

# SURPRISING SOLOGNE

The highlights of your stay



Sologne des Étangs  
COMMUNAUTÉ DE COMMUNES

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# Édito

**D**iscover or return to the "Sologne des Étangs (ponds)", a vast area of 54.350 hectares, at a crossroads and rail network communication hub, our community of 12 municipalities brings together the charm and appeal of the Sologne: ponds, forests, typical villages, historic homes close to emblematic castles, numerous country cottages with all modern comfort, gastronomy, regional

products, hunting - or fishing, hiking, cycling, horse-riding on municipal tracks - eco-museums, a dynamic economic hub: Ecoparc, life in the heart of nature.

This guide should help you make the most of your stay and, why not, fall in love with our great region.

Have a wonderful discovery of our region.

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President of the Community of Municipalities of the  
Sologne Des Etangs

## Introduction

**T**o the discovery of the "solognot" region.

This guide will be an essential companion to help you discover Sologne at your own leisurely pace, to search its treasures, its secrets, its architecture and its people.

Our aim is to provide you with the easiest and quickest way to find the information you need.

It is mostly designed to help you organise and facilitate your stay.

The sections on producers, craftsmen, solognot heritage, about

eating out and where to enjoy a drink, concern only the territory of the Sologne des Étangs (Sologne of the ponds) and its twelve municipalities.

This guide is a concentrate of Sologne best addresses, whether you're in the mood for nature discoveries, hiking or in search of authentic local products, it's main objective is designed to help you open doors.

Enjoy your visit.

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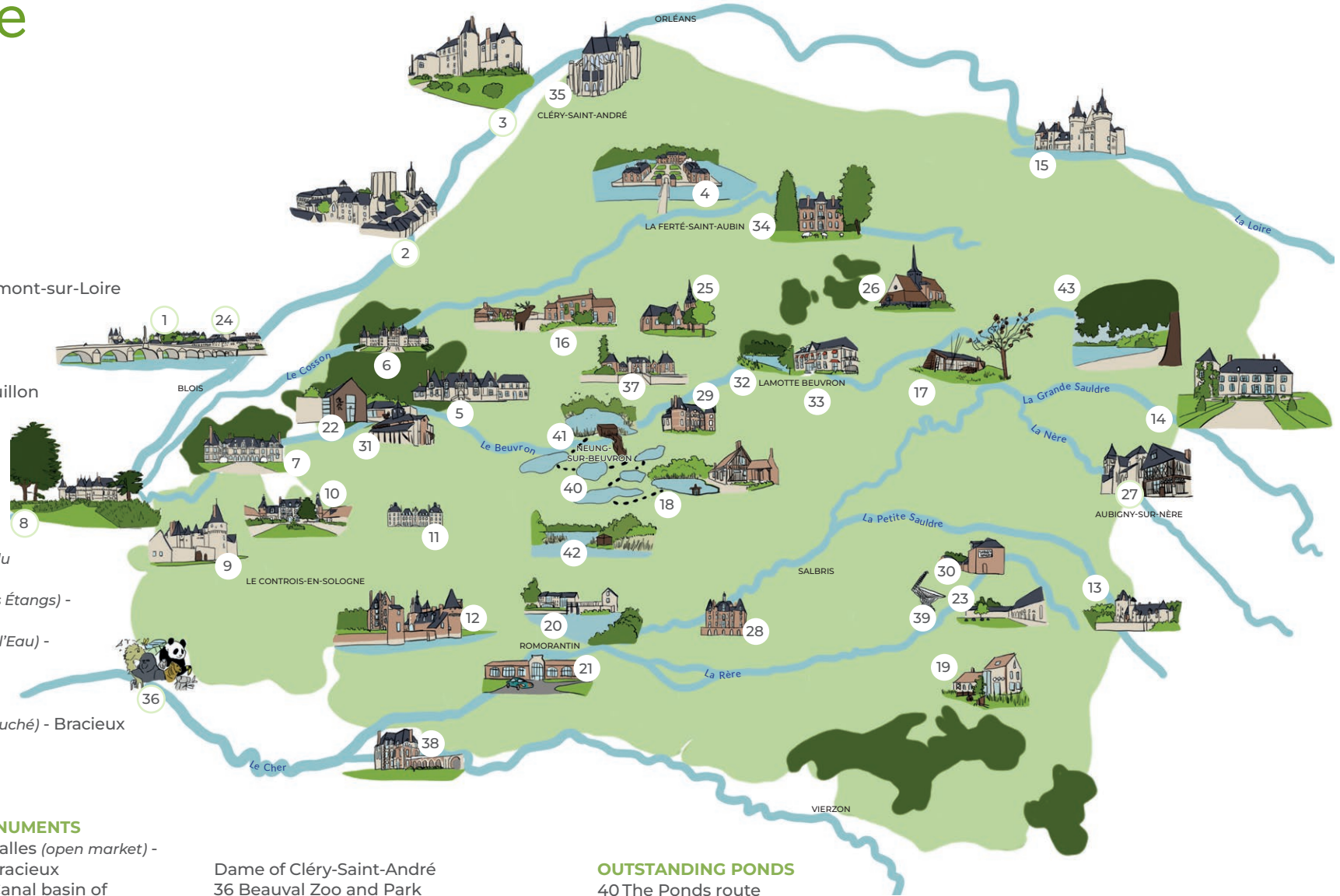
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# Museums/Exhibitions

## EN SOLOGNE DES ÉTANGS

### House of Hunting and Nature in Montrieux-en-Sologne

The "Marché Coutant" training site was inaugurated in April 2004.

This privileged 14-hectare site is home to the various training courses offered by the Hunting Departmental Federation of Loir-et-Cher. Numerous events are organized there.

📍 Le Marché Coûtant,  
41210 Montrieux-en-Sologne

☎ 02 54 50 01 60

✉ fdc41@wanadoo.fr

👉 www.chasseurducentrevaldeloire.fr/  
fdc41/maison-de-la-chasse-et-de-la-nature

### Maison des Étangs in Saint-Viâtre (ponds museum)

Discover Sologne and its 3,200 ponds, a fragile balance between nature and human activity. This museum presents the ecological life of the ponds with a description of the biodiversity to be preserved between fauna, flora, fish farming and pond management.

