

# ANTHONY GUIDE to our FRENCH CAMPSITES

2017

REGIONS are in **BOLD CAPITALS**; Departments are in plain capitals, with their official numbers



Campsites in this list are arranged according to their **REGIONS** and **Departments** (with associated Department numbers). A Map of Regions and Departments is on the front page and other maps are at the end of the guide. Each campsite has its location, our opinion, phone numbers, web sites and email; some email addresses have to be accessed from the websites. Pictures are at the end (Note: many new sites have no pictures so view them online in pictures). If online, access the websites by Ctl/click. This printed Guide is taken from my more extensive online Camping guide. This has itineraries for each year and links to extensive sets of pictures for each year: <http://www.chris-anthony.co.uk/camphols.html>

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### **BASSE-NORMANDIE Calvados [14]**

**Falaise.** 35km South East of Caen. Municipal site at base of the castle and an easy stroll to the mediaeval town with many restaurants. Neat pleasant site. [2012]

**Camping Municipal du Château.** Rue du Val d'Ante 14700 Falaise. Tel: +33 (0)2 31 90 16 55.

camping@falaise.fr

<http://www.ukcampsite.co.uk/sites/details.asp?revid=8077>

**Merville-Franceville Plage.** Ten miles from Oustraham on road towards Cabourg. Direct access to vast sandy beach (there are 3 adjacent similar sites). Covered swimming pool. Snack bar. 600 yards walk along beach to excellent restaurants. [2014, 2015, 2016]

**Le Point du Jour.** Route de Cabourg, 14810 Merville-Franceville Plage. 0231242334. Point-du-

jour@lespiedsdansleau.com. In Les pieds dans l'eau organisation. Website: <http://www.lespiedsdansleau.com/>

### **BASSE-NORMANDIE Manche [50]**

**Les Pieux.** On West coast of Cherbourg peninsula. Excellent site among sandunes by beach. Good pool etc. (2002)

**Camping Le Grand Large :** 11 route du Grand Large - 50340. Tel: 02 33 52 40 75 [info@legrandlarge.com](mailto:info@legrandlarge.com)

<http://www.legrandlarge.com/index.html?lg=gb>

### **BASSE-NORMANDIE Orne [61]**

**Belleme.** Neat campsite in the interesting small town. Good Cambodian restaurant. Excellent alternative to La Ferte Barnard [closed in Sept]. [2009, 2013]

**Camping Municipal de Bellême.** Route de Mamers. 61130 Bellême. 02 33 85 31 00 ou 06.07.11.27.39.

[mairie.belleme@wanadoo.fr](mailto:mairie.belleme@wanadoo.fr) <http://www.eurocampings.co.uk/en/europe/france/basse-normandie/orne/campsite-municipal-108807/>

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### **PAYS-de-la-LOIRE Maine-et-Loire [49]**

**Les-Rosiers-sur-Loire.** West of Saumur. 800 metres from village and river. Small pool, ok. Good pitches. Few facilities out of season. Shops, bars and restaurants in village but only one of these was open in June (Logis, Val de Loire – excellent) good cycling by the Loire. [2016]

**Yelloh Village Les Voiles d'Anjou.** Rue Sainte Baudruche. 0241519433. [contact@camping-valdeloire.com](mailto:contact@camping-valdeloire.com)

[www.camping-valdeloire.com](http://www.camping-valdeloire.com)

**Richelieu.** South of Saumur and Tours]. [225 miles from Oustraham].]

Simple municipal site 20 min. walk from nice small town and near huge park. Very good restaurants.

**Camping Municipal.** 7, route de Châtellerault. 47-58-15-02. [2008]

**Saumur.** Good large site on island in Loire. 20 min to town. Disappointing; it now has its own small noisy pool the large adjacent municipal pool being closed when we last went. Well-organised but expensive. Small shop, bread delivered. Very nice walk to town by the bridge over the Loire, with good restaurants. [2006, 2009, 2012, 2014]

**Camping Ile d'Offard** 0241 403000 iledoffard@cvtloisirs.fr <http://www.saumur-camping.com/>

## **PAYS-de-la-LOIRE Mayenne [53]**

**Ambrières-les-Vallées.** South of Domfront, North of Mayenne and Laval. In leisure park by River La Varenne (plan d'eau). Pool. Good local restaurants. [1994]

**Camping de Vaux.** 53300 Ambrières-les-Vallées. 02 43 04 90 25. otsambriere@wanadoo.fr.  
<http://camping.hpaguide.co.uk/pays-de-la-loire/mayenne/ambrieres-les-vallees/3656.camping-le-parc-de-vaux>

## **PAYS-de-la-LOIRE Sarthe [72]**

**La Ferte Bernard.** Between Le Mans and Chartres. 140 miles from Oustraham.

Great site & restaurants. Town is interesting and near campsite. [2007,2008, 2011]

**Camping le Valmer** 02 43 71 70 03 [camping@la-ferte-bernard.com](mailto:camping@la-ferte-bernard.com). <http://www.la-ferte-bernard.fr/fr/Visiteurs/Camping-le-Valmer/UK-1758.htm>

**Sille-Plage (Near Sille-Guillaume).** North West of Le Mans, East of Laval. On the edge of a lake with leisure activities. In a dark forest. Friendly staff. Tiny pool. Good stopover. [2014]

**Camping Indigo Les Molieres.** Sille Plage, 72140 sille-le-Guillaume. 0243201612. Molieres@camping-indigo.com. <http://www.camping-indigo.com/en/les-molieres-indigo-campsite-france.html>

## **PAYS-de-la-LOIRE Vendee[85]**

**Longeville sur Mer.** West of Niort, South of Nantes. In forest, 4km from beach. Pool. [1994]

**Camping La Michenotiere,** Route d'Angles, 85560 Longeville/Mer. 02 51 33 38 85.  
[contact@camping-la-michenotiere.fr](mailto:contact@camping-la-michenotiere.fr) <http://www.camping-la-michenotiere.fr/>

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## **CENTRE Cher [18]**

**St. Satur.** Near Sancerre. [300 miles from Oustraham].

A very nice riverside site near Sancerre with excellent restaurants in village and nice bike rides.

