

# Couesnon Marches de Bretagne

## CLOSE TO THE MONT-SAINT-MICHEL



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#### Tourist Offices Couesnon Marches de Bretagne

2, place de l'Hôtel de Ville  
35560 Bazouges La Pérouse  
02 99 97 40 94

9, rue du Souvenir  
Saint-Brice-en-Coglès  
35460 Maen Roch  
02 99 97 85 44

Find all the information you need to plan your holiday :

[www.tourisme-marchesdebretagne.com](http://www.tourisme-marchesdebretagne.com)

info@tourisme-marchesdebretagne.com



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## Fun and games

### 1 Récréature, an outdoor adventure park at the heart of the Vilcartier Forest at Bazouges-la-Pérouse

A wide range of amenities to ensure a memorable day out: leisure and sports areas, children's play equipment, a covered area with picnic tables and a restaurant.

#### Le Parc des Grands Chênes

A treetop adventure park, up to 30m above the ground, with over 210 fun challenges for children and grown-ups: 2300m of zip wires, rope swings, a canyon, children's play park and the ultimate challenge - the 'Quick Jump' bungee jump!

Adult area : 4h30 of courses. No limit of time. From 10 years old (+1,40 m). Children area : Up to 2h of activity. From 5 to 10 years old (+1,10m).

Open from the 28th of March until to 31st of August, 1:00PM - 7:00PM : weekends, school holidays, public holidays. Open every day in July and August, 10:00AM - 7:00PM. Last entry 4:30PM. The Children area is closed at 6:00PM. Open mornings by prior arrangement for groups of 15 people minimum.

Prices: From 16 years old: 25 €  
Reduced price for students (+ 16 years old): 20 €  
supporting document needed / 10 - 16: 15 € / 5 - 11: 10 €.

Opening hours and days, available on:  
[www.les-bretons-perches.bzh](http://www.les-bretons-perches.bzh) / 06 40 70 23 93

#### Ludothèque (Toy and Game Library)

"A vous de jouer" (Your turn now!) is a friendly supervised play space containing toys and games to enjoy alone, with family or friends.

July and August:  
Tuesday to Sunday:  
2:00PM - 6:00PM.  
For groups: Tuesday to Friday, mornings only.  
Price: 2 € per player.  
Contact: 06 43 23 90 03



#### Miniature Port

Become a sea captain for a day sailing around the lake in an electric boat for 2-4 people. Choose from a ferry, trawler, Mississippi steamboat, tug, Queen Mary 2 or a fireboat!

Open daily from July to August:  
11:00AM - 6:00PM. April, May, June, September, Weekends and Bank Holidays: 2:00PM - 6:00PM.  
Contact: 06 40 79 96 04 / 02 23 15 02 18  
[couesnon-marchesdebretagne.fr](http://couesnon-marchesdebretagne.fr)



### 2 Le Jardin de l'eau at Saint-Germain-en-Coglès - Village centre

6 hectares of wooded wetlands with a difference, offering wide-ranging biodiversity and a fun discovery trail with interactive visual, sound and touch terminals to recognize the surrounding wildlife. Le Jardin de l'Eau has also restored three wash pools in the woods to highlight the quality of the water present in its subsoil. Sporting enthusiasts can enjoy the fitness circuit with 14 different pieces of equipment which has recently been installed in the park.

Free entry all year round.  
Picnic tables and children's play park.



## Enjoy a change of scenery

### 3 Parc Botanique de Haute Bretagne (Botanical Gardens) at Le Châtellier - La Folletière

These amazing gardens featuring several thousand plant species from around the world are ideal for a romantic getaway, a solitary stroll or a family outing. Created in 1994 by owner Alain Jouny, the 24 separate gardens flower at different periods between March and November to the delight of both children and adults. Dogs are welcome on a lead. Open every day April - September. Tea room in the château, restaurant at the entrance to the gardens, gift shop, garden bookshop and nursery selling rare plants.



The Park is open daily: from March the 1st until November 15.  
March, October, November: 2:00PM - 5:30PM.  
April, May, June and September: 11:00AM - 6:00 PM.  
July and August: 10:30am - 6:30 PM.  
Annual closing: from November 15 to February 18.  
Fares according to the flowering periods : 8,90 to 10,90 €  
13 - 18 : 7,90 to 8,90 €  
5 - 12 : 6,90 to 7,90 €  
Under 5 : Free  
Families : 29 €  
Subscribers : 26 €  
02 99 95 48 32  
[www.jardinbretagne.com](http://www.jardinbretagne.com)



## Take a step back in time

### 4 Les Jardins inattendus de la Ballue at Bazouges-la-Pérouse

The 17th century château is a very attractive, elegant building of shale edged with granite, dating from the time of Louis XIII, with two wings perpendicular to the main house.