📍 2, rue de la Poste, 41210 Saint-Viâtre

☎ 02 54 88 23 00

✉ info@maison-des-etangs.com

👉 maison-des-etangs.fr

### Maison du cerf in Villeny (deer museum)

Located in a half-timbered typical of the Sologne region, come and discover everything there is to know about the deer, through a fun and educational tour, accessible to young and old alike.

You'll be able to observe all the aspects of this extraordinary animal, emblematic of the Sologne region.

📍 3 Place de l'Église, 41220 Villeny

☎ 02 54 98 23 10 / 07 72 37 13 51

👉 maisonducerf@wanadoo.fr

## OUTSIDE SOLOGNE DES ÉTANGS

### Chocolates Max Vauché in Bracieux

Between Chambord and Cheverny, we stop in Bracieux to discover all the secrets of chocolate and visit the chocolate-factory facilities.

You can take home your own creations workshops for children and families. Guided tours, tasting, workshops, Choco'bar.

📍 22, les jardins du moulin,  
41250 Bracieux

☎ 02 54 46 07 96

✉ info@maxvauche-chocolatier.com

👉 www.maxvauche-chocolatier.com

### Maison du braconnage à Chaon (House of poaching)

A fun museum that helps you understand the tradition of clandestine hunting in Sologne, the history of poaching, its ancestral techniques with its impact on the imagination (cinema, literature...).

📍 Rue de Vouzon, 41600 Chaon

☎ 02 54 88 68 68

✉ braco@chaon.fr

👉 www.maisondubraconnage.fr

### Maison de l'Eau in Neuvy-sur-Barangeon

Between Sologne and Berry, it is in an authentic leafy setting that a water mill has been restored to its former glory. The Maison de l'Eau brings together three cultural and natural spaces: the Moulin de la Biodiversité (Biodiversity watermill), the Parc de l'Étang de M. Gentil (pond), the Tourbière de la Guette (bog).

📍 Moulin Gentil - Route de Bourges,  
18330 Neuvy-sur-Barangeon

☎ 02 48 51 66 65

✉ contact@lamaisondeleau.org

👉 www.lamaisondeleau.org

### Museum of Sologne in Romorantin-Lanthenay

The museum objective is the preservation, the study and the introduction to the public of the material and immaterial heritage of the Sologne region. It offers visitors the keys to a better understanding of this region. The historical, geological, ethnological, and artistic disciplines merge to provide a comprehensive global overview within the permanent exhibition, which will be expanded throughout the year through temporary exhibitions.

📍 Moulin du Chapitre,  
41200 Romorantin-Lanthenay  
☎ 02 54 95 33 66  
✉ museedesologne@romorantin.fr  
🌐 www.museedesologne.romorantin.com

### Matra Museum in Romorantin-Lanthenay

Modern, bright and warm, the only museum dedicated to the legendary Matra car manufacturer, is rich of seventy vehicles, divided into three distinct areas covering 3,000 m<sup>2</sup>: the industrial adventure, the sporting highlights and the spirit of Matra innovation.

📍 17, rue des Capucins,  
41200 Romorantin-Lanthenay  
☎ 02 54 94 55 58  
✉ museematra@romorantin.fr  
🌐 www.museematra.com/

### Céra'brique in Romornatin-Lanthenay

The permanent exhibition Céra'brique presents a collection of architectural ceramics assembled over a 20 years's period by Michel Pasquier. Recognised as being of patrimonial interest by the French Ministry of Culture, this collection was awarded the "Musée de France label" in 2011.

Inaugurated in April 2017 in the Fabrique Normant, this didactic and original museography allows visitors to discover the diversity of this collection covering more than 150 meters of display cases.

It offers an exceptional testimony to the period when facades, roofs and interiors were embellished with multi colored ceramics. This exhibition includes stamped bricks from all over France and around the world, some tools along architectural terracotta artifacts and ceramic architectural pieces from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Fabrique Normant

📍 2, avenue François Mitterrand,  
41200 Romorantin-Lanthenay  
☎ 02 54 95 33 66  
✉ museedesologne@romorantin.fr  
🌐 www.museedesologne.romorantin.com/musee/cerabrique-2/



# Castles, off the beaten paths...

## Beauregard Castle and Park

Its architectural and historical treasures make it a must-see point for the Loire Valley. Nestling in a green setting, the Château de Beauregard was one of the first châteaux to be classified as a " Historic Monument " in 1840. This former hunting lodge of François I, then the residence for some ministers in the 16th and 17th centuries, it has continued to be embellished and expanded over the years. Still inhabited, it has belonged to the same family since 1926. Passionate tour guides are on hand to tell you all about the beautiful story of Château de Beauregard.

📍 12, chemin de la fontaine,  
41120 Cellettes

☎ 02 54 70 41 65

✉ info@beauregard-loire.com

👉 www.beauregard-loire.com

## Château de Troussay "The smallest of the châteaux of the Loire"

In a lush green setting, lost in a region of vineyards, this Renaissance château is fully furnished and has an English-style park. You can travel back in time from the 15th century to the present day.

📍 12, Route de Troussay, 41700 Cheverny

☎ 02 54 44 29 07 / 06 70 63 10 94

✉ contact@chateaudetroussay.com

👉 www.chateaudetroussay.com

## Château de La Ferté-Imbault

This is the largest brick castle in Sologne and one of the oldest. It was built in 980 on an ancient leveled mound.

With a history stretching back a thousand years, its architecture, a blend of Medieval and Renaissance style, evokes both its military past and the grandeur of the Age of Enlightenment.

📍 Château de la Ferté-Imbault,  
41300 La Ferté-Imbault

☎ 06 27 44 16 44

✉ contact@chateauferteimbault.fr

👉 www.chateauferteimbault.fr

## Château de La Ferté-Saint-Aubin

Privately-owned and inhabited for over 350 years.

Throughout the year, the Château de la Ferté-Saint-Aubin organises activities and events to the delight of young and old alike! Find out all the latest on their website.

📍 2-4, rue du Général Leclerc,  
45240 La Ferté-Saint-Aubin

☎ 02 38 76 52 72

✉ contact@chateau-ferte.com

👉 www.chateau-ferte.com

## Château de Villesavin "The building site of Chambord"

This Renaissance château is surrounded by an English-like landscape.