[Old name: **Camping Rene Fotlzer** 2007, 2009; 2011]

**New: La Porte de Sancerre** Quai de Loire, 18300 Saint-Satur. A Flower Campsites site: Tel : 00 33 (0)2 48 72 10 88 Email: [camping.sancerre@flowercampings.com](mailto:camping.sancerre@flowercampings.com) Website: <http://www.camping-cher-sancerre.com/en/>

**La Chapelle-d'Angillon.** On D940 North of Bourges, South of Aubigny-s-Nere. No pool. Restaurant at 0.8km. Swimming nearby in lake near Chateau. [2008]

**Municipal les Murailles.** 18380 La chapelle d'angillon. TEL : 02 48 73 40 12.  
[http://www.campingmap.net/object.aspx/44695/Camp\\_Municipal\\_Les\\_Murailles](http://www.campingmap.net/object.aspx/44695/Camp_Municipal_Les_Murailles)

**Aubigny sur Nere.** South west of Orleans. Nice wooded site near the Sologne and its Loire chateaus and the vineyards of Sancerre. Small mediaeval town with lovely restaurant. [2002]

**Camping des Etangs,** Route de Sancerre 18700 Aubigny sur Nère. tel : 02 48 58 02 37 <http://www.camping-aubigny.com/index.php>

**Lac Rille.** 22 Km North of river Loire, North-East of Saumur. Excellent site in woodland by a large lake which is a bird sanctuary. Easy close access for launching kayaks. Small pool [cold out of season]; simple camp restaurant. Poor shop and no nearby village. Bread delivered. Spotted flycatchers, Black redstart. Little train ran around site on Sunday. [2012-2015]

**Huttopia Rillé, Lac de Rillé.** 37340 RILLÉ. +33(0)2 47 24 62 97. OR Contact our sales office on 04 37 64 22 35 or by mail at [info@huttopia.com](mailto:info@huttopia.com). <http://france.huttopia.com/en/destination/campsite/huttopia-rille/site>



**CENTRE Eure-et-Loir [28]**

**Senonches.** North West of Chartres, East of Montagne-au-Perche.

Forest site, direct access to lakes. Pool. Restaurant. Camping among the trees. The details are for the new site. Looks excellent. [2006]

**Camping Huttopia Senoches.** Etang de Badouveau 28250 Senonches. 02 37 37 81 40. [senonches@huttopia.com](mailto:senonches@huttopia.com)  
<http://www.ukcampsite.co.uk/sites/details.asp?revid=8738>

**Bonneval.** North of Chateaudun, South of Chartres. Very nice rural site in woods by river. Good small restaurant (Pizzas). New owners, Falconry enthusiast. Falconry display was great. Adjacent to (free) town pool. Nice small town. [2016]

**Campsite du Bois de Chièvre** route de Vouvray, 28800, Bonneval, France. 0033 02 37 47 54 01  
<http://www.ukcampsite.co.uk/sites/reviews.asp?revid=7175>

**Jars.** France Passion site. La Brissauderie. Between Aubigny and Sancerre. By lake on goat farm. Good toilets and bar. Can see goats being milked. [2017].

**CENTRE Indre [36]**

**Rosnay in La Brenne.** West of Chateauroux, South of Mezieres-en-Brenne. Wonderful small municipal site on edge of lake immediately next to very small village. Whole area has many lakes, some of which are bird sanctuaries. Good cycling. Grey and Purple herons, Night heron. [2012-2016]

Camp Municipal. Route de St-Michel-en-Brenne, on D 44, 36300 Rosnay. Phone: 0899236018.  
<http://www.gralon.net/campings-france/indre/camping-camp-municipal-rosnay-5651.htm>

**CENTRE Indre et Loir (37)**

**Crouzilles.** South west of Tours, East of Chinon. Between Crouzilles and Panzoult.

Great *France Passion* site. In beautiful farming country. Bought some good wine from their caves (set in limestone cliffs on edge of farm). Excellent for walking and cycling. [2013]

**Domaine Coton.** La Perriere, 37220, Crouzilles.0247585510. [domainecoton@orange.fr](mailto:domainecoton@orange.fr). [www.domainecoton.com](http://www.domainecoton.com) . [this is their interesting website for their wines and has video of the domaine]

**CENTRE Loir et Cher [41]**

**Savigny sur Braye.** South East of St Calais, North West of Vendome. New Owners. Excellent pool. Very near village with shops and restaurants. Closed so had a pizza from a pizza machine- very very good.

**Le Pre aux Moines.** Avenue de la Gare, 41360 Savigny-sur-Braye. +33 800 10 14 01  
[campingsavigny@vestagestion.com](mailto:campingsavigny@vestagestion.com) <https://www.camping-savigny-sur-braye.vestagestion.com/>

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**BOURGOGNE (Burgundy) Nièvre (58)**

**Pouilly-sur-Loire.** On the Loire, South East of Sancerre. Nice rural open site with some shade. On banks of river near village. Simple good snack bar. No shop. Nice walks by river. Swimming or kayak from beach. [2016]

**Le Malaga (Camping Municipal),** Route des Loges, 58150 Pouilly sur Loire. +33 3 86 39 14 54  
<http://www.eurocampings.co.uk/france/burgundy/nièvre/pouilly-sur-loire/campsite-le-malaga-110183/>

**BOURGOGNE (Burgundy) Saone et Loire [71]**

**La Celle en Morvan.** Between Chateau Chinon and Autun.Pool. Well organised Dutch site, shady by river. Hoopoes, nightingales, damsel flies. Nice walks. Boules tournament. [2017]

Camping Les deux Rivières\*. Le Pré Bouché 71400 La Celle-en-Morvan +33 / (0)3 85 52 81 23  
[info@les2rivieres.com](mailto:info@les2rivieres.com) [www.les2rivieres.com/ecampsite.html](http://www.les2rivieres.com/ecampsite.html)

