

ANTHONY CAMPSITE GUIDE TO FRANCE 2019

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THE CAMPSITES

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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

Merville-Franceville Plage. Ten miles from Oistraham 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, 2019]

Le Point du Jour. Route de Cabourg, 14810 Merville-Franceville Plage. 0231242334. Point-du-jour@lespiedsdansleau.com. In Les pieds dans l'eau organisation.

Merville-Franceville Plage. Ten miles from Oistraham on road towards Cabourg. Direct access to vast sandy beach. Next to Le Point du Jour (further on towards Cabourg). No swimming pool. Very informal. We prefer to the other site. 15 minute walk to restaurant.

Camping de la Mer, Route de Cabourg, 14810 MERVILLE FRANCEVILLE PLAGE. [2018]

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

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.

Montjean-sur-Loire . West of Angers.

La Promenade (Flower camping)*. On bank of Loire. Very good restaurant by the bridge in village (10 minutes walk). Nice walks by river. Small pool. [2018]

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.

Ricordeau near Mayenne. Between Mayenne and Alencon.

France Passion, L'Escargots Mayennais (listed as Marcille la ville)*. They call their farm L'Aventura. Strange site on a snail farm. 1 million snails kept in by electric fence. Grassy sloping. Nice walks on little roads.

Sarthe [72]

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

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 Molières. Sille Plage, 72140 sille-le-Guillaume. 0243201612. Molieres@camping-indigo.com.

Vendee[85]

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

Camping La Michenotière, Route d'Angles, 85560 Longeville/Mer. 02 51 33 38 85. contact@camping-la-michenotiere.fr

CENTRE

Cher [18]

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

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

Camping Rene Fotlzer 0248 540467 [2007, 2009, 2011]

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.

Aubigny sur Nere. South west of Orleans. Nice wooded site near the Sologne and its Loire chateaux 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

Lac Rille. 22 Km North of river Loire, North-East of Saumur. Excellent very friendly site in woodland by a large lake which is a bird sanctuary. Easy access for launching kayaks. Small pool [cold out of season]; simple, good camp restaurant. Small shop but 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.

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]

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

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

Cloyes sur Le Loir. Between Chateaudun and Vendome.

Camping le Val Fleuri*. B.P 8 - 28220 - Cloyes-sur-le-Loir, Eure-et-Loir - Centre - Val de Loire - France. Very large site aimed at children with families -2 pools, train, ponies, pedalo, kayak, bouncy castle. Pitches shady and ok. Not our sort of site. BUT: Nice small restaurant. Short walk to beautiful village on bank of Le Loir. Very good restaurants. [2019]

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 with restaurant (often closed) and good small shop. 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.

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.

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 pizza from a pizza machine- very good.

Le Pre aux Moines. Avenue de la Gare, 41360 Savigny-sur-Braye. +33 800 10 14 01 campingsavigny@vestagestion.com

BOURGOGNE (Burgundy)

Nievre [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

Maux. Between Nevers and Chateau-Chinon

France Passion site* Excellent. Next to a chateau and farm. Nice walks. Very friendly. Charolais cattle. Watched them herding cattle with horses.

Saone et Loire [71]

La Celle en Morvan. Between Chateau Chinon and Autun. Pool. Well organised Dutch site, shady by river. Hoopoes, nightingales, damselflies. 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

FRANCHE-COMTE

Jura [39]

Le Doucier. Between Lons-le-Saunier and Champagnole.

Domaine de l'Épinette. 15 rue de l'Épinette 39130 CHATILLON. Inexpensive and nice with small pool and restaurant. Big shady pitches, bit sloping. On river with kayak access. [2019]. NB The website shows the site is nearer Chatillon than Le Doucier but our pictures look like theirs!

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;

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. 05 55 62 84 36. info@les3lacs-creuse.com

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

Le chateau de Poinsoze. (33) 05 55 65 02 21.

Royere de Vassivière (Vauveix, Lac Vassivière). East of Limoges, North East of Eymoutiers.

Terraced site on edge of the lake. Good beach. We learned to kayak here. Restaurants nearby.[1998, 2012]

Camping Municipal Vauveix. 23460 Royere de Vassivière. TEL : 05 55 64 78 36.

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

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. *France Passion* site. On Gueret road, Near Bagnat and Roche. 0664954152.

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.