To share a good moment with family or friends, numerous activities are available: wedding museum, horse-drawn carriages and children's carriages, ghost hunting for children, family discovery trails or even mini-farm...

📍 Château de Villesavin,  
41250 Tour-en-Sologne

☎ 02 54 46 42 88

👉 www.chateau-de-villesavin.fr

And if you take the small road between Neung-sur-Beuvron and Chaumont-sur-Tharonne, you will discover on your left the 17th-century Château de Villebourgeon, which has been used as a film set for a number of films, more recently "L'école buissonnière" by Nicolas Vannier.

Les Châteaux de la Loire - Vallée des Rois

👉 www.chateaux-de-la-loire.fr



# Events

## EVENTS IN "SOLOGNE DES ÉTANGS"

### The bandstand in Dhuizon

Rendezvous at Place Saint Pierre in Dhuizon, 1st Friday in June and 1st Friday in September at 7.30pm.

There will be a wide range of free musical concerts, choirs, musical bands, bandas, hunting horns etc...

### Saint-Barnabé in La Ferté-Beauharnais

Since 1167, every 11 June, La Ferté-Beauharnais invites local poultry farmers to compete for the reward for the most beautiful birds. You can also find selection of vegetables along with wines and cheeses tasting.

### Pumpkin festival at Millançay

Since 1978, every last weekend of September, Millançay has celebrated the pumpkin and honor local producers. The brotherhood "Les Mangeux de pâtés de citrouille" (pumpkin pies) takes advantage of the occasion to induct new members to perpetuate the tradition.

### "Farmers" market in Neung-sur-Beuvron

The municipality of Neung-sur-Beuvron, the association "Here en Sologne" and Jeanne Hermant are organizing the "Sologne producers market" on the 3rd Saturday in April.

This is an opportunity to highlight local emblematic Sologne products such as honey, meat, snails, wine, beer, jams or many more delicacies. Catering available on site.

### Small livestock fair at Saint-Viâtre

Since the 16th century, the village of Saint-Viâtre has been bringing together local producers every second Sunday in May. The famous asparagus, strawberries and honey all from the Sologne. It's also an opportunity to find the plants for your vegetable garden.

### Chestnut Festival in Villeny

Since 1977, on the first Sunday of October, Villeny celebrates the chestnut. In the morning, there's a hiking being organised (on foot or mountain bike) and the whole day is spent tasting, learning and discovering, all while having fun. From numerous exhibitors, roasted chestnuts and fairground entertainers...

Conviviality guaranteed.

### Chestnut Festival in Yvoy-le-Marron

The first Sunday in October marks the village's loyalty to its traditions, the attachment of its inhabitants to the to the centuries-old chestnut trees on its ground. A village event with many local and traditional producers.

### Cycling Grand Prix of the Sologne des Étangs

The "Millan Cyclisme" association, with the support of the "Community of Municipalities" of the Sologne des Étangs, the departmental and regional councils are organizing an Elite National cycling race on last Saturday in June or the 1st Saturday of July.

#### Millan'cyclisme

📍 rue des Carnutes, Millançay, France, 41200

☎ 06 76 95 13 09

👉 [www.facebook.com/Grand-Prix-de-la-Sologne-des-étangs](http://www.facebook.com/Grand-Prix-de-la-Sologne-des-étangs)

## OTHER EVENTS

### "The Nights of Sologne" Lamotte-Beuvron

On the 1st Saturday in September, the association "Nuits de Sologne" offers exclusive firework displays.

A team of pyrotechnics enthusiasts creates these original shows so that you can spend some exceptional moments.

The fireworks show takes place at

the "Parc Equestre de la Fédération Française" (French Equestrian Federation) in Lamotte-Beuvron.

☎ 02 38 59 98 56

👉 [www.nuitsdesologne.com](http://www.nuitsdesologne.com)

### "Game Fair", hunting and nature festival in Lamotte Beuvron

On the 3rd weekend in June, "Game Fair" is the not-to-be-missed event for hunting and nature enthusiasts in France and Europe. On an exhibition ground of almost 400 hectares, the Game Fair is now the biggest showcase for hunting in France. More than 600 exhibitors from various nationalities present their latest creations (weapons, optics, ammunition, clothing, accessories and landscaping).

Numerous areas such as the Premium Village, the Dog Village, the Archery Village, the Fishing Village, the Cutlery Village will allow you to gather ideas, exchange information and take part in the shows on display.

👉 [www.gamefair.fr](http://www.gamefair.fr)

### Festival de jazz de Cheverny

Jazzin'Cheverny was created in 1998 by Luc Stampers. It is now one of the 10 biggest jazz festivals in France.

150 volunteers and 70 sponsors welcome

renowned artists, 4,000 spectators and 15,000 festival-goers! Jazzin'Cheverny takes place in the church square in Cheverny and some exceptional concerts take place in the evening on stage set up in front of the Château de Cheverny.

👉 [www.jazzin-cheverny.com](http://www.jazzin-cheverny.com)

### Spring of photography and Art, in Romorantin

Created in 2008, this exhibition takes place at the Normant factory. The aim of the event is to contribute to the promotion of the city by creating an artistic event in the city center.

👉 [www.printempsdelaphoto.fr](http://www.printempsdelaphoto.fr)

### "Les Musicalies", festival of popular arts in Sologne at Pierrefitte-sur-Sauldre

Every spring since 1987, in the heart of the village of Pierrefitte-sur-Sauldre, this music festival in Sologne is the place to be for musicians, singers, dancers, comedians and traditional instrument makers. Numerous shows and family-friendly atmosphere guaranteed.

👉 [www.ucps.fr/musicalies-en-sologne](http://www.ucps.fr/musicalies-en-sologne)

# Balads

Enjoy it as a family, as a team or amongst friends! Gustave and the mysterious pendant: 12 tracks, 12 different riddles to solve for young and old alike. A fun game based on the heritage of the village in the form of an exploration-game.

Meet up in each village of the Sologne des Étangs. A unique experience lasting around an hour.

Go, on your mobile...

👉 [sologne-des-etangs.fr/decouvrir/explorgame](http://sologne-des-etangs.fr/decouvrir/explorgame)

In all the villages, many communal tracks, are signposted to help you discover the Sologne landscapes, ponds, fauna and flora.

