



Parc
naturel
régional
de Brière



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THATCHED COTTAGES AND MARSHLANDS Herbignac / Saint-Lyphard



19,7 km



1h30



Starting point: Castle of Ranrouët - Herbignac



Circuit ends: Village of Kerhinet - Saint-Lyphard

Type of circuit :

- Route using roads low-traffic density roads & dedicated cycle paths
- CAP à vélo cycle route.



Information desk at the Castle of Ranrouët - Herbignac (44410)

Rue de Ranrouët - Tel. 02 40 88 96 17
www.labaule-guerande.com



Tourist Office Saint-Lyphard (44410)

Place de l'Eglise - Tel. 02 40 91 41 34
www.labaule-guerande.com
saint-lyphard@bretagne-plein-sud.fr



Tourist Office of Brière - Saint-Lyphard (44410)

Village de Kerhinet - Tel. 02 40 66 85 01
www.parc-naturel-briere.com - briere@bretagne-plein-sud.fr

Come and discover the Castle of Ranrouët, the majestic ruins of this former Medieval fortress symbolic of the tumultuous history of Brittany. Then venture out through the villages of the Nature Park of Brière as far as Saint-Lyphard and its impressive collection of traditional thatched cottages. On the way be sure to seize the opportunity to take a trip aboard a traditional flat-bottomed boat, the 'chaland' or a horse-drawn trap and discover the secrets of the marshlands. Avid nature-lover or amateur historian you'll be spoilt for choice!



THINGS TO SEE ALONG THE WAY...

• The Castle of Ranrouët

Rue de Ranrouët - Herbignac - Tel. 02 40 88 96 17 -

In the shade of ancient oak trees is revealed the imposing silhouette of the ruins of the Castle of Ranrouët. Both a fortress and a residence the Castle of Ranrouët is an undeniable witness to the history of Brittany. Listed as a major historical monument of France (Monuments Historiques), the Castle of Ranrouët is a prime example of the evolution of military architecture from the XIIIth to the XVIIth centuries. Come and take a voyage back to Medieval times with the family by attending the many and varied activities and events organised here.

Open from: April to September and during the autumn half term holidays (around the 1/11) - English guided tours available (by booking only).

• A 360° bird's eye view across La Brière

Place de l'Eglise - Saint-Lyphard - Tel. 02 40 91 41 34

The team from the Tourist Office invites you to come and discover the Brière marsh from the top of Saint-Lyphard's church bell tower: a breathtaking view awaits you! - right across the marshlands of Brière and the surrounding area (Saint-Nazaire's bridge, the collegiate church of Guérande). This unique visit takes you up a spiral staircase and on up a loft ladder to discover the 3 church bells: 'Céline', 'Marcelline' and 'Jeanne-Marie'.

Open: all year round.

• The village of Kerhinet

Kerhinet - Saint-Lyphard - Tel. 02 40 66 85 01

Totally restored by the 'Parc Naturel Régional de Brière' the village of Kerhinet with its thatched cottages bears impressive witness to the traditional architectural heritage of the area. A discovery circuit with information panels will tell you the tale of life in Brière, the customs and traditions of its people, and will take you around the 18 thatched cottages present in the village. At the 'Maison du Parc' (the Tourist Office) you will also find an exhibition. In another cottage, named the 'Chaumière des saveurs et de l'artisanat', you will find a range of local products & produce on offer for sale (seasonal).

Open: all year round - English guided tours available (by booking only).



DID YOU KNOW...

• The marshlands of Brière

« There it was before me: ten thousand hectares of silence and untouched nature like an immense blue lotus flower opening beneath the skies » such was the way that the writer Alphonse de Chateaubriant described the marshlands of Brière in his novel 'La Brière' (1923).

These huge wetlands made up of a vast network of channels, expanses of water, reed beds and meadows which are home to a remarkable biodiversity and are also of paramount importance for the over-wintering and breeding of many species of birds. To live the emotions described by Chateaubriant set off into the Brière marsh aboard a 'chaland', the traditional boat of the marshes powered only by the graceful action of the punting pole. The 'Maison du Parc' at Kerhinet has list of guides at your disposal.



TO GO JUST A LITTLE FURTHER...

- **Circuit n°6** 'Salt & fresh waters'. Link-up towards the port of Bréca.



WHERE TO HIRE YOUR BIKE...

- **Tourist Office** - Village of Kerhinet - Saint-Lyphard
Tel. 02 40 66 85 01
- **Tourist Office** - Saint-Lyphard - Tel. 02 40 14 41 34





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