Puy d'Anche. Near Sauze-Vaussais. South East of Niort, North of Ruffec. *France Passion* site*. Black pig farm. Restaurant (closed for special occasion). Nice walks. [2018]

Charente [16]

Chez Richon. Near St.-Même-les-Carrières Between Cognac and Angoulême.

France Passion. Cognac Michel Forgeron.* Lovely in orchard amongst vines. Had enjoyable tasting of cognac with Michel and Francine. Nice walks amongst the vines, harvesting being due next day. [2019]

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

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].

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 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 04 71 78 64 20 mairie.trizac@wanadoo.fr

Neuveglise. 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, Neuveglise, Auvergne 15260. Tel: 00 33 4 71 23 50 50.

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]

Vorey. 16 Km North of Le Puy en Velay, South West of Clermont Ferrand. 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. contact@camping-les-moulettes.fr

St. Paulien. South of Chaise-Dieu, North West of Le Puy en Velay in South Auvergne. This was alternative to nearby excellent Vorey site that was full (see 2010). Good site with restaurant, small shop, small pool. In low hill countryside with nice walks. [2013]

La Rochelambert. Rte de Lanthenas. 0471005402. 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.

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

Ferme de Mathias Campsite 43430 Fay-sur-Lignon, France mairiefaysurlignon@wanadoo.fr

Puy de Dome [63]

St Gervais d'Auvergne. North West of Riom and Clermont-Ferrand.

Camping Municipal, L'Etaing de Philippe*. By big lake. Near village with 5 restaurants all closed. Snack bar (closed). Only good for one night stops. [2019]

RHONE-ALPES

Ain [01]

Montrevel en Bresse. South East of Pont de Vaux and North of Bourg 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.

Massignieu de Rives]. East of Belley.

Camping Lac du Lit du Roi. 922 route de Montaplan, 01300 Massignieu-de-Rives, France. Wonderful site with good shady pitches on shore of a small lake. Small pool. Jetty for launching kayaks etc. Very good restaurant. Many egrets and dragonflies. On the way down from our visit to Lausanne. [2019]

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

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.

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.

Luc en Diois. South West of Die in mountain area. Excellent site. Under trees. Snack bar in season. Near 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.

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 river rocky-bedded river bed. Nice countryside. This was our poor alternative to Lus de Croix Haute (further north). [2013]

L'Hirondelle. Bois de Saint Ferreol, 26410 Menglon. 0475218208. contact@campinghirondelle.com.

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 Their website

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

AQUITAINE

Dordogne [24]

Le Bugue. On river Vézère, West of Sarlat la Caneda. Shady site with 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

St Aulaye. Between Libourne and Bergerac.

Camping La Rivière Fleurie*. Next to Dordogne. Good restaurant and pool, nice walks and bike rides. La Rivière Fleurie, 180, rue Théophile Cart 24230 Saint Antoine de Breuilh. [2018]

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 sand dunes 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.

St. Symphorien. North part of Les Landes, South of Sauternes and Bordeaux.

Camping Vert Bord'Eau*. 2 au moulin de Lescroumpes (route de Sore D220) - 33113 SAINT SYMPHORIEN Tél : 05 56 25 79 54 - 06 07 08 37 28 - camping@vertbordeau.com. Good restaurant small pool. Friendly place. Very near supermarket. Amongst pines. Nice walks. [2018, 2019]

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 [restaurant etc]. [2010]

Camping Azur'Rivage 720, Route des campings 40140 AZUR. Tél. : 05 58 48 30 72 - E-mail : info@campingazurivage.com

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.

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.

Aramits. South west of Oloron Ste Marie.

Baretous-Pyrenees. Campsite Barétous-Pyrénées, 6 chemin Ripaude Aramits - 64570. Oloron-St-Marie take the D919 towards Arette (about 13 km). Excellent. Small pool. Good restaurant/snack bar. Good pitches. Restaurants in town (close). Very good walks and bike rides. Good Wifi. Saw buzzards, kites, Egyptian vulture, dipper. [2018]

Louvie-Juzon. South of Pau, South East of Oloron Ste Marie

Camping Le Rey*. 1 route de Lourdes, 64260 Louvie-Juzon France. Neat small site. Small pool (closed). Free wifi. Very good small camp restaurant. Run down town has nothing in it. Nowhere to walk or ride. [2018]

MIDI-PYRENEES

Ariege [09]

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

Camping les 4 Saisons +33 5 61 96 55 55

St. Giron. West of Foix, South East of St. Gaudens.