👉 [www.val-de-loire-41.com/la-sologne/randonnees-pedestres-sologne](http://www.val-de-loire-41.com/la-sologne/randonnees-pedestres-sologne)

**The Domaine du Ciran** is a wildlife conservatory located in Ménestreau-en-Villette.

In this 300-hectare park, you can admire the flora and fauna of the Sologne region. A fishing introductory course and a host of activities are on offer.

# Ponds

## Étang de Beaumont (Beaumont Pond) in Neung-sur-Beuvron

Montrieux-en-Sologne : The Étang de Beaumont covers an area of around thirty hectares and is listed as one of the largest and most remarkable in the Sologne region. The open spaces around it are home to a fauna and flora that are unique and rare in the region.

As the seasons go by the pond is home to various species of birds, making it an ideal place for birdwatching. On site: an ornithological observatory to discover the birds of Sologne. Free admission. Information about on site.

📍 [www.cen-centrevaldeloire.org](http://www.cen-centrevaldeloire.org)

📍 [www.val-de-loire-41.com/espace-nat/etang-de-beaumont-conservatoire-despaces-naturels-centre-val-de-loire-pna41aasor100616/](http://www.val-de-loire-41.com/espace-nat/etang-de-beaumont-conservatoire-despaces-naturels-centre-val-de-loire-pna41aasor100616/)

## Malzoné pond in Malzoné

Malzoné hunting and wildlife reserve. Property of the Loir-et-Cher Hunting Fédération, the Malzoné wildlife reserve is a sensitive natural area covering 77 ha.

This wet basin, now largely forested, is a haven of peace for animal and plant species.

The 32-hectare pond is particularly interesting as far as bird life is concerned and offers an intimate view of these typical landscapes and species.

Two educational trail, observatories and panels on the site's biodiversity. Two trails available: "La Tour" trail, accessible all year round (approx. 1 km) / "Souchet" trail, open from 1st April to 30 September (3,4 km).

📍 [www.anim-fdc41.addock.co](http://www.anim-fdc41.addock.co)

☎ 06 81 66 56 09

✉ [animation@fdc41.com](mailto:animation@fdc41.com)

📍 [www.val-de-loire-41.com/espace-nat/reserve-de-chasse-et-de-faune-sauvage-de-malzone-pnacen0410011504](http://www.val-de-loire-41.com/espace-nat/reserve-de-chasse-et-de-faune-sauvage-de-malzone-pnacen0410011504)

## Étang (pond) du Puits at Argent-sur-Sauldre

Set on a magnificent 180-hectare lake Aquaparc is a water park offering a wide variety of inflatable module for all the family: water slides, trampolines, catapults and climbing walls!

☎ 02 48 73 39 74

✉ [sepacs@orange.fr](mailto:sepacs@orange.fr)

📍 [www.etang-du-puits.fr](http://www.etang-du-puits.fr)



# Cycling in Sologne

The Route des Étangs (loop no. 17, listed on the Marque Sologne website): a superb walk where you can discover some of the most beautiful ponds of Sologne, a 31 km loop between Marcilly-en-Gault and Saint-Viâtre. The narrow, winding road connecting ponds between La Ferté-Beauharnais and Saint-Viâtre is also an invitation to travel. This walk lives up to its reputation, with incomparable flora and fauna.

**Canal de la Sauldre:** cycling, hiking or horse riding along the Sauldre canal, for 48 km from Lamotte-Beuvron to Blancafort. This canal is also known as "without head nor tail" with its 22 locks.

## Sightseeing and bike for hire Sologne by bike

📍 [www.val-de-loire-41.com/la-sologne/circuits-velo-en-sologne](http://www.val-de-loire-41.com/la-sologne/circuits-velo-en-sologne)

## The Loire by bike

📍 [www.loireavelo.fr](http://www.loireavelo.fr)

## Location de vélos - bike for hire

Vélos des châteaux - location de vélos (Jardi-Vert)

📍 2, Impasse des Châteaux, Zone des châteaux, 41250 Bracieux

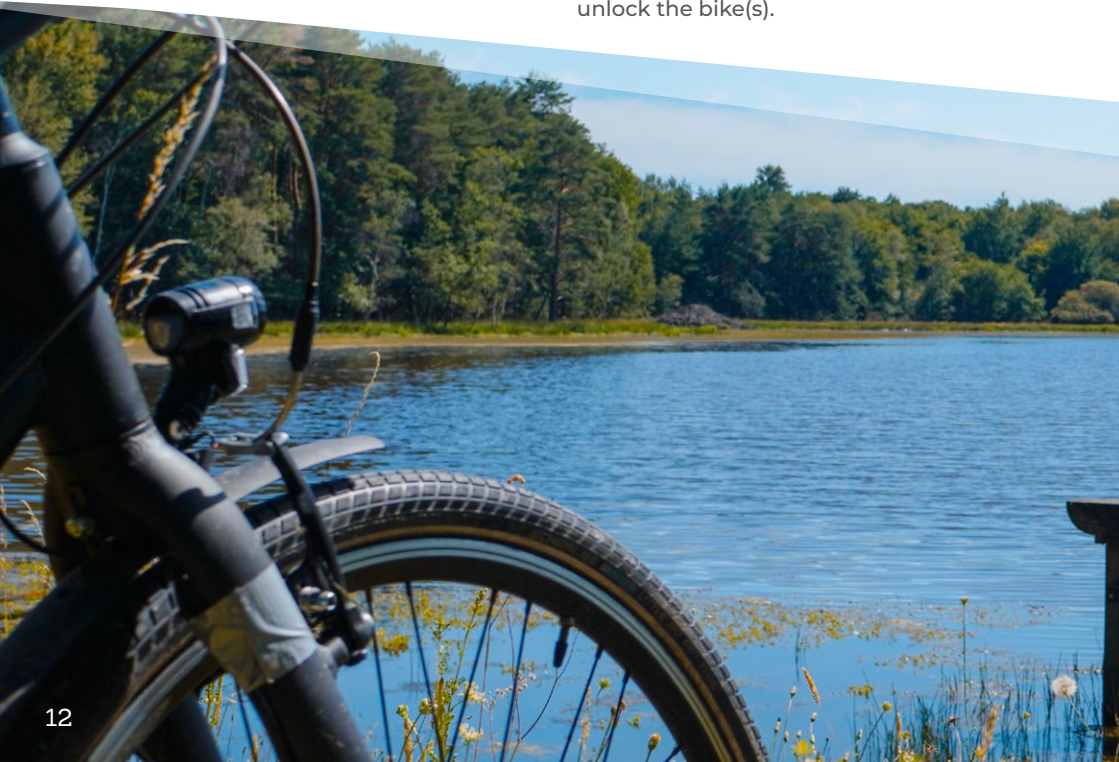
☎ 02 54 46 09 04

📍 [www.velosdeschateaux.com](http://www.velosdeschateaux.com)

