



THE CIRCUIT OF THE FISHERMEN

La Turballe



20 km



1h30



Starting point : Place Charles de Gaulle - La Turballe



Circuit ends : Place Charles de Gaulle - La Turballe

Type of circuit :

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



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After riding along the fishing port where the trawlers come in to unload their catch, you will follow the coastline as far as the headland of Pen Bron along the cycle route (which ensures the safety of our younger cyclists!). Your route will take you alongside the nature area of Pen Bron, which belongs to the 'Conservatoire du littoral' (coastal protection agency) and is listed as a European Natura 2000 site. When you arrive at the end of the sandy point you will have a view across 'le Traict', shellfish breeding beds, and the quays at Le Croisic.



THINGS TO SEE ALONG THE WAY...

• The fishing village of La Turballe

The existence of La Turballe is first documented as early as 1452. At that time it could not be described as a village as it consisted of just a few houses perched high on the sand dunes. It was the continuing growth of the fishing activity which enabled La Turballe to be 'elevated' to village status in 1865.

Still famous today as home to a group of very dynamic fishermen, La Turballe has beautiful landscapes and many outings to offer visitors to the area, notably thanks to its impressive stretch of beaches along 9 km of coastline.

• « La Maison de la Pêche » museum

Terrace of Le Centre de Marée - Tel. 02 40 11 71 31 - contact@musee-laturballe.fr - www.musee-laturballe.fr

Come and discover, above the fish auction hall, the museum/exhibition/creative workshops venue of the association 'Au Gré des vents'. Take a stroll at your leisure around the exhibition which will enable you to learn all about the fishing industry of La Turballe around a variety of themes including: the history and development of the port, the local canning industry, the fishing industry today (the trades, fishing techniques) and the discovery of a reconstruction a bridge of modern day trawler. Visits around the port and the fish auction hall, visits of the sardine fishing boat 'Au gré des vents'. Open: from April to September.

• The headland at Pen Bron

Pen Bron is located in close proximity to the town of La Turballe, between Guérande's salt marshes, the sea water inlets at Le Croisic and the Atlantic Ocean. In terms of its ecology and geology it can best be described as the most impressive area of sand dunes along the coast of the 'Loire-Atlantique' department. This site is, along with that of the salt marshes of Guérande, listed as a nature conservation zone and as such is afforded the same protection of its landscapes. By virtue of its exceptional wealth of flora and fauna it is also listed as a Natura 2000 site. The 'Conservatoire du littoral' owns part of the sand dunes of Pen Bron which guarantees their conservation in the long-term.



DO YOU KNOW...

• What exactly is Natura 2000?

Initiated by the European Union, Natura 2000 is a network of European protected sites whose objective is to call a halt to the loss of biodiversity and habitats. Natura 2000's network includes sites designated by the member States under the auspices of two directives:

- The Bird Directive, adopted 1979, aims to protect certain species of bird and their habitats (in France there are 371 such sites across approx. 46 000 km²);
- The Habitats Directive, adopted in 1992, aims to promote the conservation of rare natural habitats (lagoons, moorlands, peat-bogs, wooded areas) and certain species of fauna and flora (in France, there are 1 334 such sites across approx. 52 000 km²). There are 6 Natura 2000 sites in the Guérande Peninsula: 2 in the Guérande basin, 2 in the Mès basin and 2 in the marshlands of Brière.



TO GO A LITTLE FURTHER...

- Circuit n°8 'Historic towns & villages'
- Circuit n°5 'From the river Mès to the 'bocage''



WHERE TO HIRE YOUR BIKE (LA TURBALLE)

- Parc de Loisirs - Route de Pen Bron - 07 82 35 16 87
- Hôtel Les Chants d'Ailes - 11 boulevard Bellanger - 02 40 23 47 28
- Océan Cycle - 3 bis rue du Four - 09 50 04 50 32





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Primary route using low-traffic density roads
Connecting route

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