Parc de Paletes*. Allée des Orchidées 09200 Saint-Giron. Good site with pool and small restaurant. Nice pitches but all on terraces with steep walks to get anywhere. Town not close enough for easy walk.

Le Maz d'Azil. North East of St. Giron, North West of Foix. Excellent large relaxed site. Shady pitches. Very good snack bar/restaurant. Small pool (closed). 2km to village. Walks. 2018

Le Petit Pyreneen*. le Castagnès, 09290 Le Mas d'Azil. 07 87 06 12 72

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. 0565 999 513. campvalfleuri@aol.com.

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 Their website Review site with pics

Gers [32]

Lac de Thoux, St. Cricq. South of Montfort, West of Toulouse]. Wonderful site by lake. Pool was cold. Kayaked illegally in lake [no problem; maybe more difficult in full campsite]. Good restaurant. [2008, 2012, 2014]

Camping Lac de Thoux Saint-Cricq. +33(0)5 62 65 71 29 contact@camping-lacdethoux.com

Mirande. 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

Hautes-Pyrenees [65]

Aragnouet. South of St. Lary Soulan, West of Bagneres-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

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

Le Peguere, Route de Pierrefitte 65110 Auterets. 05 62 92 52 91. campingpegueres@wanadoo.fr

Heches. East of Lannamezan, South East of Tarbes. Up the Vallee d'Aurie towards Aragnouet tunnel.

Camping La Beurie*. *Camping La bourie, Hameau de Rebouc.* 65 250 Hèches. -Nice site well back from road beside fast overfull river. In foothills. Nice walks. Pool and snack bar (both closed).

Village 15 minute walk perhaps with pizza restaurant. I remember it for the big brick chimney stack. website NB there are other websites that look as if they are different campsite so check.

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

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.

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

LANGUEDOC-ROUSILLON

Aude [11]

Tuchan. c 40 miles North-West of Perpignan. Simple site very near village. Nice small pool. Simple good restaurant. 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 La Peirière. 0033 468 454650 lapeiriere@caramail.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 – Tél International : 33 4 68 48 28 25

Carcassonne. Campsite walking distance from town. [2006]

Campeole Camping de la Cite 0468 251177

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

Vieussan. Halfway between St Pons de Thomieres and Baderieux.

France Passion site. Domaine Carriere-Audier. Excellent inexpensive wine (St Chinian region). Friendly shady site. Nice walks. Next to river with kayaking. Dog ate our cake. [2018]

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, East of Millau, West of Ales, North West of Ganges; half way between Montpellier and Florac. On D999. Very good very friendly site on bank of river Arre, small pool, shop, snack restaurant. Redstarts. [2011, 2012, 2014, 2016]

Camping Le Val de l'Arre. Route du pont de la Croix 30120 Le Vigan. 04.67.81.02.77.

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. Rather narrow access road. Free wifi. This was a successful alternative to Le Vigan site. [2013]
Camping Isis en Cevennes. Domaine De St Julien, Saint Julien De La Nef, Languedoc Roussillon 30440. 0033 467 738 028. contact@isisencevennes.com.

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

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. Website
Nearby cheaper site: **Camping Méditerranée **** 34110 Frontignan-Plage Tel : 04.99.04.92.32 / 06.49.39.03.79 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. 81320 Nages. 33 56 33 72 471.

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

St Pons- de-Thomieres. North of Narbonne, East of Castres, North West of Beziers. Dutch site; communal dinner is provided on some evenings. Long walk down to town. Karen & Martin. Wooded nice shady site but few facilities. [2006] For a campsite that may be this [click here](#). Not recommended compared with: Les Cerisier du Jaur

St Pons- de-Thomieres.

Les Cerisiers du Jaur Route de Bédarieux, Saint Pons de Thonnières 34220, France. 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] [2019]

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]

Col de Croix de Bor (*wild camping*). In Margeride hills, near St. Alban-s-Limagnole, North of Mende. Excellent wild camp site up long track away from road. Great views, walks and bike rides. [2008-2013, 2015, 2016]. NB warned it is illegal to camp here now.

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.

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. Tél. 04 66 48 50 53

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.

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.