📍 [www.val-de-loire-41.com/a-voir-a-faire/activites-velo/louer-un-velo](http://www.val-de-loire-41.com/a-voir-a-faire/activites-velo/louer-un-velo)

## Electric bikes

8 self-service bikes for hire in Vernou-en-Sologne, on the edge of the local pond. Download the APP " Vernou Vélo " (App Store or Play Store). Create an account to unlock the bike(s).



# Sporting activities

## Shooting / ball-trap

Domaine de Courgenou in Chaumont-sur-Tharonne. The Sologne shooting club offers 27 hunting ranges for beginner or marksman.

☎ 02 54 76 12 72

👉 [www.sologne-shooting-club.com](http://www.sologne-shooting-club.com)

"Le Rabet" in Vouzon offers 16 hunting ranges from beginner to marksman.

☎ 02 54 88 09 17

👉 [www.balltrap-du-rabet.fr](http://www.balltrap-du-rabet.fr)

## Canoë-kayak

The Val des Châteaux canoeing and kayaking Sports Club, in Saint-Dyé-sur-Loire, offers a river course on 11 km between Saint-Dyé and Blois, allowing you to discover the sumptuous château of "The Pompadour" the Château de Ménars.

"Water sports in Beaugency".

Canoe-kayak for hire. Organisation for Loire descents between Orléans and Blois.

## Horse riding

Sologne has become the horse riding capital of France with the Federal equestrian Parc of Lamotte-Beuvron, where numerous events and competitions take place all year round but specially in July.

☎ 02 54 94 46 00

## Golf

**Golf des Aisses at la Ferté-Saint-Aubin**

☎ 02 38 64 80 87

✉ [lesaisses@aissesgolf.com](mailto:lesaisses@aissesgolf.com)

👉 [www.aissesgolf.com](http://www.aissesgolf.com)

**Golf de Marcilly-en-Villette**

☎ 02 38 76 11 73

✉ [golf@marcilly.com](mailto:golf@marcilly.com)

👉 [www.marcilly.com](http://www.marcilly.com)

**Golf du Château de Cheverny**

☎ 02 54 79 24 70

✉ [contact@golf-cheverny.com](mailto:contact@golf-cheverny.com)

👉 [www.golf-cheverny.com](http://www.golf-cheverny.com)

**Golf Orléans-Limère in Ardon**

☎ 02 38 63 89 40

👉 [www.gaiaconcept-centre.fr](http://www.gaiaconcept-centre.fr)



## Fishing

Consult on

📍 [www.geopeche.com](http://www.geopeche.com)

📍 Le Grand soupeau (Carpodrome)

☎ 02 54 83 64 92

📍 [www.sologne-naturel.com/src/peche.php](http://www.sologne-naturel.com/src/peche.php)

Fédération: 📍 [www.peche41.fr](http://www.peche41.fr)

## Deer slabbing season

The slabbing period is an intense moment. The stags are there to meet with the hinds. Between 15 September and 15 October, the forest comes alive with the sound from all sides.

Evenings spent listening to stags slabbing in private properties are organized by:

La Maison du cerf

☎ 02 54 98 23 10

📍 [www.maisonducerf.fr](http://www.maisonducerf.fr)

La Fédération des chasseurs 41

☎ 02 54 50 01 60

📍 [chasseurducentrevaleloire.fr/fdc41](http://chasseurducentrevaleloire.fr/fdc41)

Deer slabbing: slabbing sorties are also organised by the Chambord estate.

📍 [www.chambord.org](http://www.chambord.org)

## Hot Air Ballon

To admire the Sologne and the Loire Valley from the sky, a real moment of escape.

### Les compagnons du vent

📍 [www.compagnons-du-vent.fr](http://www.compagnons-du-vent.fr)

☎ 06 61 20 33 93

✉ [mickael@compagnons-du-vent.fr](mailto:mickael@compagnons-du-vent.fr)

## Art Montgolfières

📍 [www.art-montgolfieres.fr](http://www.art-montgolfieres.fr)

☎ 02 54 32 08 11

📍 [www.art-montgolfieres.fr/fr/22-sologne](http://www.art-montgolfieres.fr/fr/22-sologne)

## Au grès des vents

📍 [www.au-gre-des-vents.net](http://www.au-gre-des-vents.net)

☎ 09 73 76 41 11

## Tennis

A number of tennis courts are available within the Community of Municipalities of the Sologne des Étangs.

**Outdoor courts:** Dhuizon, La Ferté-Beauharnais, Marcilly-en-Gault, Millançay, Neung-sur-Beuvron, Saint-Viâtre, Vernou-en-Sologne, Yvoy-le-Marron.

**Indoor Tennis:** Dhuizon et Millançay

## Beach tennis:

2 tennis courts at Millançay

**Booking procedure:** download the application Anybuddy app. View the availability of all the courts. Possibility to make a reservation. Payment terminal on site with key collection (key box).

## City park

Free access to the pitches for playing football, basketball or handball. Bring your ball!

Dhuizon, Marcilly-en-Gault, Millançay, Montrieux-en-Sologne, Neung-sur-Beuvron, Saint-Viâtre, Vernou-en-Sologne, Villeny, Yvoy-le-Marron

## Fitness trail

in Veilleins

## French bowls (pétanque)

Courts are available at: Montrieux-en-Sologne, Veilleins, Villeny et Vernou-en-Sologne.