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**POITOU-CHARENTES Deux-Sevres [79]**

**Airvault.** South of Saumur, west of Poitiers. Good site. Few facilities open; small pool was closed. English. 20 minute walk to nice small mediaeval town with good restaurants. [2010]

**Camping de Courte Vallee.** 8 rue de Courte Vallee, 79600 Airvault. Telephone +33 (0) 5 49 64 70 65. E-mail info@caravanningfrance.com. <http://www.caravanningfrance.com/en/Index.asp>

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**LIMOUSIN Creuse [23]**

**Argentat.** East of Brives, South of Tulle. On bank of Dordogne. Excellent rapids. Very friendly. Small pool. 30min walk to Argentat. Good restaurants. Great walks and bike rides. One of our top sites. [2006 – 2009, 2012, 2015]

Camping Europe Le Chambon 05 55 28 07 70. Le Chambon 19400 Monceaux sur Dordogne camping-europe@wanadoo.fr; <http://www.camping-europe.fr/>

**Le Bourg d'Hem.** Near Bonnat, South of La Chatre and West of Montlucon on D940.

Great wooded site on side of lake. Good swimming. No restaurant. There is a 'Grand Meaulnes Chateau hidden in the forest. [2008]

**Camping Municipal de l'Age.** 23220 Le Bourg-d'Hem. Tel.: +33 (0) 5 55 51 21 18 . info@les3lacs-creuse.com

**Bousac-Bourg.** West of Montlucon. A *les Castels* site. Excellent. By its own lake (kayaking etc) near chateau. Good pool. Excellent restaurant [including take away]. [2010, 2015]

**Le chateau de Poinsoze.** (33) 05 55 65 02 21 info.camping-de.poinsoze@orange.fr  
<http://www.camping-de-poinsoze.com/content/uk/welcome/1>

**Vauveix** (Lac Vassiviere); near Royere-de--Vassiviere. East of Limoges, North East of Eymoutiers. Large terraced site on edge of the lake. Good beach. We learned to kayak here. Restaurants nearby. There are many sites on the lake but after checking others we found this is best. [1998,2012]

**Camping Municipal Vauveix.** VAUVEIX 23460 Royere de Vassiviere. TEL: 055564767  
<http://fr.nomao.com/517871.html>

**Evaux les Bains.** South of Montlucon (27km). Municipal site, North of the town beside the chateau. Well-maintained small pitches. No pool but very near municipal pool. On edge of pretty small town with restaurants [2011]

**Camping Ouche de Budelle,** 23110 Evaux Les Bains, Tél : 05 55 65 55 82 Mairie : Tél : 05.55.65.50.20  
<http://www.evaux-les-bains.net/camping-municipal>

**Chatelus Malveix.** North East of Gueret, East of Bonnat. *France Passion* site. Very peaceful. Hoopoes and golden orioles. Good for cycling and great walks. [2013]

**Ferme de Boursolles.** On Gueret road, Near Bagnat and Roche. 0664954152.

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**AUVERGNE Allier [03]**

**Chatel-Montagne** Between Vichy and Roanne. Excellent friendly rural site with shady pitches. Excellent restaurant run by the owner, an enthusiastic cook. Small pool. Walking distance of town (300m). No shop. The owner has decorated the campsite, restaurant etc with old cars bikes toys posters (hence the 'retro'). [2016]

**Camping Rétro Passion,** La Croix Cognat. 03250 / Chatel Montagne. (00 33) 04 70 59 31 38.  
campingretropassion@gmail.com [www.camping-retro-passion.fr/](http://www.camping-retro-passion.fr/)

**Arfeuilles.** Municipal site. Empty, out of season. No open restaurants. Nice site. Short way north of Chatel Montagne which was closed in 3rd week of September [2009]. 03120 ARFEUILLES Tel: 04 70 55 50 11 (Town Hall)

**AUVERGNE Cantal [15]**

**Trizac.** South West of Clermond Ferrand, East of Mauriac. Small lake for swimming. Nice views. Wonderful sunsets. Excellent walks over the plateau and long bike rides. Nice small shops. Restaurants in village rarely open but good when they do open [we tend to go out of season]. The mayor got the restaurant to open and we had pig's cheek and other wonderful stuff. [2006 – 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013]]

**TRIZAC Le Pioulat** 15400 Trizac. : 04 71 78 60 37 OR 04 71 78 64 20 mairie.trizac@wanadoo.fr  
<http://www.auvergne-tourisme.info/hotellerie-de-plein-air/trizac/le-pioulat/tourisme-HPAAUV0150000160-1.html>

**Neueglise.** 14 Km South of St-Flour. Good friendly terraced site. Nice small pool. Lovely views but not especially good for walking or cycling. [2012].

**Camping Le Belvedere,** Lanau, Neuegliese, Auvergne 15260. Tel: 00 33 4 71 23 50 50.  
<http://www.ukcampsite.co.uk/sites/details.asp?revid=12985>

**AUVERGNE Hautes-Loire [43]**

**Baffour nr La Chaise-Dieu.** A *France Passion* site. In Parc Naturel du Livradois Foret. Baffour is off N906 towards Ambert. In a farmyard. Nice country walks. Meals may be provided during season. [2009]

**La Chaise-Dieu** North of Puy-en-Velay, East of Broude. Good basic municipal site. Well-spaced, mainly under trees good basic amenities. Next to a plan d'eau. Near interesting small town. We did not explore as this was overnight stop. [2015]

**Camping Municipal Les Prades,** Route de Vichy 43160. 04 71 00 01 16. <https://alanrogers.com/campsite/camping-municipal-les-prades-fr43110>

**Fay-sur-Lignon** East of Le Puy en Velay, South of Le Chambon. Excellent municipal campsite. Minimum (good) facilities. Short (steep) walk to the village with excellent shops and restaurants. By the River, in the Forest, in Parc Naturel des Monts d'Ardèche. A village on the wild plateau, important, along with Tence and Le Chambon for its role in hiding children (usually Jewish) from the Nazis in Vichy France. [2016]