The gardens, which are classified as 'Jardins Remarquables', are governed by strict rules relating to the art of topiary and enjoy magnificent panoramic views across the Couesnon Valley.

An enchanting world with a maze of mysterious pathways leading to thirteen 'surprise' Late Renaissance-style gardens plus an impressive wisteria walk through 'columns' of yew. Stroll around the new gardens, in the ancient moats, with its natural ponds, a collection of decorative pets and a botanical collection of box trees recognized as CCVS. At the entry, tearoom, shop and bookshop.



The gardens are open from 10:00AM till 6:30PM.  
From March 15 until April 30 from and from October the 1st until November 11 : Thursday to Sunday.  
Open daily during Holidays, Easter, All Saint's Day and from May the 1st until September 30.  
Prices: 9,50 € per adulte / 7,50 € for the students, 10-18 years old and groups over 15 persons / Free under 10.  
The Garden's annual pass: 28 €  
02 99 97 47 86 / [chateau@la-ballue.com](mailto:chateau@la-ballue.com)  
[www.laballuejardin.com](http://www.laballuejardin.com)

### 5 Le Parc du Château de Bonnefontaine at Val-Couesnon (Antrain)

English-style gardens created by the well-known landscape gardener, Denis Bühler, who also designed the famous Parc Thabor in Rennes. Enjoy a romantic stroll through the statuesque trees, along the river, past lakes and a historic wash pool. Admire the many varieties of rhododendrons, azaleas and hydrangeas, depending on the time of year. The grounds provide a splendid backdrop to the château, a listed historic building, which was begun by the Chancellor to Anne de Bretagne in the 15th century.



The Park and the Castle's outdoors are open from Easter until All Saint's Day : 9:00AM - 6:00PM. Prices: 5 € per adult. Free under 12.  
02 99 98 31 13 / [contact@bonnefontaine.com](mailto:contact@bonnefontaine.com)  
[www.bonnefontaine.com](http://www.bonnefontaine.com)



### 6 Le Parc et Château de La Rouërie at Val-Couesnon (Saint-Ouen-La-Rouërie)

Le Parc de la Rouërie features a French-style garden, which is a listed historic monument, and a rather English-style garden with numerous centuries old trees including a Virginia Tulip tree, a gift from George Washington which was planted by the last Marquis de la Rouërie in 1784. The château was built during the 17th and 18th centuries by the Tuffin de la Rouërie family. It was the birthplace of 'Colonel Armand', hero of the American War of Independence and defender of Breton liberties. In fact the Breton Chouannerie movement was founded here. The gardens also feature 'La Bergerie du Monde', a delightful collection of sheep from different parts of the globe, as well as lots of wooden play equipment.

The grounds and gardens are open every day except Saturday (weddings only) in July and August, 14.00 - 18.30. Private tours of the château interior by prior arrangement only, for a minimum of 20 people.  
Prices: 5 €. Free under 12.  
02 99 97 71 06 / 02 99 18 01 02  
[contact@chateaudelarouerie.com](mailto:contact@chateaudelarouerie.com)  
[www.chateaudelarouerie.com](http://www.chateaudelarouerie.com)

### 7 Château Le Rocher Portail at Maen Roch (Saint-Brice-en-Coglès)

This château, which has been open to the public since June 2017, is considered to be one of the loveliest in Brittany. Discover its 12 rooms with original, authentic period furniture, Renaissance gallery, chapel and stables.

The architectural gem and listed historic monument, nicknamed the "French Downtown Abbey", also features well-presented servants' quarters, family photos from the 19th century, a tea room and gardens. An amazing experience with costumes for children, a secret passage, treasure hunt, games and farmyard animals in the kitchen garden. Art exhibitions and late night opening during the season.



Opening hours : May 1st - June 30th.  
1st - 15th September, every day except Saturday 10.00 - 18.00.  
July 1st to August 31st, every day 10.00 - 18.00.  
For groups (25 persons minimum): From April the 1st until October the 31st. Reservation required.  
Prices for self-tour or guided tour: 9 to 12 € / Under 12: 6 to 9 € / Under 4 : free / Families : 30 to 41 €  
02 99 97 26 83 / [contact@lerocherportail.fr](mailto:contact@lerocherportail.fr)  
[www.lerocherportail.fr](http://www.lerocherportail.fr)



# Discover our villages

## HERITAGE DISCOVERY TRAILS

Get off the beaten track along discovery trails to retrace the history of Couesnon Marches de Bretagne. Spend a day or just an hour or two admiring the skills and ingenuity of our ancestors ranging from the remains of the motte-and-bailey castle at Marcillé-Raoul through Saint-Germain-en-Coglès to the historic district of Loysance in Antrain. Illustrated information boards are present on-site and brochures are available from local Offices de Tourisme and at the starting points of the various trails which take about an hour.

