from 60 to 100 €

GPS: lat 47°16'47"

N / long 0°07'37" O

Tourist information



www.ot-saumur.fr
www.chinon-valdeloire.com

Places to visit

Parc visitor centre, Montsoreau
Château de Montsoreau

Candes Saint Martin village
Fontevraud Abbey

Saumur 15 mn / 10 mi - 16 km

Souzay-Champigny 7 mn / 3 mi - 5 km

Saint-Hilaire-Saint-Florent 9 mn / 5 mi - 8 km

Chinon 14 mn / 7,5 mi - 12 km

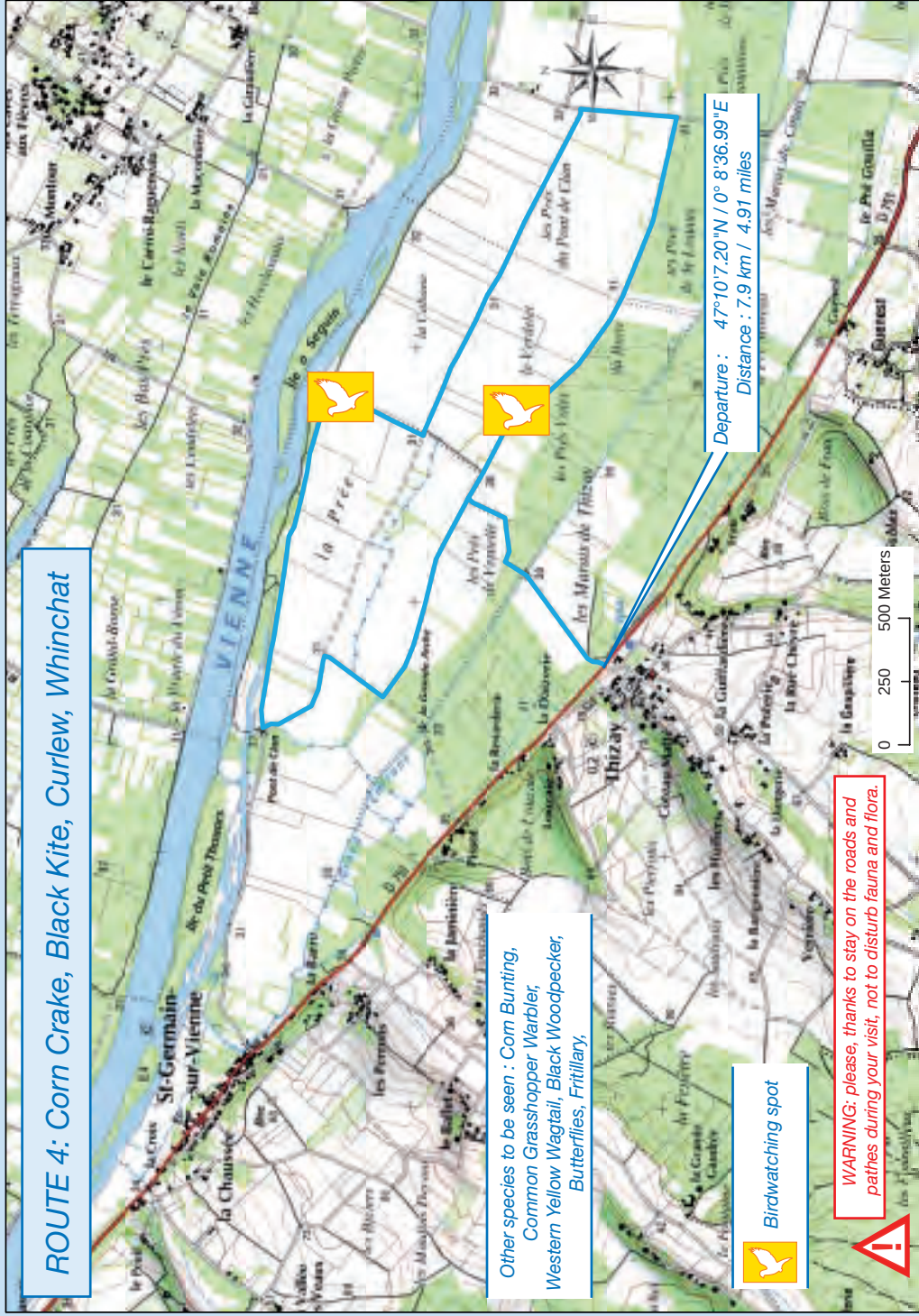
ROUTE 4: Corn Crane, Black Kite, Curlew, Whinchat

