

Amis et Pèlerins de Saint-Jacques de la Voie de Vézelay

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Pilgrim road of Vézelay, from Vézelay to Gargillesse and Eguzon

Northern branch via Bourges – Part 2N from La Charité-sur-Loire to Bourges : 62 km

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Meaning abbreviations types of accommodation:

- RPV** Refuge pèlerin de la Voie de Vézelay (pilgrim hostel of the Voie the Vézelay)
- AJ** Auberge de Jeunesse (Youth Hostel)
- APD** Accueil pèlerin à domicile (Private address for pilgrims)
- C** Camping site
- RP** Refuge pèlerin (pilgrim hostel)
- FJT** Foyer de jeunes travailleurs (Home for young workers)
- AHR** Accueil et hébergement religieux (Religious shelter)
- CH** Chambre d'hôtes (Bed and Breakfast)
- HR** Hôtel-Restaurant
- H** Hôtel
- G** Gîte

I-Directions

In the Cher department, the Voie the Vézelay (pilgrim road of Vézelay) is marked by the Association "Amis de Saint-Jacques-de-Compostelle en Berry" (European marking). The marking may differ from this description. Place names in **bold** refer to the end of this document, where shops, places to stay and / or services are listed.

0.0 km **La Charité-sur-Loire (RP-C-HR-H-CH)** (shops, services, restaurants, SNCF station): Notre Dame Church. Take the Rue du Pont, cross the quay and continue across the stone bridge (N151: *dangerous road*) over the Loire, over the island and the suburb, then across the second bridge over a tributary of the Loire. (*Border of the Nièvre and Cher departments*).

0.6 km end of the bridge: cross the intersection and take the footpath opposite, parallel to the N151, left.

2.0 km cross the bridge over the canal along the Loire and proceed to the left of the N151 (*Pay attention!*).

2.2 km intersection with the D45: 200m straight on.

2.4 km leave the N151 and take to the right the Route du Domaine de la Chapelle / Les Thureaux.

2.6 km cross the hamlet of Les Thureaux.

2.8 km in a curve (on the left a reservoir): take to the left the small road between trees, direction Domaine de La Chapelle.

3.0 km cross a stream.

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- 3.9 km arrival at a crossroads, take the D198 to the left (Route de Jarnay), direction l'Etang and the N151.
- 4.5 km L'Etang: just before the N151: take a small road to the right, first between houses and then through forest, direction Champ du Renard. When leaving the forest: straight ahead, through fields.
- 6.4 km Le Champ du Renard (asphalt): continue straight ahead.
- 6.6 km intersection: straight ahead, to La Tuilerie.
- 7.0 km La Tuilerie: straight on.
- 7.5 km crossing: turn left, direction Sancergues.
- 8.6 km arrival at the N151 (*Pay attention!*): turn right (footpath on the left), enter Saint-Germain-des-Champs, and continue straight on to Sancergues.
- 9.4 km bridge over the Vauvise: enter Sancergues, via the Grande Rue.
- 9.6 km **SANCERGUES (HR)** (*shops and services*): church, Place Saint-Jacques. Continue along the N151.
- 9.9 km intersection with the D72 and D6: take the D6 (Avenue de la Libération) to the left, direction Garigny, Nérondes.
- 10.2 km turn right, towards the college, and ignore the Rue des Points (left).
- 10.3 km turn left into the Rue de Tannois, past the college.
- 10.5 km end of the asphalt: continue via the winding dirt road, through fields.
- 10.9 km small building with flat roof: continue straight, slightly up.
- 11.2 km branch left: continue diagonally to the right (direction water tower).
- 11.4 km bifurcation: follow the small road turning left.
- 11.8 km Les Petites Maisons: once there, pass them to the left.
- 12.0 km arrival at the D25: take the road to the right, to Charentonnay.
- 13.2 km Charentonnay: church. Continue along the D25.
- 13.8 km crossing (roadcross): take the D51 to the right, along the town hall. After 20 m: turn left, onto the D72, direction Couy.
- 14.7 km junction: take the small road to the right.
- 15.0 km end of the asphalt: continue straight on, via a dirt track.
- 15.5 km arrival onto an asphalted road: turn left.
- 16.8 km Pouligny: straight on.
- 17.5 km ignore the Route de la Metairie (right) and continue straight on. [After 300 m: Bordonnat, municipality of **SEVRY (APD)**, left, at 800m].
- 18.0 km descend to the left and cross a stream.
- 18.9 km junction with the D72E (roadcross La Croix Ste-Anne): turn left, to Couy [*Mesonguarde, municipality of SEVRY (APD): right, at less than 2km*].
- 20.0 km **COUY (CH)** (*café-tabac-grocery*): church (Place de la Libération). Turn right, onto the D53, direction Baugy / Chaumoux.
- 20.6 km junction: take the small asphalted road to the left, towards the road cross, then walk around a big house, via a grassy small road to the right, along a hedge.
- 21.4 km Le Marigny: arrival on a road, turn right.
- 22.4 km back on the D53: cross and continue straight on, via a grassy small road.
- 22.7 km crossroads: turn left, continue up, follow the ridge, through fields.
- 23.9 km crossing: straight ahead. Along a detached house (right).
- 24.5 km back on the D53: continue diagonally to the right.
- 24.8 km crossing: take a small road to the left, direction l'Etang de Pignoux. [**GRON Les Chapelles (CH)** right, at 2km]
- 25.0 km farm of l'Etang de Pignoux; leave the asphalt before the farm and continue straight on, via an unpaved road, following a high-voltage line. After 50m: cross a small bridge and then turn right at a crossroads (white barrier on the right). Continue straight on, between fences and hedges.
- 26.6 km the unpaved road becomes asphalted (house): continue.
- 26.7 km cross the D93 and take the small road straight ahead.
- 26.9 km hives on the right.
- 27.1 km on the left: marking «eau» (= water).
- 28.1 km Monti Fault farm (municipality of **BAUGY (APD)**): ignore the gravel road (right) and continue via the small road opposite.
- 28.9 km arrival onto the asphalt (factory on the left): follow the road (Chemin de Montifaut).
- 29.5 km cemetery on the left: straight on.
- 29.7 km crossing with the D12 ("Stop"): turn diagonally right; D12
- 30.1 km crossing with the D10 ("Stop", town hall): turn right (Rue du 8 mai 1945) then left, the D12 (rue du Gué Joye).
- 30.3 km **BAUGY (RP)** (*shops and services*): church. Follow the D12, direction Villabon and Bourges (attention: busy road).