**8 'Maison des Patrimoines' Heritage Centre at Val-Couesnon (Antrain)**

The Maison des Patrimoines, which occupies a 16th century half-timbered house, is the venue for temporary exhibitions and workshops about the history and heritage of the Couesnon Marches de Bretagne area. The information centre is open all year round and is run by APPAC a local society which promotes the historic and heritage sites in the area. A recently-installed I-mobile point provides a WIFI connection and access to tourist information.

Monday to Thursday:  
9:00AM - 1:30PM  
and 2:30PM - 5:00PM.  
On Fridays: Appointment required.  
No entrance fee. 02 56 47 53 32

**Bazouges-la-Pérouse**  
Character village

Discover the remarkable buildings and beautiful scenery of the delightful village of Bazouges-la-Pérouse which stands proudly on a hill at the heart of the Couesnon Valley. A free booklet is available from the Office de Tourisme, revealing secrets and peculiarities of the village such as the Manoir du Colombier, the Maison des Pendus ('house of the hanged') and the Maison du Procureur du Roi (King's Proctor). Contemporary art enthusiasts will enjoy a visit to Le Village, a centre for experimental art which opened 10 years ago.

**Le Village**  
Centre for Experimental Art

Le Village Centre for Experimental Art is an association with three galleries dedicated to contemporary art in the centre of Bazouges-la-Pérouse.

During spring, summer and autumn, the association highlights creative works of visual art, ceramics, glass, metalwork and design through exhibitions, artists in residence, meetings and workshops. There are guides in the galleries to present the works on display. 22 art works can be seen in the village all year round. A free map showing their whereabouts is available from the 3 galleries and the Office de Tourisme.

Spring and Autumn period: the galleries are open every weekend: 3:00PM - 5:30PM.  
Summer period: Wednesday to Sunday: 3:00PM - 6:00PM.  
Appointment required.  
02 99 97 43 60 / [www.association-levillage.org](http://www.association-levillage.org)  
Le Village - 10, rue de l'église à Bazouges-la-Pérouse.

**Church and castle's park**  
Le Tiercent

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- Castel
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- Swimming pool
- Miniature electric boats
- Aerial Adventure

**Antrain**  
Val Couesnon  
Rural heritage label

**Coglès**  
Les Portes du Coglais  
Rural heritage label

Coglès is an ideal area to discover all the charms of the countryside, on foot or by bike. Coglès was once the wealthiest town of the Coglais's area. A hike invites to discover some of the most beautiful examples of the architectural heritage in the Coglais.

Price : 3 € and 1 €  
for under 10s.  
Please book at the Office de Tourisme.

## Walks and bike rides

There are 300km of designated footpaths in the Couesnon Marches de Bretagne area with 35 sign-posted loops ranging from 5km to 23km for leisure walkers and experienced hikers. The GR37 and GR39 hiking paths run through the area, as do two of the pilgrim ways from Mont-Saint-Michel to Saint-Jacques de Compostelle. For cycling enthusiasts there is a 'voie verte' (traffic-free 'greenway'), 4 circuits for bike rides and 2 cycle routes on minor roads. Many of the paths and trails through the Villecarter Forest are also bridlepaths. Leaflets detailing walks, bike rides and cycle routes are available from the Office de Tourisme and on [www.tourisme-marchesdebretagne.com](http://www.tourisme-marchesdebretagne.com)

**1 La Forêt domaniale de Villecarter (Villecarter Forest)**  
Bazouges-la-Pérouse

This ancient royal forest of 1000 hectares, which is a remnant of the one which originally covered Ancient Brittany, has a lake, block fields of moss-covered boulders, enclosed valleys, many curiosities and remarkable trees...

Pascal, a nature guide, leads discovery walks from the Miniature Port through the forest every Friday at 14.00 during July and August, telling stories and talking about its history and wildlife.

**10 La Motte du Châtel**  
Marcillé Raoul

La motte féodale du Châtel fait partie des mieux conservées en Bretagne. Haute de plus de 18 mètres et s'étendant sur plus de 2 hectares, elle a la particularité de posséder deux buttes. Appartenant autrefois à la baronnie de Fougères, la motte était occupée par un site fortifié. L'été, vous pouvez profiter d'une programmation de visites, d'ateliers et d'animations!

Site librement accessible

**11 Le Chemin des Iles**  
20 rue Vincent Grelle, Tremblay (Val-Couesnon)

Ce parc agréablement aménagé au cœur du foyer de vie de Tremblay, permet de parcourir un sentier artistique d'environ 1 km au fil duquel vous découvrirez différents animaux. Les tables et bancs mis à votre disposition vous permettront de pique-niquer.