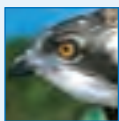
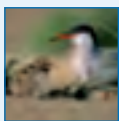
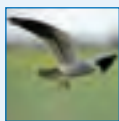
Other species to be seen : Corn Bunting,
Common Grasshopper Warbler,
Western Yellow Wagtail, Black Woodpecker,
Butterflies, Frillfly,

Birdwatching spot



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ROUTE 4



Corn Crane, Black Kite, Curlew, Whinchat Village of THIZAY

This is a charming little village settled between a largely wooden plateau and water meadows along the Vienne. Opposite the village, the poplar planted water-meadows are full of Snake's-head fritillaries every spring. Thizay is one of few areas to have many Holm

oaks, a species typical of the Mediterranean basin, from Portugal to the black sea. In France, they mainly occur in Corsica and Provence.

Recommend accomodation



Hôtel Diderot Chinon

Laurent et Françoise DUTHEIL
+33 (0)2 47 93 18 87
www.hoteldiderot.com
Prices: from 55 to 79 €
GPS: lat 47°10'02"
N / long 0°14'47" E

Hôtel Montsoreau

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Caroline CHAGNAUD
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www.hotel-lamarinedeloire.com
Prices: from 140 to 240 €
 35 €
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Chambre d'hôtes Beaumont en Véron

La Balastière
Antoinette DEGREMONT
+33 (0)2 47 58 87 93
ou +33 (0)6 81 69 35 06
<http://balastiere.chez-alice.fr>
Prices: from 42 to 56 €
GPS: lat 47°11'19"
N / long 0°10'24" E



Chambre d'hôtes Couziers

Le Closet des Moustiers
Marie-Jeanne and Jean-Claude
RIMONTEIL
+33 (0)2 47 95 95 09
www.leclosetdesmoustiers.fr
Prices: 63 €
GPS: lat 47°09'29"
N / long 0°04'54" E

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Places to visit

*Chinon Castle
Fontevraud Abbey*

Chinon 9 mn / 6 mi - 9,5 km
Couziers 6 mn / 3,5 mi - 6 km

Montsoreau 10 mn / 7 mi - 11 km
Beaumont en Véron 9 mn / 6 mi - 10 km

Angers



Longué-Jumelles Pond - 2
47°25'48.20"N / 0° 7'23.43"O

Les Monts
47°19'39.86"

Brain sur l'Authion Marshland - 1
47°26'30.80"N / 0°24'18.55"O



Park Visitor Centre



Birdwatching spot



Parc naturel régional

Bridge of Montsoreau - 4
47°13'14.97"N / 0° 2'44.00"E

Fontaine
47°10'54"



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Leaux Pond - 3
47°15'49.16"N / 0°5'52.50"E

Bertignolles Grass Land and Pond - 6
47°13'6.72"N / 0°5'55.56"E

La Goupillière - 7
47°15'49.16"N / 0°30'5.33"E

Tours

Assay pond - 8
47°4'4.85"N / 0°18'23.59"E

Levraud Abbey - 5
47°4'4.85"N / 0°2'59.67"E

10 Kilometers



ROUTE 5: Dartford Warbler, European Nightjar, Hen Harrier



Departure : 47°8'52.64"N / 0°10'52.81"E
Distance : 4.2 km / 2.61 miles

Other species to be seen : Orchids,
European large white Helleborine,
Eurasian Solomon's Seal, Butterflies,
Large Blue



