

Destination Loue Lison's cycling tours

Loop N°2

The Loue and its fortresses



Perfect for families, this tour bordering the Loue leads you to the fortified hamlet of Châteauvieux-les-Fossés with views on the Loue and the vine-growing past of Vuillafans.

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Itinerary description

Start at the Ornans tourist centre, take the main road crossing the town toward Montgesoye and just before leaving the town, turn right on Pont de Nahin street face to the police station. After the bridge and the fountain, take the Isle aux prêtres street on the left to a gravel path, joining the Loue and borders it to the Montgesoye camping. Don't cross the bridge and take Achay's street leading you to Vuillafans. At the bridge, turn right on the vieux château street and climb to the fortified village of Châteauvieux-les-Fossés. Take a moment to discover this hamlet. Then come back to Vuillafans, while descending you can see the ruins of the other chateau which protected

Vuillafans, then cross the bridge, ride in the centre of the village toward Montgesoye. Now in the village, take the Grange Millet's street, you will cross the bridge on the Loue and turn right on the Achay's street (you passed there at the beginning of the itinerary). Take again the gravel path to come back to Ornans by the Nahin's bridge or continue on the la Froidière's street, alongside the Loue to go in the centre of the village.

Nahin's bridge and fountain

Broken during a flood and rebuild with stone in 1607, The Nahin's bridge was restored in 1775. The anchor-shape-like Nahin's fountain is one of the oldest of the town (early 17th century).



Châteauvieux-les-fossés

Located on the salt road, it was during the middle age a fortified village which protected Vuillafans. With a strong place, its chateau of the 11th century, its vine grower's house, its chapel, its post-box relieved each day, its little council and its 7 inhabitants in the IN-SEE's census, Châteauvieux-les-Fossés is the less populated municipality of France.



Points of interest

- Nahin's bridge and fountain
- Vuillafans, Petite Cité Comtoise de Caractère
- Châteauvieux-les-fossés's fortified village



Vuillafans

Build at the back of the Loue's valley, at the intersection of important antic ways, the village developed the vine-growing and industries linked to the river and trade. The village results from the reunification of two fortresses : Châteauvieux-les-fossés et Château-neuf. Walk all over the little streets to discover an architectural heritage build by the winemakers.

Recap

- Start: Ornans
- Level: Easy
- Distance : 18,97Kms
- Drop: 652 m
- Traffic: Low
- Surface: Tar and gravels

Advices

- Take another inner tube and a pump
- Lock for visits