- 33.9 km sign Villabon.
- 35.0 km **VILLABON (RP)** (bakery, post): church. Continue along the D12, direction Bourges.
- 35.4 km Croix Saint-Abdon: leave the D12 and turn right, into the Rue de Brécy, which later becomes a dirt road, towards the forest.
- 36.1 km branching right: keep following the dirt road, straight ahead, through the woods (Forêt communale de Villabon).
- 37.0 km crossing when leaving the forest: take the lane to the left, to the road.
- 37.4 km arrival at the D12: turn right.
- 38.6 km junction with the D157: turn right, direction Brécy.
- 39.6 km arrival at the N151 ("Stop"): cross and continue straight ahead, to Brécy (*watch the traffic*).
- 40.6 km crossing of the D52: continue to the left, entering Brécy.
- 40.8 km **BRECY (GP-G-CH)** (shops and services): church.
- 40.9 km crossing (roundabout) D12 / D52 (Place Saint-Firmin): straight ahead, via the D52, direction Sainte-Solange (Rue Sainte-Solange).
- 43.7 km crossing of La Maison Neuve (cross): straight ahead.
- 46.4 km bridge over the Ouatier.
- 46.6 km **SAINTE SOLANGE** (shops, pharmacy, post): at a small roundabout near the church: take diagonally left the D46 (Rue Saint-Martin du Crot), direction Moulins-sur-Yères / Vignoux / Les Aix.
- 46.7 km on the triple jump: take diagonally right the D155, direction **Saint-Germain-du-Puy (HR-CH)** (shops and services) (Route de Saint-Germain-du-Puy, with wide grass verge).
- 47.6 km cross the former railway: straight on (*while leaving Sainte-Solange, left at the end of fields: limetree lane and chapel of the martyr Sainte Solange, on the banks of the Ouatier*).
- 48.6 km in a curve: leave the D155 and take, diagonally right after 20m, a grassy small road that descends to trees, through fields.
- 48.9 km Passage du Colin: ford or small metal bridge.
- 49.0 km branching left: straight ahead (little-used road).
- 49.4 km crossroads: take the grassy small road to the right, up, through fields, heading north.
- 49.9 km crossing (small wood): take the small road to the left, right-angle bend (ancient Roman road).
- 50.4 km intersection: cross the road and continue straight on (*on the left: view towards the Saint-Etienne Cathedral, on the horizon*): straight ahead.
- 51.5 km pass under a high-voltage line (ignoring a small road (left)): straight ahead.
- 52.3 km crossroads: straight on.
- 52.9 km the small road turns to the right, along the old road, through a small forest.
- 53.2 km arrival at the D955 (*Pay attention!*): cross and then follow the small road again, to the right.
- 53.5 km passage of a stream (small wooden bridge): straight on, keep following the old Roman road.
- 54.0 km views towards Bourges and the cathedral.
- 54.4 km arrival onto asphalt (La Guenoisterie) (kennel): straight ahead.
- 54.8 km crossing of the D151 (*Pay attention!*): Cross and continue straight on via an unpaved road. (*Maybe here in 2015 the construction of the new ring road around Bourges will start*).
- 55.0 km Turn right and walk along the ring road to the bridge of the D33.
- 55.9 km Turn left, cross the viaduct, then turn left again and walk back along the ring road, again via a dirt road.
- 56.8 km Turn right. You are then back on the old Roman road.
- 57.7 km return onto asphalt (Rue Turly): sign Voie the Vézelay. Continue straight on, until the railway. Successively passing: schools, traffic lights, sports center and university, traffic lights.
- 60.1 km «Stop»: continue opposite via the Avenue Arnaud de Vogüé, descending.
- 60.4 km major intersection of the N151 (Route de la Charité) (*on the right: Chemin de Saint-Ladre and the cemetery of Saint-Lazare: site of a former leper colony*) - cross and take the metal footbridge over the railway.
- 60.6 km after the bridge [**head towards the station and direction Saint-Doulchard for the convent of L'Annonciade (AHR)**]. Straight on, via the Avenue Marx Dormoy, and cross the Yèvre.
- 60.9 km bridge over the Voisselle: straight on, via the Rue Edouard Vaillant.
- 61.3 km Place Saint-Bonnet (*on the left: the church of Saint-Bonnet, with a relic of Saint-Jacques*): cross the square and the Boulevard de la République, and take straight ahead the Rue Jean Girard.
- 61.4 km Place Gordaine (*old houses, end of the Roman road*): cross and take the Rue Coursarlon to the right (pedestrian area), up (*old timbered houses*).
- 61.6 km turn left into the Rue Porte Jaune, towards the cathedral.
- 61.9 km Place Etienne Dolet.
- 62.0 km **BOURGES (AHR-AJ-APD-C-HR-H-CH)** (shops and services, SNCF railway station): Saint-Etienne Cathedral (facade).