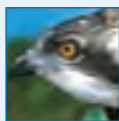
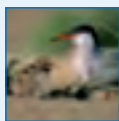
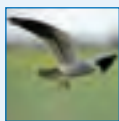
Birdwatching spot

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ROUTE 5



Dartford Warbler, European Nightjar, Hen Harrier Village of CINAIS

Cinais is situated in the middle of an undulating landscape, of arable land, natural meadows, vineyards, forests, romantic ruins and caves. On the plateau,

with the highest point at 110 meters, the Camp des Romaines has a diverse hearthland vegetation and offers interesting bird species for the attentive birdwatcher.

Recommend accomodation



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Beaumont en Véron

La Balastière

Antoinette DEGREMONT

+33 (0)2 47 58 87 93

ou +33 (0)6 81 69 35 06

<http://balastiere.chez-alice.fr>

Prices: from 42 to 56 €

GPS: lat 47°11'19"

N / long 0°10'24" E



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Couziers

Le Closet des Moustiers

Marie-Jeanne and

Jean-Claude

RIMONTEIL

+33 (0)2 47 95 95 09

www.leclosetdesmoustiers.fr

Prices: 63 €

GPS: lat 47°09'29"

N / long 0°04'54" E

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Laurent and Françoise
DUTHEIL

+33 (0)2 47 93 18 87

www.hoteldiderot.com

Prices: from 55 to 79 €

GPS: lat 47°10'02"

N / long 0°14'47" E

Tourist information



www.chinon-valde Loire.com

Places to visit

Chinon Castle

Museum « la Devinière » of Seuilly

Chinon 7 mn / 4 mi – 1.5 mi – 7 km

Couziers 11 mn / 7 mi – 11 km

Seuilly 2 mn / 1.5 mi – 2,5 km

Beaumont en Véron 8 mn / 5 mi – 8 km

ROUTE 6: Eurasian Hobby, Eurasian Hoopoe, Western Bonelli's Warbler



Other species to be seen :

Orchids, European large white Helleborine,
Violet Limodre, Cephalanthera damasonium,
Eurasian Solomon's seal,
Butterflies, Large Blue



Birdwatching spot

Departure : 47°12'5.88"N / 0°13'56.03"E

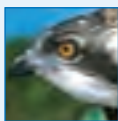
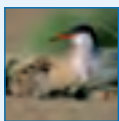
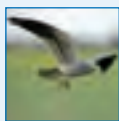
Distance : 2.3 km / 1.43 miles



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ROUTE 6



Eurasian Hobby, Eurasian Hoopoe, Western Bonelli's Warbler City of CHINON

Casually spread along the Vienne, Chinon is dominated by the towers of its ancient fortress. Its white houses, pointed roofs, narrow streets and docks reminds the visitor that Chinon was once a capital city where much of France's history was played out. Here Joan of Arc

convinced Charles VII to rescue Orleans. Sheltered by a high hillside, Chinon is a rolling countryside of golden vineyards where an exceptional climate has favoured the production of a great wine.

Recommend accomodation



Hôtel Diderot Chinon

Laurent et Françoise DUTHEIL
+33 (0)2 47 93 18 87
www.hoteldiderot.com
Prices: from 55 to 79 €
GPS: lat 47°10'02"
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Beaumont en Véron

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ou +33 (0)6 81 69 35 06
<http://balastiere.chez-alice.fr>
Prices: from 42 to 56 €
GPS: lat 47°11'19"
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B&B - Lémeré

La Noblaye
Alain MARQUETON
+33 (0)2 47 95 77 52
<http://chateau-la-noblaye.monsite-orange.fr>
Price: 65 €
GPS: lat 47°04'44"
N / long 0°21'02" E



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Couziers

Le Closet des Moustiers
Marie-Jeanne and Jean-Claude
RIMONTEIL
+33 (0)2 47 95 95 09
www.leclosetdesmoustiers.fr
Prices: 63 €
GPS: lat 47°09'29"
N / long 0°04'54" E