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 [2017]

Pyrenees-Orientale [66]

Arges 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.[2006, 2008,2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019]

Le Soleil rte du Littoral 66700 ARGELES SUR MER 04 68 81 14 48

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

Camping du Lac. 04 68 30 9449

Egat. 16 miles from Matamale. Mountainside site. Terraced. A few good walks. No challenge to Matemale. [2008]

Las Clottes, 4 rue de la Nalga 66120 Egat. 04 68 30 26 90 or 0899102428

Font-Romeu. 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 16th June. [2016]

Huttopia Font-Romeu. Route de Mont Louis, 66120 Font-Romeu-Odeillo-Via, France. +33 4 68 30 09 32. NOTE: not wild Pyrenees but OK base. For staying any time of year we recommend Matamale.

Le Maz d'Azil. North East of St. Giron North West of Foix.

Le Petit Pyreneen*. Le Petit Pyrénéen, le Castagnès, 09290 Le Mas d'Azil. Excellent site. Shady pitches. Very good snack bar/restaurant. Small pool (closed). 2km to village. Near river. Walks. [2018]

Maury. Halfway between Axat and Estagel.

France Passion site. Domaine des Vignes d'Elodie*. Very good wine (expensive). Nice walks. Interesting village (not visited).

PROVENCE-ALPES-COTES-D'AZUR

Alpes-de-Hautes-Provence [04]

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 Orioles. Free WiFi. [2013]

Moulins de Ventre. Rn100 Niozelles 04300. 01492786331. Moulindeventre@aol.com.

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

La Larche. East of Barcelonnette on route to Cuneo. 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. [2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015]

Les Marmottes 04 92 84 33 64 64 georges.durand25@wanadoo.fr

Hautes-Alpes [05]

Laye. A *France Passion* site . On N85 North of Gap. In car park of a fromagerie 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. [2009]

Neuvache. 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

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 us; access paths too winding and steep for van. [2009]

Les Gorges du Loup. 965 chemin des vergers 06620 Bar-sur-Loup. 0493424506. info@lesgorgesduloup.com. Website.

Vence. 40 minute drive to Nice. Very large, good 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.

Bouches-du-Rhone [13]

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 78contact@campinglambesc.fr

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

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

Vaucluse [84]

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

Camping Municipal du Pont d'Avignon 33 (0) 490 806 350 info@camping-avignon.com

Visan. South East of Nyons, North West of Orange.

France Passion. Domaine de Lucena*. Cotes du Rhone Villages vineyard. Pitches laid out neatly between olive trees, with electric hook ups. Very friendly. Wine tasting at any time. Michel good fun. Good walks among the vines. View of Rhone valley and distant Le Ventoux mountain.

ITALY

Valnontey. In Paradiso National Park, Italy. After Mont Blanc tunnel , Courmeyer, St. Pierre, Cogne. High in the mountains with great views and walks. Very friendly site. Good restaurant nearby.

Campeggio Lo Stambecco. Village Valnontey 11012 Cogne, Vallée d'Aoste, Italie Tel. +39 0165 74152 campingstambecco@tiscali.it [2007]

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2019 August 21st – September 25th Cloyes sur Le Loir*; Maux*; Le Doucier*; Voucherons; Massignieu de Rives*; Lus la Croix Hautes; Visan*; Le Vigan; St. Pons de Thomieres; Argeles Plages; Tuchan; St. Girons*; Grenade sur L'Adour*; St. Symphorien; Chez Richon*; Saumur; Ricordeau, L'Aventura*; Merville-Franceville Plage, Ouistraham, Home.

2018 June 5th – 10th July Ouistraham, Montjean sur Loire*; Puy d'Anche*; St Aulaye*; St Symphorien*; Aramits*; Col de Pierre St Martin, Louvie-Juzon *; Heches*; Le Mas d'Azil*; Maury*; Argeles Plages; Tuchan; Vieussan*; Le Vigan; Col de Croix de Bor; Gervais d'Auvergne*; Pouilly sur Loire; Bonneval; Franceville; Ouistraham.

2017. June 6th – July 12th Ouistraham, Bonneval; Jars*; La Celle en Morvan*; Montrevel en Bresse*; St Genix sur Guiers*; Nevache *; Larche; Le Vernet* St Laurent du Verdon; Lambesc*; Le Clos du Rhone; Sommieres (Masserau campsite) *; Pailleres (SW of Villefort)*; Col du croix de Bor; Trizac; Evaux les Bains; Rosnay; Savigny sur Braye*; Merville-Franceville Plage*, Oustraham, home.