# Local markets

## (weekly)

📍 **Neung-sur-Beuvron:**

Saturday morning, next to the church

📍 **Bracieux:**

Thursday morning, in the central market (city center)

📍 **La Ferté-Saint-Aubin:**

Thursday morning, Place de la Halle

📍 **Lamotte-Beuvron:**

Friday morning, Market place

📍 **Nouan-le-Fuzelier:**

Wednesday morning, city center

📍 **Romorantin:**

Friday morning, Les Favignolles  
Wednesday and Saturday morning, Market Place

📍 **Salbris:**

Thursday and Saturday morning, Place du Général de Gaulle



# A bite to eat

## DHUIZON

### Hôtel Restaurant Du Grand Dauphin

📍 17 pl St Pierre - 41220 Dhuizon

☎ 02 54 98 31 12

👉 [www.auberge-grand-dauphin.com](http://www.auberge-grand-dauphin.com)

🕒 Open from Tuesday evening to Sunday evening included

### Comme à la maison

📍 12 rue Gare - 41220 Dhuizon

☎ 02 54 94 91 32

🕒 Open: from Tuesday lunchtime, Wednesday/ Thursday/ Friday lunch and dinner

## LA FERTÉ-BEAUHARNAIS

### Auberge Le Beauharnais

📍 18 rue Napoléon III - 41210 La Ferté Beauharnais

☎ 02 54 83 64 36

👉 [www.aubergelebeauharnais.fr](http://www.aubergelebeauharnais.fr)

🕒 Open: from Thursday to Monday lunchtime

## MARCILLY-EN-GAULT

### Chez Tiphaine

📍 13 place Bourg - 41210 Marcilly en Gault

☎ 06 17 47 55 93 / 02 54 96 27 10

🕒 Open: Monday/Tuesday lunchtime and Thursday/Friday/Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday evening

## MILLANÇAY

### Le Bruadan

📍 2 rue Plessis - 41200 Millançay

☎ 02 54 96 22 75

🕒 Open: Thursday to Monday lunchtimes

## MONTRIEUX-EN-SOLOGNE

### La Margo'tine

📍 53 rue Lancelot du Lac - 41210 Montrieux en Sologne

☎ 02 54 76 03 12

🕒 Open: Tuesday/Wednesday lunchtime and Thursday/Friday/Saturday lunch and dinner

## NEUNG-SUR-BEUVRON

### Ty Matt

📍 1 rue 8 Mai - 41210 Neung sur Beuvron

☎ 02 54 83 61 67

🕒 Open: Monday to Friday lunchtime, Friday evening and Saturday evening

### Auberge de La Fontaine

📍 21 place Charles Quinet

41210 - Neung sur Beuvron

☎ 02 54 83 72 04

👉 [www.auberge-de-la-fontaine.fr](http://www.auberge-de-la-fontaine.fr)

🕒 Open: Tuesday lunchtime to Sunday lunchtime

## SAINT-VIÂTRE

### Guinguette de Saint Viâtre

📍 Rue de la Buzellerie

☎ 06 89 39 70 25

👉 [val-de-loire-41.com/fiches/la-guinguette-de-saint-viatre](http://val-de-loire-41.com/fiches/la-guinguette-de-saint-viatre)

🕒 Open from 4 May to 31 August: Fri 6.00pm to 01:00, Sat 4:00 to 01:00, Sun 12:00 to 22h

👉 [facebook.com/laguinguettetdesaintviate/](https://facebook.com/laguinguettetdesaintviate/)

## VERNOU-EN-SOLOGNE

### Château de La Borde

📍 41230 - Vernou-en-Sologne

☎ 02 34 52 34 72

👉 [www.laborde-sologne.fr](http://www.laborde-sologne.fr)

🕒 Open: Wednesday to Sunday lunchtime and evening

## VILLENY

### Auberge de Villeny

📍 6 Grand Rue - 41220 Villeny

☎ 02 54 83 60 73

👉 [www.villeny.com](http://www.villeny.com)

🕒 Open: Monday/Thursday/Sunday lunchtime and Friday/Saturday lunch and dinner

## YVOY-LE-MARRON

### Auberge du Cheval Blanc

📍 1 place Cheval Blanc - 41600 Yvoy le Marron

☎ 02 54 94 00 00

👉 [www.aubergeduchevalblanc.com](http://www.aubergeduchevalblanc.com)

🕒 Open: Tuesday/Wednesday evening and Thursday/ Friday/Saturday/Sunday lunch and evening



# Producers

## PRODUCERS AND HARVESTERS OF ASPARAGUS 100% SOLOGNE

### Earl Hiron

To place an order in season:

☎ 02 54 97 39 45 / 02 54 98 20 18 /  
06 87 43 66 60

📍 Les Robardières,  
41210 Montrieux-en-Sologne

✉ earlhiron@orange.fr

👉 www.facebook.com/earlhiron

### Herpin

📍 1, rue Chenelles,

41210 La Marolle-en-Sologne

☎ 02 54 88 27 46 / 06 82 88 83 40

## BEERS

### Les Brasseurs Solognots (*Solognot brewers*)

All good things come from hops. Brewers define themselves as concoctors of craft beers 100% Sologne. The barley is produced and malted specially for them less than 30km away. Come and taste their craft beers and lemonades available in 33cl bottles and 20L kegs.

📍 Ecoparc d'affaires de Sologne,  
domaine de Villemorant,  
41210 Neung-sur-Beuvron

Group visits by appointment:

☎ 06 87 17 16 23 / 06 71 97 31 56

✉ contact@brasserie-lbs.com

👉 www.brasserie-lbs.com

## CAVIAR DE SOLOGNE

### Hennequart fish farm

It's in the heart of the Sologne des Étangs, in Saint-Viâtre, that the "black gold" grows slowly in the natural basins and ponds of the Hennequart fish farm, created in the 1950s.

📍 Le Grand Cernéant,  
41210 Saint-Viâtre

☎ 02 54 83 64 27

✉ pisciculture@hennequart.fr

👉 www.caviardesologne.fr/

## CHEESE

### GAEC La taille des champs

Small goat farm located on the outskirts of Montrieux-en-Sologne with goat's various cheese. Sales: at the farm from Monday to Saturday 8am/12pm - 3.30pm/6pm, vending machine on site 7/7 from 6am to 9pm, and at local markets.