Tourist information



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Places to visit

Chinon Castle

Lémeré 14 mn / 8.5 mi - 14 km

Couziers 15 mn / 9 mi - 15 km

Beaumont en Véron 8 mn / 3.5 mi - 6 km

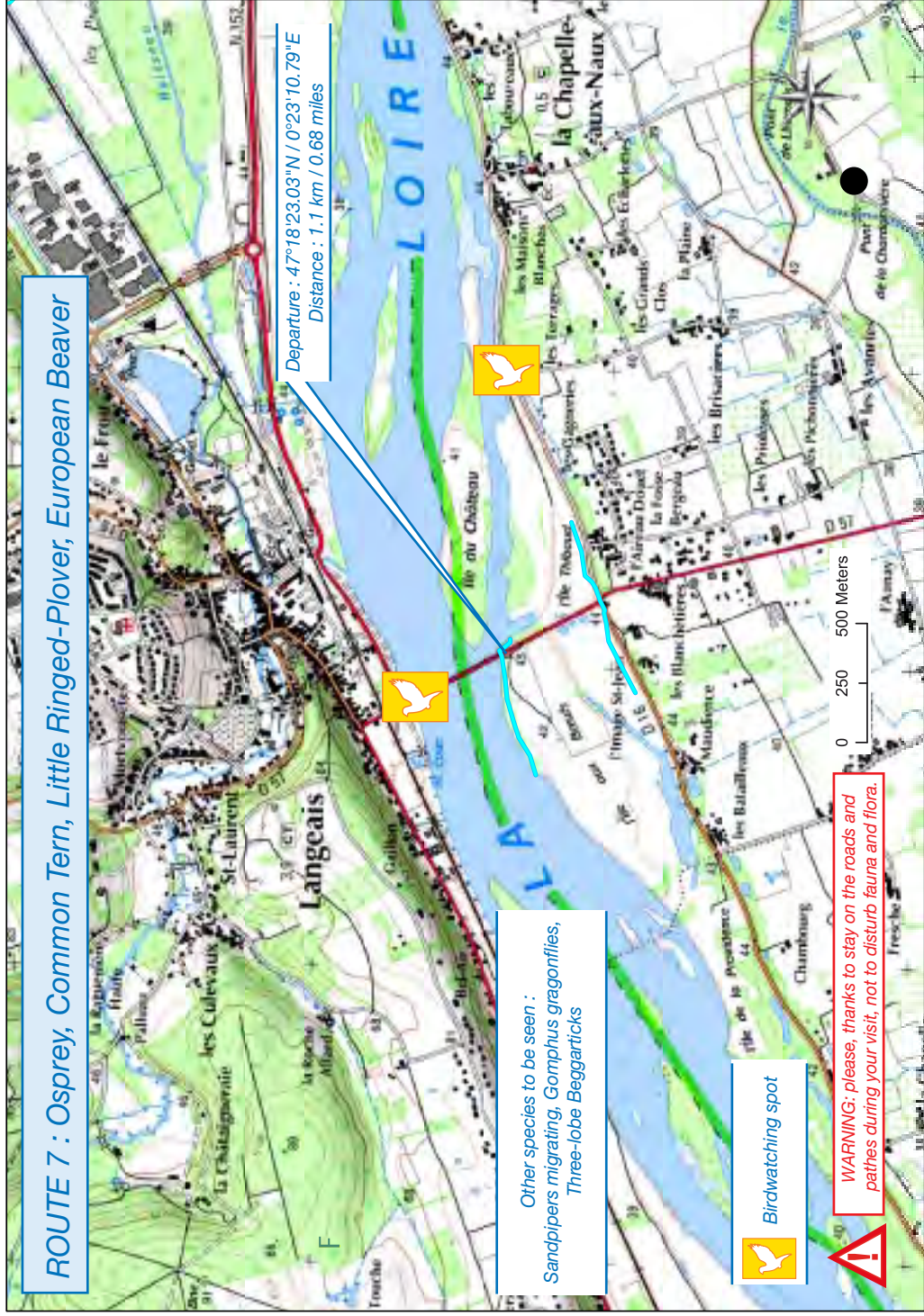
ROUTE 7 : Osprey, Common Tern, Little Ringed-Plover, European Beaver