**Ferme de Mathias Campsite** 43430 Fay-sur-Lignon, France mairiefaysurlignon@wanadoo.fr  
 +33 471595489. <http://www.campingfrance.com/uk/find-your-campsite/auvergne/haute-loire/fay-sur-lignon/la-ferme-de-mathias>

**Vorey.** 16 Km North of Le Puy en Velay. Excellent site in good walking country with nice pool. Local restaurants. [2011]

**Camping Les,Moulettes,** Chemin de Félines 43800 VOREY-SUR-ARZON Tel. 04 71 03 70 48. Mob. : 06 86 60 99 03  
[www.auvergne-tourism.com/outdoor-holiday-complex/vorey-sur-arzon/camping-les-moulettes/tourisme-HPAAUV043FS00006-2.html](http://www.auvergne-tourism.com/outdoor-holiday-complex/vorey-sur-arzon/camping-les-moulettes/tourisme-HPAAUV043FS00006-2.html)

**St. Paulien.** South of Chaise-Dieu, North West of Le Puy en Velay in South Auvergne. Good site with restaurant, small shop, small pool. In low hill countryside with nice walks. [2013]

**La Rochelambert.** Rte de Lanthenas. 0471005402. [www.camping-rochelambert.com](http://www.camping-rochelambert.com)

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**RHONE-ALPES Ain [01]**

**Montrevel en Bresse.** South East of Pont de Vaux and North of Burge en Bresse. Huge site with pools (closed in early june), and lake shop (closed) and restaurant (good). Good for children. Not for us. [2017]

**La Pleine Tonique.** 599, route d'Etrez 01340 Malafretaz France. Tel. +33 (0)4 74 30 80 52.  
<https://www.laplainetonique.com/en/home/>

**RHONE-ALPES Ardeche [07]**

**Saint Privat sous Aubenas.** South West of Privas and Valence. Pool and restaurant. The plan d'eau has flowing water and it is where we decided we must buy kayaks. [1993]

**Le Plan d'Eau, Les Echelettes,** Route de Lussas 07200, Saint Privat. 0 4 75 35 44 98  
[http://www.francesudouest.com/tourisme/campings/camping\\_municipal.htm](http://www.francesudouest.com/tourisme/campings/camping_municipal.htm)

**St. Sauveur de Montagut.** North of Privas. 8km on excellent road in gorge from interesting village of St. Sauveur to Le Cheylard. Large Dutch site. Pool, restaurant, lots of activities. [2009]

**L'Ardéchois Camping:** 07190 St Sauveur de Montagut. 04 75 66 61 87. ardechois.camping@wanadoo.fr. .  
[http://www.francesudouest.com/tourisme/campings/camping\\_municipal.htm](http://www.francesudouest.com/tourisme/campings/camping_municipal.htm)

### **RHONE-ALPES Drome [26]**

**Lus la Croix Haute.** Excellent friendly site with good restaurant. Near nice village with more restaurants. Many good walks. In the Vercors on the road to Grenoble. Wonderful area. [2009, 2011]

**Camping La Condamine,** 26620 Lus la Croix Haute. 04 92 58 50 86. <http://www.campings-drome.com/camping-drome-frs/drome/clients/condamine/f1.html>

**Luc en Diois** in In Drome (26) in Rhone-Alpes. South West of Die in mountain area. Excellent site. Under trees. Snack bar in season. In the small town so good adjacent small supermarket. Excellent restaurant (Relais; the Magret de Canard was the best I have ever had). Redstarts on campsite, Swifts in village. [2015]

**Camping Les Foulons,** F-26310 Luc-en-Diois. +33 (0)4 75 21 36 14. <http://www.camping-luc-en-diois.com/?L=1>

**Menglon.** South East of Die, South of Chatillon de Diois on the edge of Vercors mountains. Large, good campsite for children but not otherwise. Huge paddling pools. Very very long campsite under pine trees by rocky-bedded river Bez. Nice countryside. This was our alternative to Lus de Croix Haute (further north). [2013]

**L'Hirondelle.** Bois de Saint Ferreol, 26410 Menglon. 0475218208. [contact@campinghirondelle.com](mailto:contact@campinghirondelle.com).  
[www.campinghirondelle.com](http://www.campinghirondelle.com)

### **RHONE-ALPES Isere [38]**

**Meyrieu les Etaings.** East of Viennes, south East of Lyons. Dull stopover lakeside site. [2007]

**Base de loisirs du Moulin Camping** \*\*\*0474 593034 <http://www.camping-meyrieu.com/>

### **RHONE-ALPES Savoie [ 73]**

**St Genix sur Guiers.** South of Belley, West of Chambéry. Excellent Dutch site (Ludo and Ria). Very well-run. Excellent restaurant and nearby supermarket. Small pool. Nice walks. [2017]

**Les Bords du Giers.** 640 Route de La Glière - 73240 - Saint Genix sur Guiers, Savoie, Rhône-Alpes.

Phone: 00 33 4 76 31 71 40 [info@lesbordsduguiers.com](mailto:info@lesbordsduguiers.com)

<https://www.lesbordsduguiers.com/campsite-france-savoie-auvergne-rhone-alpes>

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### **AQUITAINE Dordogne [24]**

**Le Bugue.** On river Vezere West of Sarlat la Caneda. Shady site with heated swimming pools. Excellent restaurant. Near interesting small town. [2003, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016]

**Camping Les Trois Caupain,** Le Port 24260 Le Bugue. +33 (0)5 53 07 24 60 [info@camping-bugue.com](mailto:info@camping-bugue.com)

<http://www.des-trois-caupain.com/>

### **AQUITAINE Gironde [33]**

**Naujac sur Mer.** Northwest of Bordeaux, South of Royan; cross River Gironde by frequent car ferry South to Soulac sur Mer. Very large site behind sandunes and beach amongst the pines of Les Landes forest. Our favourite site on west coast. For Kayak surfing and sun. [1998]

**Le Pin Sec.** 33990 Naujac sur Mer. +33 5 56 73 00 66. [campingpinsec.naujac@orange.fr](mailto:campingpinsec.naujac@orange.fr) [www.naujac.com/index.html](http://www.naujac.com/index.html)



## **AQUITAINE Landes [40]**

**Azur.** West of Dax. Excellent large site beside large lake (Etang de Soustons). Good kayaking. Small shop. Good cycling area. Nothing in nearby villages [restaurants etc]. [2010]

**Camping Azur'Rivage** 720, Route des campings 40140 AZUR. Tél. : 05 58 48 30 72 - E-mail : info@campingazurivage.com [www.campingazurivage.com/camping-landes-aquitaine.html](http://www.campingazurivage.com/camping-landes-aquitaine.html).

