Sainte-Maure-de-Touraine / Châtellerault

La Scandibérique

Départ
Ste-Maure-de-Touraine

Arrivée
Châtellerault

Durée
2 h 45 min

Distance
41,26 Km

Niveau
I cycle often

Thématique
Industrial heritage

Here, following the Scandibérique brings you back beside a river, this time the Vienne, at Marcilly-sur-Vienne. This stage follows its west bank, offers views of lovely landscapes. Vaux-sur-Vienne, climbing the slope from the river, is a village in a lovely green setting from which to embark on walks. Finally, the town of Châtellerault comes into view. Before and after World War I, it was known for manufacturing Lebel guns; after the factory closed in 1968, it was subsequently transformed into an ice-skating rink and cultural space, a sign of peace for future generations.

The route

Mainly on minor roads. Take care entering Châtellerault, with the round-abouts either side of the Henri IV Bridge. Signposting for the EV3 has been put in place through the county of Vienne.

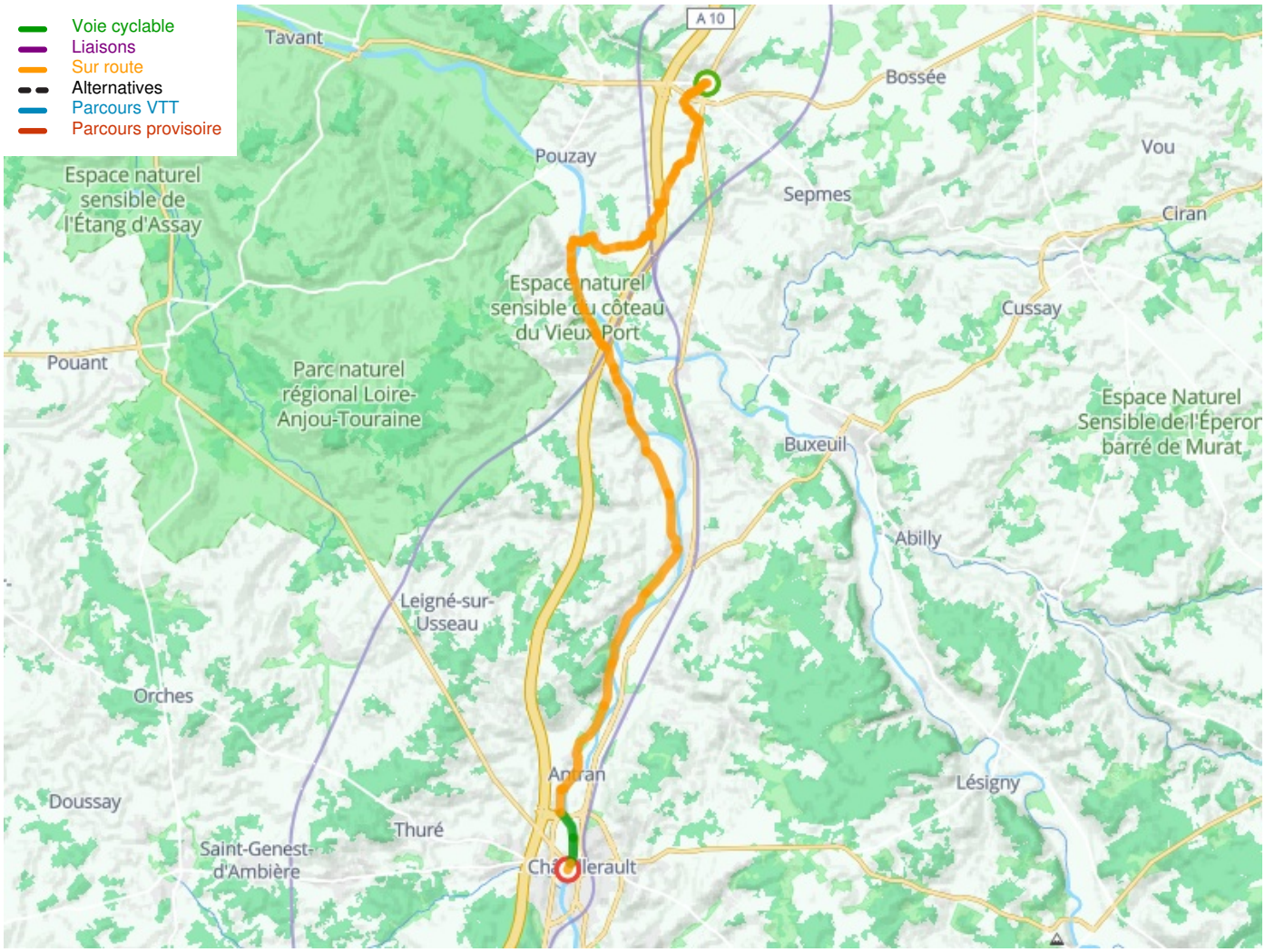
Surfacing smooth: asphalt

Trains

- Sainte-Maure Noyant train station
- Maillé train station
- Les Ormes train station
- Ingrandes train station
- Châtellerault train station

Don’t miss

- **Ste-Maure de Touraine**: Boumiers neolithic dolmen; the château; the church; the remarkable covered market
- **Maillé**: Maison du Souvenir, recalling how German forces destroyed the village in 1944, after which it was reconstructed
- **Draché**: the neolithic menhir of La Pierre Percée
- **Nouâtre**: the remnants of the Château de la Motte
- **Ingrandes-sur-Vienne**: the church; the Domaine de la Groie, with the remnants of a medieval château
- **Châtellerault**: its heritage, including industrial



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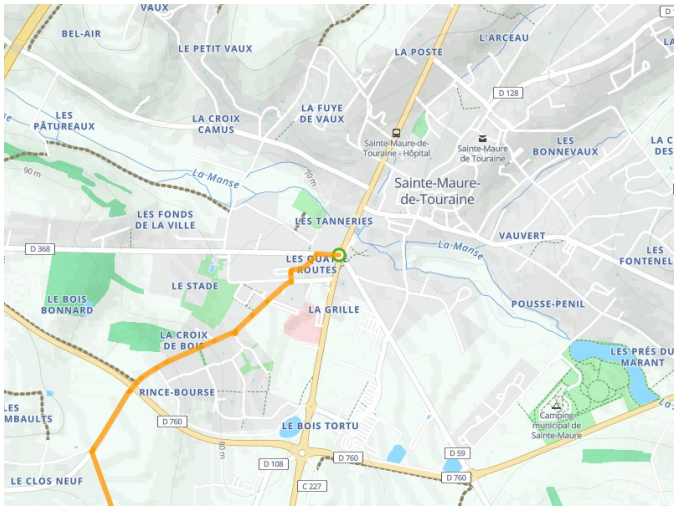

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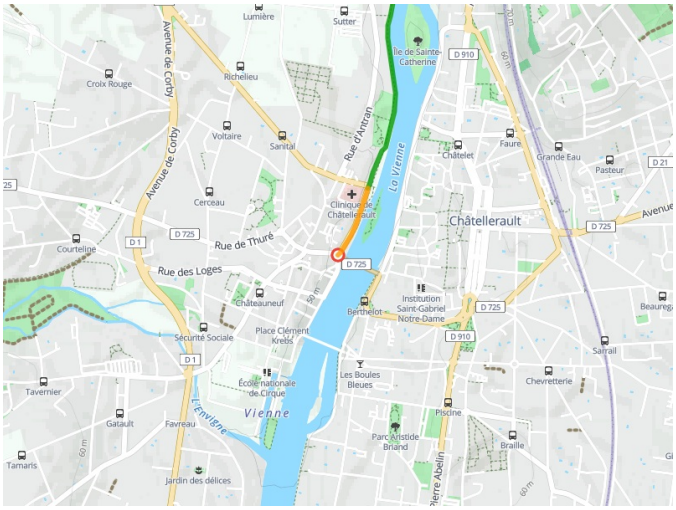
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