II-accomodation along the pilgrim road

The first number indicates the number of kilometers from the previous town or village; the second number ("cumul tronçon") indicates: the total from the beginning of this part of the route.

LA CHARITE-SUR-LOIRE 58400 km 000

RP - Refuge pèlerin municipal - 2 place du Prieuré – (key: Tourist Office (Office de Tourisme) - tel : 03 86 70 15 06.

C*** - camping site municipal de la Saulaie - Quai de la Saulaie - tel : 03 86 70 00 83 or town hall - tel : 03 86 70 16 12.

HR - La Pomme d'Or** - 8 avenue Gambetta - tel : 03 86 70 34 82.

HR - Le Mille et une Feuilles** - 23 avenue Gambetta (near the station) - tel : 03 86 70 09 61.

H - Le Bon Laboureur** - quai Romain Mollot (Ile de la Loire) - tel : 03 86 70 22 85.

CH - Mme COUX - 8 rue du Puits Neuf - Le Cogoon - tel : 06 30 57 02 72.

CH - L'Orée des Remparts - 45 rue de Paris - tel : 03 86 68 69 10.

CH - Mme Tardif - "Le Logis du Pont" - 9 rue du Pont - tel : 03 86 70 11 25 or 06 03 79 42 53.

CH - W. Ira Schulz - "Maison de la Loire" - Ile du Faubourg - 5 rue du général Auger - tel : 03 86 70 29 63
or 06 98 28 63 65 - mail : Ira@Dialogue58.org - website : www.maison-loire.de

SANCERGUES 18140 km 9,6 - cumul tronçon : 9,6 km

Hôtel Brasserie - "AUX BLASONS" - 44 Grande rue - tel : 02 48 72 53 23 and 06 07 26 66 86 - mail : auxblasons@bbox.fr.

SEVRY 18140 km 9,5 - cumul tronçon : 18,9 km

APD - M. Mme DOUSSET - Mesangarde - tel 02 48 72 72 36 or 06 67 47 81 67 - call in advance.

APD - M. Mme POTIER - Bondonnat, at 800m, via the small road left before the bridge - tel : 02 48 72 74 14 - call in advance.

COUY 18140 km 1,1 - cumul tronçon : 20,0 km

CH*** - Mme LAVEAU - 2-4, L'Omnie - tel : 02 48 72 88 16 or 06 83 29 46 09

GRON 18800 km 6,2 - cumul tronçon : 24,8 km

CH*** - (M. DESRATS) - Les Chapelles (at 2km, via a small road to the right, opposite La route de l'Etang de Pignoux) - tel : 02 48 68 51 49.

VILLEQUIERS 18800 km 1,9 - cumul tronçon : 26,7

CH - (Mme Lainé) - Le Grand Azilon - at 700m, left, via the D93 - tel : 02 48 26 15 34 and 06 81 01 82 41.