## **AQUITAINE Pyrenees-Atlantiques [64]**

**Sauveterre de Béarn.** South of Salies-de Béarn, Southeast of Perrethorade, South of Dax. On bank of River Gave d'Oloron. Simple municipal site. Excellent for swimming in river, and for kayaking at all levels Interesting small mediaeval town with nice restaurants. One of our favourite sites. [1997, 2010]

**Camping du Gave.** Chemin du Camping 64390. Tél: 05.59.38.53.30 or 06.71.60.69.57. camping-du-gave@wanadoo.fr. [www.campingdugave.fr/](http://www.campingdugave.fr/)

**Lescun.** South of Oloron St Marie near D134 to Col du Somport to Spain. One of our favourite campsites in France. Spectacular views of mountains with great walks and cycle rides. Near nice small village. [1997, 2010]

**Camp du Lauzart.** 64490 Lescun + 33 (0)559345177. campinglauzart@wanadoo.fr. [www.camping-enfrance.com/camping-du-lauzart-lescun-pyrenees-atlantiques-aquitaine-france-3372.html](http://www.camping-enfrance.com/camping-du-lauzart-lescun-pyrenees-atlantiques-aquitaine-france-3372.html)

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## **MIDI-PYRENEES Ariège [09]**

**Oust.** 17 km south-east of St Girons in la Vallée du Haut Couserans. 400m from nice village. By river. Excellent restaurant. [2010]

**Camping Les 4 Saisons Route d'Aulus, 09140, Oust** +33 5 61 96 55 55  
<http://www.ariège.com/les4saisons/info.html>

## **MIDI-PYRENEES Aveyron [12]**

**Belmont sur Rance.** South West of Millau, South of Rodez. Not well-kept and was overgrown. Ok for a short stop. On side of river (direct access) and very near village. [2005]

**Le Val Fleuri du Rance.** 12370 Belmont sur Rance. 76 05 65 99 or 06 88 42 28 78 marjandjong@wanadoo.fr OR campvalfleuri@aol.com. [www.belmont-sur-rance.stationverte.com/fr/respirez/belmont-sur-rance/camping-le-val-fleuri\\_s187\\_t10301\\_59.html](http://www.belmont-sur-rance.stationverte.com/fr/respirez/belmont-sur-rance/camping-le-val-fleuri_s187_t10301_59.html)

## **MIDI-PYRENEES Haute-Garonne [31]**

**Cazeres.** South of Toulouse, North West of Saint Gaudens. On the banks of the River Garonne in wooded area. Pool. 2.5km from Cazeres, a beautiful small town. [2004]

**Le Plantaurel, Camping Municipal de Cazeres.** 31220 Cazères 05 61 97 03 71 [www.camping-plantaurel.fr/description/](http://www.camping-plantaurel.fr/description/)

## **MIDI-PYRENEES Gers [32]**

**Lac de Thoux, St. Cricq.** South of Montfort, West of Toulouse]. Wonderful site by lake. Pool was cold. Kayaked illegally in lake. In 2014 we were charged for use of lake. Good restaurant. [2008, 2012, 2014].

**Camping du Lac de Thoux Saint-Cricq.** lieu dit Lannes, 32430 Thoux. +33(0)5 62 65 71 29 contact@camping-lacdethoux.com <http://www.camping-lacdethoux.com>

**Mirande.** South West of Auch; West of Toulouse. Used to be called Gascony. [2004]

**L'île du Pont** 32300 MIRANDE - Gers - Tél : 05.62.66.64.11 info@camping-iledupont.com  
[www.iledupont.free.fr/uk/index.html](http://www.iledupont.free.fr/uk/index.html)

## **MIDI-PYRENEES Hautes-Pyrenees [65]**

**Aragnouet.** South of St. Lary Soulan, West of Bagnères-de-Louchon. On D929. 1120m. On the road from Arreau to tunnel to Spain. High in mountains. Restaurant. Direct access to river.

**Camping Fouga "Le pic de Bern".** 65170 Aragnouet. 05 62 39 63 37 <http://www.gralon.net/campings-france/hautes-pyrenees/camping-camp-de-m-fouga-aragnouet-4671.htm>

**Cauterets.** South of Lourdes. Campsite is 1km from small town, surrounded by mountains. Good walks. [1997]

**Le Peguere,** Route de Pierrefitte 65110 Cauterets. 05 62 92 52 91. [campingpegueres@wanadoo.fr](mailto:campingpegueres@wanadoo.fr)  
<http://www.campingpeguere.com/gb.html>

## **MIDI-PYRENEES Tarn [81]**

**Les Cammazes.** North West of Carcassonne, between Revel and Saissac (beautiful small town). Nice friendly site on side of a wooded hill near lake. Small pool (too cold out of season). Excellent snack bar. Small shop. Good walking and cycling. [2016]

**Camping de la Rigole.** Route du barrage, 81540 LES CAMMAZES, Tarn, France. Tel : +33 563 732 899  
[contact@campingdelarigole.com](mailto:contact@campingdelarigole.com) [www.Campingdelarigole.com](http://www.Campingdelarigole.com).