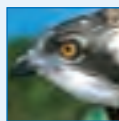
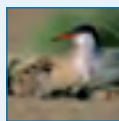
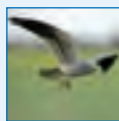
Departure : 47°18'23.03"N / 0°23'10.79"E
Distance : 1.1 km / 0.68 miles

Other species to be seen :
Sandpipers migrating, Gormphus gragonfiles,
Three-lobe Beggarticks

Birdwatching spot

WARNING: please, thanks to stay on the roads and
paths during your visit, not to disturb fauna and flora.





ROUTE 7



Osprey, Common Tern, Little Tern, Little Ringed-Plover, European Beaver City of LANGEAIS

Along the Loire, between Tours and Saumur, surrounded by forest, Langeais appears to be built against its castle. The town, with its massive fortress,

high walls, large pointed towers, seems to have traversed centuries without a sign and to have come straight from a toy model.

Recommend accomodation



B&B Langeais

Les Chambres des Charmes
Laurence and Pascal GARANTIE
+33 (0)2 47 96 37 86
ou +33 (0)6 22 29 74 31
<http://pagesperso-orange.fr/les-charmes>
Prices: 49 €
GPS: lat 47°22'15"
N / long 0°23'01" E



B&B la Chapelle aux Naux

Le Clos de l'Orchidée
Jean-Pierre BAUDRIER
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ou +33 (0)6 60 21 76 23
www.leclosdelorchidee.com
Prices: from 75 to 85 €
ⓧ 20 to 25 €
GPS: lat 47°18'56"
N / long 0°26'03" E



B&B Villandry

Le Petit Villandry
Suzanne CROS
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www.petitvillandry.com
Prices: 90 €
GPS: lat 47°20'20"
N / long 0°30'43" E

B&B Saint-Patrice

Les Forges
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www.lesforges-en-touraine.net
Prices: 58 €
GPS: lat 47°17'02"
N / long 0°17'23" E

Tourist information



OFFICE DE
TOURISME

www.tourisme-langeais.com
www.ot-paysazaylerideau.com
www.villandry-tourisme.com

Places to visit

Château de Langeais - Château d'Azay-le-Rideau - Château de Villandry

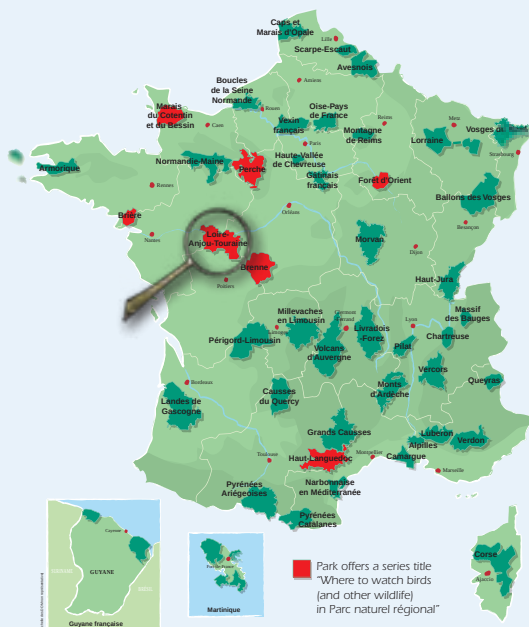
La Chapelle aux Naux 6 mn / 2.5 mi - 4 km

Saint Patrice 12 mn / 6 mi - 10 km

Villandry 10 mn / 6 mi - 10 km

Azay-le-Rideau 15 mn / 7 mi - 11 km

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**Parc naturel régional du Marais du Cotentin
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