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La Loire à Port- Thareau

HISTORY

Port Thareau

how to live from sandy shores to gravelly islands, an environment to be preserved. The Loire is first and foremost a natural area of great diversity, with its active or abandoned meanders (watercourses), its small alluvial forests (forests growing on stream or river deposits) and its original flora and fauna. This beautiful environment has always been admired by its inhabitants and users, who are all keen to respect and preserve it. Since 2015, it has been protected by the Loire Bourgogne Regional Nature Reserve. A dyke in the sand, an active port for the Loire navy. Until the 18th century, the important Loire traffic passed in front of Thareau. The lord of the local parish of Aulnay, who soon disappeared, profited from the boats that moored there.

Ironically, his coat of arms was "d'argent au lion de sable", a black lion on a white background. Boatmen, carpenters, coopers, merchants and ferrymen animated the life of Thareau. Sand, a formidable resource. At the beginning of the French Revolution, the director of the Fours glassworks in Port-Thareau had a large warehouse built, remarkable in the heart of the natural sand quarries and at the loading point of the glass from the Grande Halle to the English market. Today, the octroi, the ferryman's house, some charming brick houses built on the banks of the Loire (you can also find the mysterious statue of the Virgin, placed in a wall), and the cobblestones of an old road that are by no means Roman!



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Circuit Loire nature St-Hilaire-Fontaine



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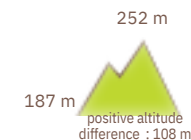
A lovely walk along a section of the GR3® that runs alongside the wild river. You can also admire the Moulin au Loup pond.

location

Saint-Hilaire, à 13 km south of Cercy-la-Tour by D 10

Parking

Place de l'église or port Thareau



To discover on the way

The Loire, Fontaine Castle, Pond of Perdriat and Pond of Moulin au Loup, created by man in the 19th and 20th to transport water and wood, they are used to regulate the water level of the Seine and the Yonne, moulin au loup (old grain mill, roof grain mill, roof shaped like a boat hull, covered with small flat terracotta tiles of the region



To discover in the region

- Charrin: Romanesque church of Saint Martin de Charrin (choir wooden vault in the nave rebuilt in 1705. 19th century banner of Saint Martin, 11th century paintings, bell from 1618, castle from the 19th century castle)
- Furnaces: Great Hall of the Master Glassmakers, Maurice Durif Square
- Montambert: Benedictine Priory of St Peter of Antioch 1th century, Cluniac site
- Saint- Seine: Romanesque church (16th century stained glass)
- Ternant: Church of Saint Roch (altarpieces of the Virgin and Passion xve century, triptych (large central panel and two smaller panels painted on the inside of the folding doors)