## **MIDI-PYRENEES Tarn-et-Garonne [82]**

**Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val.** Between Cahors and Albi, East of Caussade. Nice site under trees beside river. Small pool. Nice bike rides and walks. Short walk to lovely mediaeval town with shops and restaurants. Snack bar (in season). [2016]

**Flower Camping des Gorges de l'Aveyron.** Marsac Bas, 82140 Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val, France. 33 5 63 30 69 76. [www.camping-gorges-aveyron.com](http://www.camping-gorges-aveyron.com).

**Touffailles.** Near Lauzerte, East of Agen, Southwest of Cahors. On D41. Very small simple site. Near village. Restaurant. Nice local walks. [2006]

**Camping Municipal.** 82190 Touffailles 05 63 94 48 91 [mairie-touffailles@info82.com](mailto:mairie-touffailles@info82.com)  
[www.coll82.com/touffailles/pageLibre0001000c.html](http://www.coll82.com/touffailles/pageLibre0001000c.html)

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## **LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON Aude [11]**

**Tuchan.** c 40 miles North-West of Perpignan. Excellent simple friendly site very near village. Nice small pool. Simple good restaurant. Good cycling. Home of Fitou wine. Near MontAuch. In 2016 it was a successful place from which to collect and deliver Hugh to Perpignan airport (horrible from Argeles). Saw Wryneck[2008, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016]

**Camping Domaine la Peiriere.** Road Paziols - TUCHAN 11350. Tel: +033.4.68.45.46.50. Mobile: +033.6.86.99.34.12 Email: [lapeiriere@lapeiriere.com](mailto:lapeiriere@lapeiriere.com) <http://www.lapeiriere.com/>

**Gleon.** *France-Passion* site in Corbieres, near Villesques des Corbieres, south-west of Narbonne. Excellent. Bought 3 cases of super wine. Nice walks. Friendly. [2010, 2012, 2014]]

**Chateau Gleon** Jean-Pierre and Philippe Montanié. 11360 Durban Corbières. Tél : +4 68 48 28 25 –  
International : 33 4 68 48 28 2 5 <http://www.gleon-montanie.com/va/gleon.htm>

**Carcassonne.** Campsite walking distance from town. [2006]

**Camping de la Cite** route de St Hilaire. F - 11000 Carcassonne. Tel : (00 33) (0) 468 100 100.  
[campingdelacite@carcassonne.fr](mailto:campingdelacite@carcassonne.fr) <http://www.campingciterecarcassonne.com/index.php?page=english-2>

**Puivert.** West of Quillan a short way towards Foix. Terraced site, nice pitches near lake (swimming ok). Snack bar in season. Near small town. [2016]

**Camping de Puivert.** Le sarrat, 11230 PUIVERT. +33 4 68 20 00 58. Mob. +33 6 47 63 73 91  
[theolor11@orange.fr](mailto:theolor11@orange.fr) <http://www.camping-puivert.fr>

## LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON Gard [30]

**Causse Noir.** *France Passion* site, east of Millau. High, windy and cold. Good restaurant but closed at night. Sold bison stew. Great walks. [2010]. **Randals Bison** Page 168 in FP book, ref: 30750. 04-67-82-73-74

**Le Vigan.** In Cevennes. Just East of the town. Excellent shaded site by a river (bathing OK). Very small pool. Excellent snack bar with evening meals. Small shop. Wi-Fi. Very friendly owners and staff. Extremely helpful when we had problems with our van engine. Redstarts and wagtails. [2011, 2012, 2014, 2016]  
Camping le Val de L'Arre. Route du Pont de la croix 30120 Le Vigan. Tel : +33 (0)4.67.81.02.77.  
<http://www.valdelarre.com/en/mobil-home-cevennes.html>

**St. Julien de la Nef.** In Cevennes, between Ganges and Le Vigan. Very nice large shaded site by the river which has many small beaches for swimming. Small children's pool. Nice restaurant and bar. Free wifi. This was a successful alternative to Le Vigan site. Rather narrow access road [2013]

**Camping Isis en Cevennes.** Domaine De St Julien, Saint Julien De La Nef, Languedoc Roussillon 30440. 0033 467 738 028. [contact@isisencevennes.com](mailto:contact@isisencevennes.com). <http://www.isisencevennes.fr/>

**Sommieres.** South West of Nimes. Big expensive site with excellent pools, restaurant etc. Large pitches. Cycle road (Voie Verte) for long rides into countryside or into lovely small town of Sommieres with its excellent restaurants. Visiting Phil and Laura Hewitt. [2017].

**Camping du Domaine de Massereau.** 1990 Route d'Aubais, 30250 Sommières, Gard. Phone: 33 (0)4 66 53 11 20  
[camping@massereau.com](mailto:camping@massereau.com) <https://www.massereau.co.uk/64-the-domain.html>

## LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON Herault [34]

**Frontignan.** On coast South West of Montpellier. Large expensive site. Good pool. Excellent walks and bike rides. The beach has breakwaters making sea swimming good. Good for birds. Big bar with karaoke sessions etc Local restaurants. [2012]

**Les Tamaris.** 34110, Frontignan-Plage. Tel 0033 467 434477. Email: [les-tamaris@wanadoo.fr](mailto:les-tamaris@wanadoo.fr).  
<http://www.caravancampingsites.co.uk/france/34/tamaris.htm>. Nearby cheaper site: **Camping Méditerranée \*\***  
34110 Frontignan-Plage Tel : 04.99.04.92.32 / 06.49.39.03.79 [camping-mediterranee@orange.fr](mailto:camping-mediterranee@orange.fr)

**Rieu-Montagne.** At North end of Lac du Laouzas, North of La Salvetat.

Nicely separated plots with great views of lake. Small pool, restaurant and shop. Friendly staff. [2008]

**Camping Indigo RIEUMONTAGNE.** Lac Du Laouzas, 81320 Indigo phone No: 0825.00.53.06

<http://www.camping-indigo.com/> review site: <http://campings.village-center.fr/midi-pyrenees/camping-rieumontagne.php>

