



# LA TURBALLE ESCAPE La Turballe

  12 km  3,30 hours



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## THE POINTE DE PEN-BRON

The Pen Bron site is in the commune of La Turballe, between the Guérande salt marshes, the Le Croisic straits and the Atlantic Ocean.

From an ecological and landscape point of view, it is the most remarkable dune massif on the Loire-Atlantique coast.

This natural area is part of the listed Guérande salt marshes site and as such benefits from significant landscape protection.

Thanks to its great ecological wealth, it is also part of the Natura 2000 network, which aims to halt the loss of biodiversity.

This is an ideal walk to get a real breath of fresh air. This 12km loop can be covered in around 3,30 hours, offering varied landscapes ranging from the pine forest to Pointe de Pen-Bron, with the possibility of finishing along the Guérande salt marshes. The result is different horizons, all as far as the eye can see throughout the walk.



From La Turballe Tourist Informations Office, leave the port on your left. Follow the quais, until join the GR34 path along the bay. Then choose to continue on the white sand beach, or on the coastal path, if you prefer to gain height

- 1 At the end of this path you arrive at the start of Pointe de Pen-Bron. On this side of the path you can appreciate where the immense Pen-Bron beach and the Ocean are the protagonists
- 2 From there, the landscape, but also the path becomes dune and maritime vegetation. By going around, you will discover the "petit-tract" of Croisic, in which there is a shellfish growing area (not accessible to the public). Further in the distance, the gaze sweeps over the surrounding towns, going from La Baule to Batz-sur-Mer, up to the Croisic bell tower. At low tide the mudflats are exposed for several meters.
- 3 Go around Pointe de Pen-Bron, and discover the other side, very charming bordered by umbrella pines, and you can come across a few small boats floating on the turquoise water giving the impression of the end of the world, and conducive to dreams elsewhere.

- 4 Continue straight ahead to walk along a path, laid out and paved, also accessible for bicycles, and clearly distinct from the road. The side opposite the path is bordered by the majestic pines of the Pen-Bron forest. At the end of this straight line, 1km further, you will have two options: choose to cross the Pen-Bron forest, or go along the marshes passing through the first parking lot at the first roundabout at the end of this road.

- 5 For the first option going through the forest (accessible all year round), take the forest path. Once under the trees, the intimate and calm spirit of the forest envelops you. This change of atmosphere between the very clear and sunny beach, facing the shady forest is surprising. Then continue straight on to the holiday village. Then take the path on the left which takes you to the beach.

For the second option, accessible on sunny days because it is subject to flooding, take the path alongside the first parking lot, then follow the path going to the left. At the second car park, reach the holiday village by crossing the road.

- 6 When you arrive at the beach, turn right onto the long-distance hiking trail to return to your starting point.



## TO SEE ON THE WAY...

- Walk and discover the fishing and pleasure port of La Turballe.
- Thematic visits around maritime professions: the fish auction, the sardine fishery: by reservation only.
- Taste oysters at the Pen-Bron oyster cabin - locality Lergat in La Turballe
- Visit to Terre de Sel to discover the salt marshes - Lieu-dit Pradel in Guérande





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