BAUGY 18800 km 3,6 - cumul tronçon : 30,3 km

APD - M. en Mme DE LAMERVILLE - Montifault (2km before the center) - tel : 02 48 26 19 97 and 06 79 29 66 91 - call in advance.

RP - Refuge pèlerin municipal - 12 rue du Gué Joye – (key: town hall - tel : 02 48 26 15 28).

VILLABON 18800 km 4,7 - cumul tronçon : 35,0 km

RP - Refuge pèlerin municipal – key: town hall - tel : 02 48 69 21 64 or Mme Joëlle PROISSY tel : 02 48 69 25 54.

FARGES-EN-SEPTAINE 18800 km 3 (not on the Voie de Vézelay, via the D36)

CH - (M. Rouet) - 7 route du Vieux Moulin - tel : 02 48 69 16 01.

BRECY 18220 km 5,8 (from Villabon) - cumul tronçon : 40,8 km

GP - Gîte pèlerin municipal – key: bar/restaurant "Chez Claudette" - tel : 02 48 66 11 28.

G - Gîte rural - 9 rue Saint-Firmin - tel : 02 48 66 13 40.

CH – pilgrim's accomodation (Mme Ferrand) - Benveau (4km north, via the D12) - tel : 02 48 66 12 66 - call in advance, also to be picked up in Brécy (and back).

CH - Claire KOHL - hamlet "Francheville" - 7 chemin de la Fauconnière - (5km east of Brécy) - tel : 02 36 24 00 22 - mail : info@lafauconniere.com - website : www.lafauconniere.com - call in advance, also to be picked up in Brécy (and back).

SAINT-GERMAIN-DU-PUY 18390 km 11,5 - cumul tronçon : 51 km

HR - Auberge de la Colombière - 36 rue Jean Jaurès à Fenestrelay - tel : 02 48 65 05 47.

CH - (M. Jolly) - Domaine de Jacquelin - tel : 02 48 30 84 97.

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BOURGES 18000 km 9.7 - cumul tronçon : 62 km

AHR - Monastère de l'Annonciade in **18240-SAINT-DOULCHARD** - 115 route de Vouzeron (D104) - tel : 02.48.65.57.65 – call in advance.

AJ - Auberge de jeunesse Jacques Coeur - 2 rue Henri Sellier - tel : 02.48.24.58.09.

APD - (M. Mme Melin) - 17 rue Fernault -tel : 02.48.65.25.57 - 06 45 77 98 32 - call in advance.

C - camping site municipal Robinson - 26 bd de l'Industrie - tel : 02 48 20 16 85 -from March until November.

HR - Inter-Hôtel Le Berry** - 3 place du Général Leclerc - tel : 02.48.65.99.30.

HR - Le Cygne** - 10 place du Général Leclerc - tel : 02.48.70.51.05.

HR - Carnot* - 53 avenue Carnot - tel : 02.48.67.08.94.

HR - Ibis Centre-Ville - 2 rue Vladimir Jankélévitch, quartier du Prado - tel : 02 48 65 89 99.

H - Le Christina** - 5 rue de la Halle - tel : 02.48.70.56.50.

H - Olympia Contact Hôtel** - 66 avenue d'Orléans - tel : 02.48.70.49.84.

H - Saint-Jean** - 23 avenue Max Dormoy - tel : 02.48.24.13.48.

H - La Nation* - 24 place de la Nation - tel : 02.48.24.11.96.

H - de l'Etape* - 4 rue Raphaël-Casanova - tel : 02.48.70.59.47.

H - Le Central Hôtel - 6 rue du Dr Témoin - tel : 02.48.24.10.25.

H - Hôtel Arcane** - 2 place du Général Leclerc - tel : 02 48 24 20 87.

H - Inter Hôtel les Tilleuls** - 7 place de la Pyrotechnie - tel : 02 48 20 49 04.

H - Kyriad Bourges Sud** - 15 Le Hameau d'Icare - Route d'Issoudun-N 151 - tel : 02 48 20 14 30.

H - Brit Hotel Olympia** - 66 avenue d'Orléans - tel : 02 48 70 49 84.

CH - Les Arènes - 53 rue des Arènes - tel : 06 07 62 26 81.

CH - Avaricum - 10 rue Viala - tel : 06 69 59 78 51.

CH - Le Mozaïc - 3 rue Bertin - tel : 02 48 26 58 08 or 06 62 24 44 81.

CH - Le Prinal - 7 rue du Prinal - tel : 02 48 24 92 84.

CH - Les Marais - 68 chemin des Prébendes - tel : 02 48 70 12 66 or 06 83 13 41 44.

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