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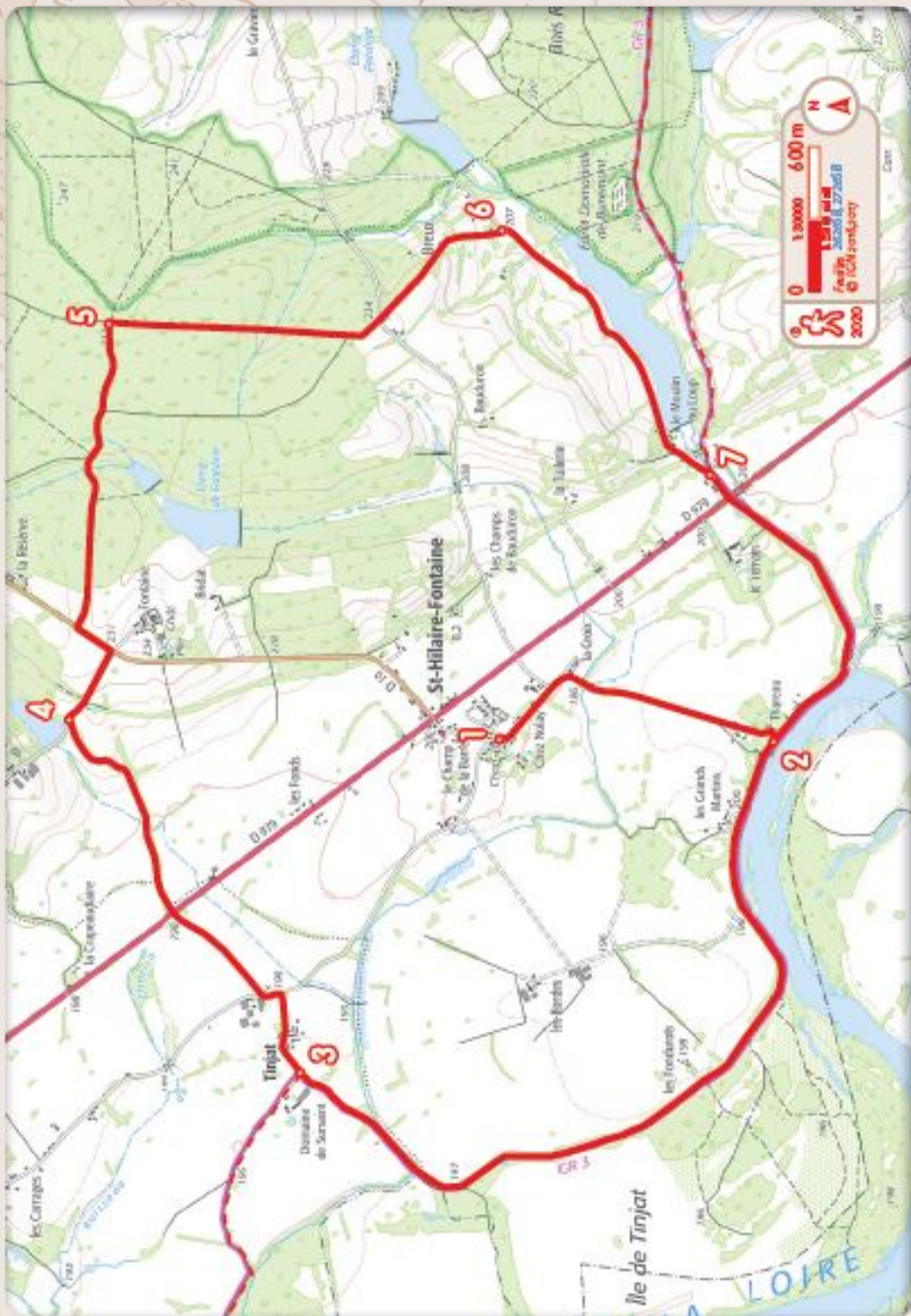
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Moulin au loup



- 1 From the church of Saint Hilaire-Fontaine, head towards the Loire.
- 2 In Port Thareau turn right and follow the GR 3® for about 3,5 km.
- 3 After the Domaine de Sursaint, go straight on and cross Tinjat. At the crossroads, take the road to the left for a few metres and turn right. Go to the D979, cross it ⚠ (>be careful) and take the path on the other side ⚠ (> difficult in wet weather).
- 4 Follow the road to the right until you reach the D10 👁 [château de Fontaine]. Then turn right into the path that leads to the forest of Briffault. Go straight on, leave a path on the left and then turn right to the next crossroads.
- 5 Take the path on the right, leave the wood and continue until you reach the road, cross it and continue on the other side.
- 6 At the crossroads, turn right and walk along the Moulin au Loup pond. 👁 [moulin au loup].
- 7 Back on the GR 3®, follow it to the right, and cross the D 979 ⚠ (> caution needed) Straight on to the Loire. Follow the river to the port of Thareau.
- 2 Take the road on the right towards Saint Hilaire Fontaine and follow it until the church.

FAUBNE AND FLORE

The Loire, an ecological jewel

The Loire meanders (watercourse) and shapes the landscape of this vast sandy alluvial plain, (A plain formed by erosion and/or sedimentation processes of a non tidal river, originally depositing loose soil materials as alluvium.) as it rises and falls. This dynamics creates very special living conditions for biodiversity, such as for certain plants that are sometimes covered by the water or on dry, draining soils. Man also plays an important role in this landscape.

The traditional and extensive pastoral activity in these hostile environments has made it possible to preserve an exceptional natural heritage. The Regional Nature Reserve owes its classification in particular to the wealth of endemic grasslands on its sandy beaches and terraces. The site is practically inaccessible to the public; however, the right bank is equipped with a hiking trail and a bicycle path that allow you to walk along the nature reserve and to see the last wild river in Europe.