2016. June 7th – July 12th Ouistraham, Les Rosiers sur Loire; Rosnay in Brenne; Le Bugue; St Antonin Noble Val; Les Cammazes; Serignan-Plages; Tuchan; (Perpignan airport) Tuchan; Puivert; Matamale; Font-Romeu; Argeles Plages; Tuchan; Perpignan airport, St-Pons-de-Thomieres; St-Maurice-Navacelles, [wrongly taken Diversion around cirque de Navacelles] Le Vigan; Col de la Croix de Bor; Fay-sur-Lignon; Chatel-Montagne; Pouilly-sur-Loire; Bonneval; Merville-Franceville-Plage; Ouistraham, Portsmouth, Home.

2015. June 3rd – July 6th Ouistraham, *Lac Rille*; La Chaise Dieu; Luc en Diois; Larche; St Laurent; Avignon; Airport to say goodbye to Hugh; Le Vigan; Lac de Naussac; Col de la Croix-de-Bor; St. Flour, Argentat; Poinsoze; Lac des Varennes; Merville-Franceville-plage; Ouistraham, Portsmouth, Southampton.

2014. May 28th – July 30th Ouistraham, *Lac Rille*; Le Bugue; St Cricq, Lac de Thoux Matamale; Argeles-s-Mer; Perpignan airport, Tuchan; Gleon; Le Vigan; Lac Naussac; Rosnay; Bournan, Saumur; Sille-la-Guillaume; Merville-Franceville Plage; Ouistraham; Portsmouth.

2013. July 10th – August 15th - Ouistraham, *Lac Rille*; St.-Paulien, Rochelambert; Menglon; Larche; Nr. Niozelles; Avignon; Les Saintes Maries de la Mer; St. Julien de la Nef; Le Vigan, Causse Mejean; Lac Naussac; Croix de la Col de Bor; Trizac; Chatelus Malveix, Boursolles near Roche; Rosnay; Domaine Coton at Le Perriere; Belleme; Ouistraham,

2012. June 14th – July 18th Ouistraham, *Lac Rille*; Argentat; Le Bugue; Lac de Thoux; Matamale; Argeles-s-Mer; Tuchan; Gleon; Frontagnan, Le Vigan, Causse Mejean; Col de Croix de Bor; Neuveglise; Trizac; Val de Vassiviere; Rosnay; Saumur; Falaise; Ouistraham, Portsmouth.

2011. June 16th – July 18th Ouistraham Poinsoze; Vorey; Lus la Croix Haute; Larche; St. Laurent du Verdon; Avignon; Saintes Maries de la Mer; Le Vigan; Randals Bison [Causse Noir]; Causse Mejean; Ste. Enimie; Trizac; Evaux les Bains; St. Satur/St Thibault; La Ferte Bernard; Ouistraham,
2010. May 29th – June 28th Ouistraham, Airvault; Bugue; Azur; Sauveterres de Bearn; Les-cun; Oust; Matamale; Argeles-Plage; Perpignan Airport; Gleon; Stes-Maries-de-la-Mer; Lanuejols (Causse noir); Causse Mejean; Col de la Croix de Bor; Trizac; Boussac; Belleme; Ouistraham, Portsmouth.

2009. August 23rd – September 20th Portsmouth - Ouistraham – Saumur, Argentat - Trizac - Finiel - St Laurent, Vence near Nice - [Hugh flies home] - Col de la Bonnette -Larche - Laye and Lus de la CroixHaute - Chatillion - St Sauveur [Ardeches] - Chaises Dieu - Aufueilles - St. Satur - Belleme in - Ouistraham.

2008. June 12th – July 11th Ouistraham, Richelieu, Argentat, St. Cricq, Matemale, Egat, Argeles - s - Mer, Touchan, Rieumontagne, Causses Mejean, Crox de Bor, Trizac, Le Bourg d'Hem, Le Ferte Bernard, Caen.

2007. June 25th – July 23rd St. Satur, Meyrieu les Etaings, Valnontey (Italy), La Larche, La Farigoulette. St. Laurent, Avignon, Saintes Maries de la Mer, Le Pont de Montvert. Near Finiel, Trizac, La Ferte Bernard

2006. May 31st – July 19th Saumur, Argentat, Touflailles, Carcassoe, Matemale, Argeles, St Pons de Thomieres, Causse Mejean, Chatel-Montagne, Senonches, Ouistraham.