Ouvert d'octobre à mai de 9h00 à 19h00  
et de juin à septembre de 9h00 à 22h00  
Foyer de Vie "Le Chemin des Iles"  
02 99 98 20 11

**Horse riding... and walking with donkeys**  
Les Sabots de Villecarter  
Bazouges-la-Pérouse

Spend some quality time with family or friends in the company of horses on the edge of the Villecarter Forest. Alexandra offer lessons, themed rides and lots more.

Booking is required. Open all year round 09.00 - 19.00. From age 10 and over. Open daily: 9:00AM - 7:00PM. For the activities, a reservation is required.  
Contact : 06 07 80 70 23 / [www.lessabotsdevillecartier.com](http://www.lessabotsdevillecartier.com)  
3, les Places - 35610 Trans-la-Forêt

**Les Écuries d'Estran**  
Saint-Brice-en-Coglès (Maen Roch)

With pastoral and relaxing surroundings, our certified riding school located in the heart of the Coglais, is providing all the year riding lessons as well as training courses and horse riding during the french school holidays.

Contact : 06 09 72 67 68 ou 06 81 23 03 00  
[www.ecuriesdestran.com](http://www.ecuriesdestran.com)  
Grand Champ à Saint-Brice-en-Coglès (Maen Roch)

**Walking with a donkey**  
Saint-Germain-en-Coglès

Discover the leafy, rolling countryside around Saint-Germain-en-Coglès and Le Châtellier during an unforgettable, fun walk accompanied by a donkey.

Walks start from "Entre Pierres et Collines" country campsite in the hamlet of Heussé, Saint-Germain-en-Coglès  
Prices: The half-day tour: 25 €  
Snack at the farm on the way back: 2 € / person.  
Contact : 02 99 95 69 09 / [www.camping-gite.com](http://www.camping-gite.com)

## Relax in, on and beside the water

### Fishing

The Couesnon basin has many kilometres of fishing rivers and streams in unspoilt surroundings. Most of them are classed as Category 1 and are fished mainly for brown trout and Atlantic salmon. Fishing permits are on sale at the Office de Tourisme

### Canoeing

Nowadays the river is navigable for canoes and kayaks from Saint-Marc-sur-Couesnon to the dam at Beauvoir just before Mont-Saint-Michel. Hire a canoe for a few hours at Rimou.

Canoe hire : Guy Guérault  
Rent : 12 € to 15 € according to the journey  
Gîte for groups : Le Bas Mena  
Contact : 02 99 98 21 66 - 06 83 75 03 67  
[www.gitegroupe-montsaintmichel.fr](http://www.gitegroupe-montsaintmichel.fr)

**12 Aquatic centre Cogléo**  
at Maen Roch  
(Saint-Brice-en-Coglès)

A leisure and sporting pool with hammam and jacuzzi.

02 99 17 21 00  
Rue Voie Ferrée, Parc d'activités de la Brionnière  
Saint-Brice-en-Coglès, 35460 Maen Roch  
[www.cogleo.com](http://www.cogleo.com)

### Pommé

Pommé is a sort of jam with a taste of caramel and a slight hint of prune. It is made from newly-made cider and apple, cooked in a copper pan for about 24 hours. Discover the delicious history of this speciality product of Upper Brittany from the 19th century onwards in the form of a gourmet travel diary. Pommé and the book are both on sale at the Office de Tourisme.

## Enjoy yourself

### Plenty to do

Numerous events are held throughout the year in the Couesnon Marches de Bretagne area including heritage discovery walks, Sunday events, Fête de la Nature, etc. See our events calendar at [www.tourisme-marchesdebretagne.com](http://www.tourisme-marchesdebretagne.com) for full information about shows, concerts, exhibitions, local festivals and celebrations, jumble sales and group walks. Find all the information you need to plan your holiday : [www.tourisme-marchesdebretagne.com](http://www.tourisme-marchesdebretagne.com)

### Geocaching (in French only)

Geocaching is an original, fun activity and a great way to discover unusual places by solving puzzles and following clues in the form of a treasure hunt!

We offer 5 different trails in collaboration with the Comité Départemental du Tourisme de Haute Bretagne Ille-et-Vilaine :

- L'arbre qui cache la forêt in the Villecarter Forest, Bazouges-la-Pérouse
- Une balade pleine d'Antrain Val-Couesnon
- Bazouges-la-Pérouse, Petite Cité de Caractère
- Saint-Brice, entre bocage et histoire Maen Roch
- Ma P'tite rando à Saint-Germain Saint-Germain-en-Coglès
- Tours et détours au Tiercent Le Tiercent

For more information and challenges, go to [www.tresorsdehautebretagne.fr](http://www.tresorsdehautebretagne.fr) and download the free app "Trésors de Haute-Bretagne"