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JUVARDEIL

Path of the Gabarots*

*Gabarot or gabare : traditional river boat

4 H 00

16,9 km



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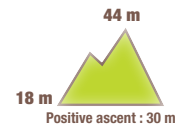
Our discovery of Juvardeil starts with the river, previously a factor of economic prosperity, today a relaxing environment developed for leisure activities. Our walk takes us through the picturesque wooded countryside of Haut Anjou to the banks of the Sarthe river.

LOCATION

30 mins North of Angers
(toward Sablé-sur-Sarthe)

PARKING

Near the holiday rental « Rives et Gabare »
N 47.6576 °, W 0.4966 °



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— Right way

↔ Change direction

✗ Wrong way

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DIFFICULTIES !

- The banks of the Sarthe river are floodable land.



WHAT TO SEE ON THE WAY

- Road signs illustrated by Jean-Louis Pesch (author of « Sylvain and Sylevette »),
- Historical and environmental discovery trail along the towpath
- Country seat of « La Cadière » (XVIIth)
- Castle of « La Cour de Cellières » (XVIth), La Gandonnière farm (1565)
- Manor house of « La Poitevineière » (where Charles of Bonchamps lived)
- River ferry on the Sarthe in Juvardeil : making a long round trip via Châteauneuf possible (taking the GR of the « Pays des Basses Vallées Angevine » (low-lying valleys of Anjou)
- Basses Vallées Angevines (low-lying valleys of Anjou) : floodable zones classified Natura 2000



WHAT TO SEE IN THE REGION

- Châteauneuf-sur-Sarthe : River House (« Maison de la rivière »)
- Chenillé-Changé : fortified mill on the Mayenne river
- Feneu : Montriou castle garden

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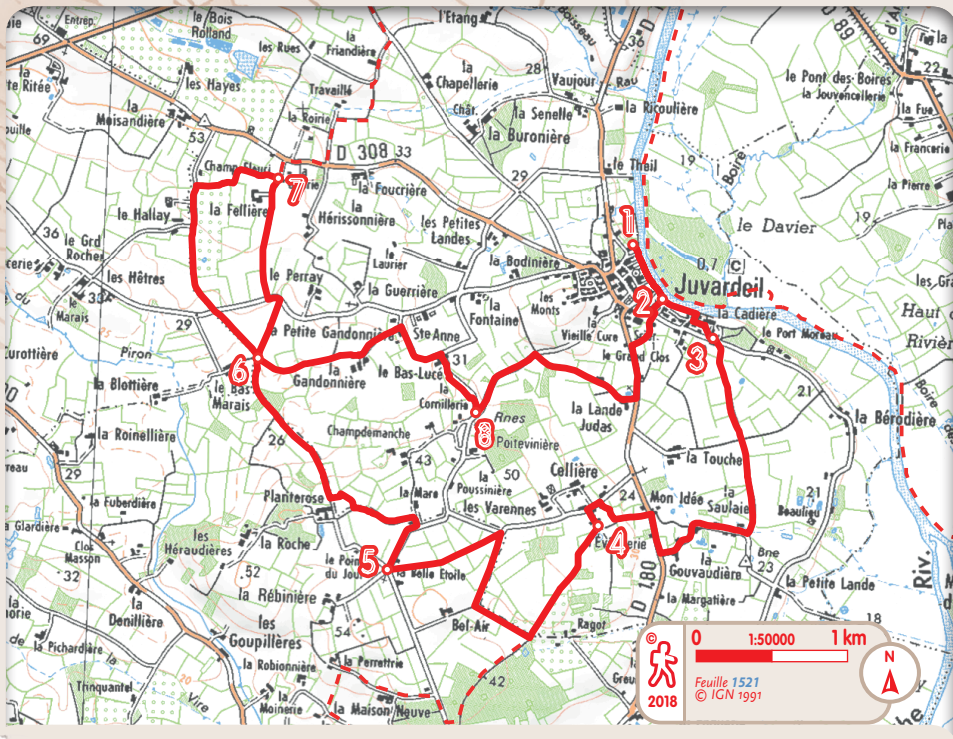
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Banks of the river Sarthe



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HERITAGE, TRADITIONS, HISTORY

JUVARDEIL, A VILLAGE OF BOATMEN

Located at the very Northern end of the Basses Vallées Angevines, prettily nestled along the Sarthe river, Juvardail, whose origins date back over a thousand years, is the place of birth of the Marquis of Bonchamps and Jean-Louis Pesch (author of Sylvain and Sylvette). The village's development was closely linked to this toll-paying river. Here in the XVIIth century a river gateway enabled river boats to cross roadways. Together with Nantes and Montjean, Juvardail was the main centre for the construction of the « chalands », large Loire river boats, which contributed

to the prosperity of the village. These wooden river boats were over 30 metres long and were used to transport cereals, stones, hemp and wine to the Loire.



Discovery trail in the « Basses Vallées Angevines »

- 1 Walk down towards the Sarthe river by the « Rives Gabare » holiday rental (panel at starting point). Continue to your right between the Sarthe and the gardens.
- 2 Carry straight on and walk up the road on the right, before the fences and the picnic table. Turn left.
- 3 At > La Cadière, turn right on to the wide stone track, continue to the quarry. On the way take a right turn towards La Ganerie, carry on till you reach the D 108 road, then turn right. Pass by Lévêquerie. Take the track on your left at La Fassièrre and continue to Fournil Lécopain. Turn left and left again after the stone-built houses of hameau > Les Cellières.
- 4 At the junction with a well, take the track on your right. Continue along this shady path to the junction. Turn right on to a wide path then right again on to a track. Carry straight on. Just before the road take the grassy path on your left and continue to La Roche - Planterose junction of 5 roads.
- 5 Turn right and continue on the road. Turn left on the path towards La Mare, La Cornillèrre. Continue and then turn left. Go round the house, follow the path to the junction ; take the path on your right, continue and turn right again at the junction, follow to junction with alternative route.
- 6 > 13.5 km trail:
Turn right. At the end of this path turn left towards the farm. Leaving it behind you continue along the road. Take the path on your right, then a small road on your right. After the bend take the path parallel to the road, then once again the road till you reach the junction.
- 6 Continue along the path ahead ; cross over a small road and continue to the next road. Turn right and carry on alongside an orchard of walnut trees. After a depot turn right, then the small shady path on your left, continue to the road and turn right (L Fellièrre – XVIth century)
- 7 Take the grassy path ahead to the road, then turn left, continue a short way and take the wooden foot-bridge on your right. Carry straight on. End of the round trip, turn left.
- 8 Fork off to the left. Turn right again on to the shady dirt track. Continue straight ahead on the road till you reach the junction with a calvary, turn left. Leave the road and take a grassy path on your right. Continue along the path on your left, between new houses, till you reach the main road. Fork off to your left. After 100 m, walk down again on your right to the banks of the Sarthe.
- 2 Turn left to return to starting point.