**Serignan-Plages.** Near Valras-Plage near Beziers. Large site with direct access to dunes and beach. Excellent pool, restaurant and shop. Good area for cycling. The whole area is campsites. Expensive. An alternative (there are very many) is Bleu Marine – on beach and adjacent to inland lagoon. Good for birds. All these sites will be crowded with children in season of course. Kentish plover, Hoopoes. [2016]

**Beausejour Front-de-Mer.** 34410 - Sérignan Plage: Languedoc-Roussillon. +33(0)4 67 39 50 93  
[www.camping-beausejour.com](http://www.camping-beausejour.com)

**St Pons- de-Thomieres.** North of Narbonne, East of Castres. Dutch site; communal dinner on some evenings. Long walk down to town. Wooded nice shady site but few facilities. [2006]. Not recommended compared with:

Les Cerisier du Jaur:

**St Pons- de-Thomieres.** Les Cerisier du Jaur: An excellent site under cherry trees by a river (with beach for swimming). Small pool. Rural amongst wooded hills. Next to a Voie Vert – a disused rail line suitable for walking and cycling. Short cycle ride into interesting town. Snack bar open in season. [2016]

**Les Cerisiers du Jaur** 34220, France. +33 4 67 95 30 33. <http://www.cerisierdujaur.com/en/>

## LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON Lozere [48]

**Causse Mejean** (wild camping). North East of Millau. Best wild camping in France (their description is '*Camping Sauvage*' which is perfect for this place. Overseen by vultures. Good bike rides and walks. A long way to civilisation so need to take plenty of water and food. [2006, 2008, 2010, 2012] Website about area: [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Causse\\_M%C3%A9jean](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Causse_M%C3%A9jean)

**Col de la Croix de Bor** (wild camping). In Margeride hills, near St. Alban-s-Limagnole, North of Mende. Excellent wild camp site in. Up long track away from road. Great views, walks and bike rides. [2008-2013, 2015, 2016] Website about Margerides: <http://www.france48.com/pagesgb/margeride.htm>

**Le Pont de Montvert.** At Finiel. In Cevennes East of Florac on D20. Wonderful simple and wild. Excellent long walks. No restaurant or pool. Small. [2008, 2009]

**Camping La Barrette.** 04.66.45.81.82. or 04.66.45.82.16. [lucie.pantel@gmail.com](mailto:lucie.pantel@gmail.com).

<http://www.woeel.com/fr/aire-naturelle-la-barette-campsites-3-stars-le-pont-de-montvert-59327.aspx>

**St. Enimie.** North West of Florac. Nice little town on the Tarn packed with restaurants [20 minutes from site]. Good small pool and shop. Good swimming in Tarn. Slightly difficult access for kayaks. [2011]

**Le Camping Couderc.** Route de Millau - 48210 Sainte Enimie. [contact@campingcouderc.fr](mailto:contact@campingcouderc.fr). Tél. 04 66 48 50 53

<http://www.campingcouderc.fr/>

**Lac de Naussac, Langogne.** The lac is North East of Mende by way of Chateauneuf de Randon.

Excellent site on terraces overlooking lake and beautiful countryside. Swimming in lake and boats available from nearby Loisir centre. Small childrens' pool. Administered by a hotel on site. Excellent restaurant. No shop but the bar provides coffee milk bread etc (no wine). Great walks and bike rides around lake. Very friendly. [2013, 2014, 2015]

**Les Terrasses du Lac.** Hotel de Tourisme-Camping, Langogne 48300. 0466692962. [info@naussac.com](mailto:info@naussac.com).

[www.naussac.com](http://www.naussac.com)

**Pailleres.** A few miles South west of Villefort. Excellent site in the National park of Cevennes, in the mountains by a river. Very friendly (Veronique). Good small restaurant. Pool. Very good walks. [2017]

**Camping La Palhere.** Camping La Palhere, Parc National des Cévennes, Route du Mas de la Barque 48800

Villefort, Languedoc Roussillon. 04 66 46 80 63 06 81 51 80 10 [contact@campinglapalhere.com](mailto:contact@campinglapalhere.com)

<https://www.campinglapalhere.com/>

## LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON Pyrenees-Orientale [66]

**Argeles Plages.** On coast South East of Perpignan]. Wonderful pools and large site. Good bars, shop and excellent Restaurant. Next to beach. Nesting Hoopoes and nightingales. Good bike rides. One of our favourite sites [2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016]

**Le Soleil** Route du Littoral | 66702, Argeles-sur-Mer. 04 68 81 14 48

<http://www.eurocampings.co.uk/en/europe/france/languedoc-roussillon/pyrenees-orientales/campsite-le-soleil-104068/>

**Matemale.** South of Carcassonne between Axat and Mont-Louis. At 1500m. Great village restaurant. Wonderful grassy site with sweet smelling conifers, nesting redstarts, tree pipits, bullfinches, serins and good views. Near lake. Nearby swimming pool. Great walks and bike rides. A favourite site. [2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016]

**Camping du Lac.** 66210 Matemale. 04 68 30 9449. [Camping-lac-matemale@orange.fr](mailto:Camping-lac-matemale@orange.fr) <http://www.camping-lac-matemale.com/index.html> Near Les Angles: <http://www.lesangles.com/saison/>

**Egat.** 16 miles from Matemale. Mountainside terraced site.. A few good walks. [2008]

**Las Clotes,** 4 rue de la Nalga 66120 Egat. 04 68 30 26 90. [michel.marti66 @ orange.fr](mailto:michel.marti66@orange.fr)

<http://www.campinglasclotes-egat-fontromeu.fr/contact>

**Font-Romeu.** In Pyrenees-Orientales (66) in Languedoc Roussillon. East of Andorra near Mont-Louis. Nice campsite on edge of town. Many chalets. Small pool. Snack bar in season. Steep walk to town for shops and restaurants. Views of Pyrenees. Nice walks nearby. Opens 16<sup>th</sup> June. [2016]

**Huttopia Font-Romeu.** Route de Mont Louis, 66120 Font-Romeu-Odeillo-Via, France. +33 4 68 30 09 32.

<http://france.huttopia.com/en/destination/campsite/huttopia-font-romeu-summer/site>

NOTE: this is not wild Pyrenees but a good base. For staying any time of year we recommend Matemale.