📍 La taille des champs - 6, route de  
Dhuizon, 41210 Montrieux-en-Sologne

☎ 09 86 71 56 06

✉ jeremy.julien0308@gmail.com

👉 www.facebook.com/  
gaecLaTailleDesChamps

## VEGETABLES

### The Châtaignats farm

Cécile Chevalier grows and sells a wide range of seasonal organic fruit and vegetables.

📍 Route de la Marolle,  
41600 Yvoy-Le-Marron

☎ 06 83 30 89 22

👉 www.facebook.com/  
fermedeschataignats

Direct farm sales on Fridays from 15h30 - 19h30 and Saturday from 09h00 - 13h00

## HONEY - PLANTS - CHESTNUTS - SHEEP

### Jeanne Hermant

Beekeeper and botanist. The Beehive of the plants: from flower to honey. On this land of Sologne, where nature is omnipresent, Jeanne Hermant has set up part of her apiary and grows aromatic and medicinal plants.

Her shop offers a wide variety of infusions with evocative names (the Day after a Party, Wasp size...), fruit and plant sorbets and 100% natural honey, locally produced, respecting bees and environment.

📍 121, chemin de la Basinière,  
41210 Neung-sur-Beuvron

☎ Visit by appointment: 06 17 93 38 47

✉ lerucherauxplantes@gmail.com

👉 www.lerucherauxplantes.fr

### **Nils Aucante**

Beekeeper and breeder of Solognot sheep. The Saint-Marc apiaries are part of a rather atypical approach where Solognot sheep and bees (also local) coexist to produce products 100% produced in Sologne. On the beekeeping side: a range of raw honeys Made In Sologne as well as other products from the hive (pollen, propolis).

Sheep farming: eco-grazing sheep (ewes, ewe lambs and rams all registered in the Flock Book of the Solognote breed) as well as lambs fattened for meat consumption. All these products are all organic certified.

📍 Ferme de Saint-Marc,  
41600 Yvoy-le-Marron

☎ Visit by appointment: 06 85 01 51 30

### **Bernard Gaucher**

Beekeeper and chestnut producer Bernard Gaucher welcomes you to his beekeeping farm in the forest at the heart of the Sologne. As well as being a beekeeper, he is also a chestnut grower. He has been producing chestnut honey for a long time and keeps his beehives in an old chestnut grove.

He keeps a herd of around 400 hives and breeds queens to renew his bee's colonies. The Sologne region offers many melliferous resources for bees.

He processes part of his harvest: gingerbread, nougats, Caramiel®, honey vinegar, honey mustards ... A wide range of products made from or based on honey and chestnuts.

📍 La Fustièrre, 45, chemin ferré,  
41600 Yvoy-le-Marron

☎ 06 23 05 23 45 ou 06 71 15 41 26

✉ bernard.gaucher41@orange.fr  
mathildeouters1@gmail.com

👉 [www.mielgeleeroyale-sologne.fr](http://www.mielgeleeroyale-sologne.fr)



### **Le Rucher du Coudray Fleury - Beehive & honey**

Producer and harvester of 100% Sologne honey

📍 1 chemin du Coudray fleury,  
41210 Neung-sur-Beuvron

☎ 06 89 23 51 44

✉ rucherducoudrayfleury@gmail.com

👉 www.facebook.com/MieldeSologne

### **Sébastien Gouin**

Beekeeper - harvester

Sébastien produces 5 varieties of honey (spring, all-flower, forest, lime and acacia honey). He also offers honey blends with either hazelnuts, thyme or lemon. All his production is local, with hives less than 25 km away. To buy on the spot, having taken an appointment by telephone.

📍 La croix des chasseurs  
41230 Vernou-en-Sologne

☎ 06 79 27 27 09

## **HERBAL TEAS AND INFUSIONS**

### **Simplex de Sologne**

Harvests and produces of herbal teas, infusions and condiments made from 100% Sologne. These products are available at local markets and in various sales outlets (grocery shop in Dhuizon, Maison du Cerf in Villeny, farm des Châtaignats farm in Yvoy-le-Marron, the bio-shop in La Ferté-Saint-Aubin...)

✉ simples de sologne@outlook.fr

👉 www.facebook.com/Simplesdesologne

👉 www.instagram.com/simplesdesologne

## **VIANDES - VOLAILLES**

### **Ferme de La Tuilerie. Establishment Jaffré et Fils**

Beef producers in Sologne, Jaffré and Son also has a poultry and sheep farm.

Its pastures, cereal production and livestock are spread over a 200-hectare plot of land. The farm offers on site direct sales of beef and sheep meat on site at La Marolle-en-Sologne (in the form of meat parcels).

Free-range poultry and chickens are also available.

📍 41210 La Marolle-en-Sologne

To place an order:

☎ 06 69 30 72 99 / 06 12 27 15 76 / 02 54 83 62 41

👉 www.earl-jaffre-et-fils.com

## **PLANTS AND SEEDS**

### **Sainte Marthe farm/conservatory - 1000 ancient varieties**

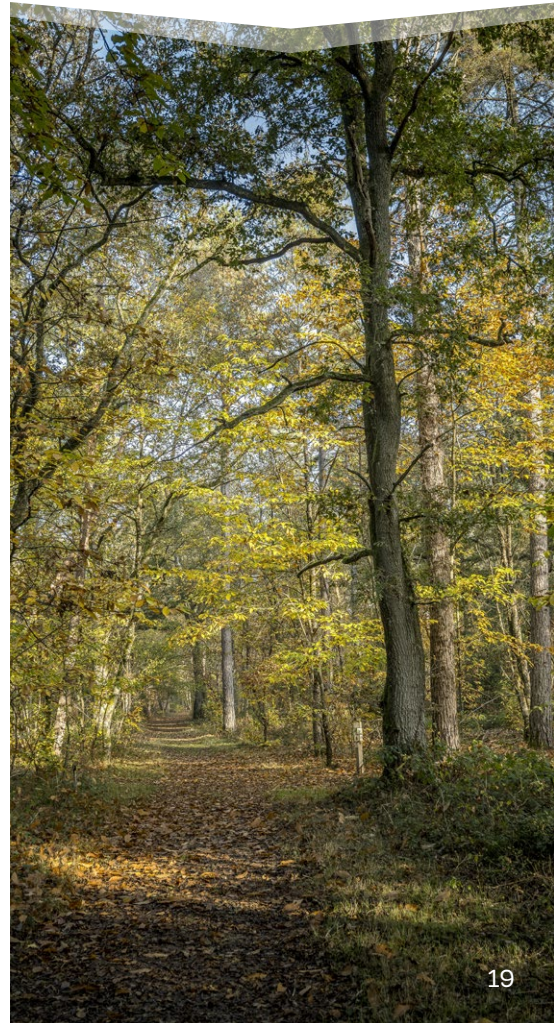
An extraordinary collection of organic seeds. The conservatory is home to rare and astonishing specimens such as black potatoes, strawberry spinach or giant sunflowers and 300 kg pumpkins, a testament to the inexhaustible wealth of of nature.