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## PROVENCE-ALPES-COTES-D'AZUR Alpes-de-Hautes-Provence [04]

**Seyne [Le vernet].** West of Barcelonnette, East of Gap, South of Lac de Serre-Poncon. Beautiful mountain site on side of lake. [2002]

**Camping Lou Passavous.** Le Vernet 04140 Seyne les Alpes. 04140. +33 (0)492 35 14 67

[loupassavous@orange.fr](mailto:loupassavous@orange.fr) <http://www.loupassavous.com/> NOTE: I am not sure this is correct – for recent visit go to Le Vernet (below)

**Le Vernet.** North of Digne les Bains towards St Vincent les Forts, South of Seyne. Dutch. Neat. Nice walks. Woken by redstarts singing. Must refrain from going over their wooden bridge. Few facilities open but website suggests there may be restaurant and pool. [2017].

**Camping Lou Passavous.** Le Vernet, 04140 Seyne les Alpes. tel +33 (0)492 35 14 67. [loupassavous@orange.fr](mailto:loupassavous@orange.fr)

<https://loupassavous.com/>

**Niozelles.** South of Sisteron, between Brillane and Forcalquier, near small chapel - D. des Anges. Excellent site with excellent restaurant, large proper pool. Nice bike rides and walks. Golden Oorioles. Free WiFi. [2013]

**Moulins de Ventre.** Rn100 Niozelles 04300. 01492786331. [Moulindeventre@aol.com](mailto:Moulindeventre@aol.com). [www.moulin-de-ventre.com](http://www.moulin-de-ventre.com)

**La Larche.** At about 6000'. Our favourite mountain campsite. set amongst larches on the banks of fast river. Fieldfares, lesser whitethroated warblers. Excellent restaurant in site, run by the owners, and also in nearby village. Magnificent long walks. There is a Navette for the 6km up to the plateau [2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015]

**Les Marmottes.** Lieu dit Malboisset, 04530 Larche +33 4 92 84 33 64 (or 06.79.74.86.47) [g.durand@camping-marmottes.fr](mailto:g.durand@camping-marmottes.fr) (or [georges.durand25@wanadoo.fr](mailto:georges.durand25@wanadoo.fr)) <http://www.camping-marmottes.fr/>

## PROVENCE-ALPES-COTES-D'AZUR Hautes-Alpes [05]

**Laye.** A *France Passion* site (2009). On N85 North of Gap. In car park of a laiterie and its restaurant. Nice little village and good walks with views of distant mountains. Dinner was very cheesy. [2009]

**Laiterie du Col Bayard.** 05500 Laye. 04 92 50 50 06. <http://www.laiterie-col-bayard.com/>

**Nevache.** Excellent mountain site by river. North of Briancon, near end of beautiful Vallee de la Claree. Shop in village. Great views of mountains. Nice walks. [2017].

**Camping de la Lame.** Hameau du Roubion, 05100 NEVACHE Tél. : +33 4 92 20 51 91 [camping.nevache@live.fr](mailto:camping.nevache@live.fr) [www.nevache-tourisme.fr/fr/campings/camping-de-la-lame\\_163.htm](http://www.nevache-tourisme.fr/fr/campings/camping-de-la-lame_163.htm)

## PROVENCE-ALPES-COTES-D'AZUR Alpes-Maritimes [06]

**Bar du Loup.** North of Grasse. Small steeply terraced shaded site. Restaurant, pool. Near nice small Provence village. Good walks. Not suitable for van; access paths too steep and winding. [2009]

**Les Gorges du Loup.** 965 chemin des vergers 06620 Bar-sur-Loup. 0493424506. info@lesgorgesduloup.com. <http://www.lesgorgesduloup.com/>

**Vence.** 40 minute drive to Nice. Very large well-shaded site with good pool and restaurant. Set in woodland with nature trails. [2009]

**Domaine de la bergerie.** Route de la Sine. 06140 Vence. (0)4.93.58.09.36. info@camping-domainedelabergerie.com. <http://www.camping-domainedelabergerie.com/emplacements.php?lg=en>

## PROVENCE-ALPES-COTES-D'AZUR Bouches-du-Rhone [13]

**Saintes Maries de la Mer.** In Camargue, South West of Arles. Big dry site on edge of beach. Great walks and rides in the Camargue. Nice pool and small restaurant. 20 minute walk to Saintes Maries which is filled with tourists and every sort of restaurant. [2007, 2010, 2013]

**Clos du Rhone.** +33 (0)4 90 97 85 99 leclos@saintemaries.com <http://www.avignon-et-provence.com/camping-sainte-marie-mer/clos-du-rhone/#.UYTsn7WHuSo>

**Lambesc.** East of Salon de Provence, West of Rognes. Nice site under trees. Pool and restaurant (closed). Kites in shape of buzzards as bird scarers. Nice dutch neighbours. Only suitable as stopover. Flat and few walks etc. [2017].

**Camping de Provence.** 151 Chemin des Ponnes Avenue d'Aix 13410 LAMBESC. 04 42 57 05 78 contact@campinglambesc.fr <http://www.campinglambesc.fr/>

## PROVENCE-ALPES-COTES-D'AZUR Var [83]

**St. Laurent.** South West of Castellane, South of Digne-les-Bains. On a Lake nr Verdon Gorge. Nr Lac de St. Croix. Good lake for swimming and gorge for kayaking. Large site amongst pines. Small pool, and camp restaurant good. Very friendly. Nice walks and rides around the lake. A favourite site. [2007, 2009, 2011, 2015 ]

**LA FARIGOULETTE,** Lac du St Laurent. 04 92 74 41 62 info@camping-la-farigoulette.com <http://www.camping-la-farigoulette.com/content/fr/accueil/1/>

## PROVENCE-ALPES-COTES-D'AZUR Vaucluse [84]

**Avignon.** Site ok for short stay. Crowded but near town. Pool, bar etc [2007, 2013, 2015]

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