📍 route de Marcilly - 41200 Millançay

👉 www.millevarietesanciennes.org

☎ 02 54 95 45 00 / 09 53 03 96 08

✉ millevarietesanciennes@yahoo.fr





# Art & Craft

## Virginie Groleau

### Ceramic restorer and Master of Kintsugi

Since 2014, Virginie Groleau has been living in Dhuizon and on site or in her workshop, she gives a second life to ceramic objects and sculptures while repairing terracotta, earthenware or porcelain.

She works for private customers, but also for contemporary artists and their art galleries, foundations and museums.

These often illusionistic restorations are using resins, enamel or dedicated varnishes that would always be reversible.

She also masters Kintsugi (Japanese gold restoration) and shares this experience in short workshops for small groups.

(6 people maximum).

☎ By appointment only: . Tél.: 06 58 50 48 78

👉 Instagram: virginie.groleau.restauration

👉 Facebook: Virginie Groleau

## Agathe Groleau

### Artist painter

Her inspiration comes largely from her environment. She embodies perseverance, innovation and passion of the younger generation of artists while expanding the boundaries of creativity.

☎ 06 58 21 16 19

✉ agathe.grl@gmail.com

## Chantal Frapier-Barbou

### Paint artist

At the beginning, there is nature, its abundance, its complexity, its balance... and emotions are born. There's no room for the human in my work. Just nature as I feel it, sometimes abstract, sometimes more figurative depending on the moment. I love colour. My favourite medium is oil, which allows me patches sometimes important while working on successive filling...

📍 La Ferté-Beauharnais

☎ 06 74 06 12 04

✉ chantal.barbou@orange.fr

## Helène Barbary et Florian Chesneau

### Art and craft shop

Creation of decorative items, leather goods and furniture from hunting trophies.

A unique style combining wood and the animal world, shaped by pure and modern ideas. Custom made.

📍 La Marolle-en-Sologne

☎ 06 86 55 67 17

✉ barbary.chesneau@gmail.com

👉 www.facebook.com/barbary.chesneau

## Thomas Barbier-Lambert

### Cutler

La Forge dans l'Âme. Thomas Barbier-Lambert shapes the blade from steel, wood or horn for the handle and leather for the knives cases. He offers you a vast choice of handmade knives and manufactures on request. Enjoy a discovery day workshop

to make your own knife.

📍 La Marolle-en-Sologne

☎ By appointment: 06 77 82 29 22

👉 [www.laforgedanslame.com](http://www.laforgedanslame.com)

### **Emmanuelle Naudet-Dexart**

**Creation of objets d'art and decoration**

Glued, transparent or applied paper.

Paper napkins, photos, old engravings, drawings, wallpaper, newspaper articles, playing cards, wrapping paper note cards, wrapping paper - there's no limit to her inspiration.

Gold or silver leaf, faux leather paper, the range is endless to give a soul to your interior. Choose your theme, Emmanuelle will create anything from a simple pin-tray to a complete dinner service.

Visits by appointment only.

☎ 06 18 44 28 16

📍 1 bis, place du Bourg - Marcilly-en-Gault

👉 [www.facebook.com/emmanuelnaudetcreation](http://www.facebook.com/emmanuelnaudetcreation)

### **Béatrice Delarbre**

**Restoration and conservation of works on paper**

Béatrice's career path has taken her to restoration: training in art history, Ecole du Louvre and work at the Orsay and Louvre museums. Today, she gives new life to papers by restoring works such as: engravings drawings, watercolours, lithography.

☎ By appointment only: 06 19 42 41 55

📍 2 Bellevue - 41200 Millançay

✉ [beatrice.delarbre41@orange.fr](mailto:beatrice.delarbre41@orange.fr)

### **Odile Laresche**

**Animal Painter and Textile Designer**

Animal painter for over twenty years, Odile has developed a textile collection, printed on linen by a textile printer distinguished "Best Workman in France", based on her own designs to share her world of nature. Each creation is based on her drawings or paintings and she sews each one in her workshop, a unique craftsmanship, a design "Handmade with love in Sologne".

☎ By appointment only: 06 89 88 94 10

📍 L'atelier - La Noue - 41230 Vernou-en-Sologne

✉ [odilelaresche@hotmail.fr](mailto:odilelaresche@hotmail.fr)

👉 [www.odilelaresche.com](http://www.odilelaresche.com)

👉 [www.facebook.com/odilelaresche](http://www.facebook.com/odilelaresche)

### **Alain Miossec**

**Cabinetmaker**

This is the story of a man, engineer by training, who is passionate about wood and who decided in 2017 to turn his passion for this living material into a profession.

With his diploma in cabinet-making in his pocket, along with a training in interior design, Alain Miossec set up the company "Ébénisterie Contemporaine Miossec". He focuses his design, production and installation of interior fittings, custom made furniture and marquetry. In 2021, his expertise and the quality of his work were recognised by the Chamber of Trades and Crafts, which awarded him their Craftsman Label.

Visits by appointment, Vernou-en-Sologne.

☎ 06 20 57 10 15

✉ [ebenisterie.miossec@gmail.com](mailto:ebenisterie.miossec@gmail.com)

👉 [www.ebenisteriemiossec.com](http://www.ebenisteriemiossec.com)

### **Damien Dreiss**

**Lighting designer**

Trained as a cabinetmaker, he designs and manufactures wooden light fittings. These are unique pieces or very small series of table lamps. Damien uses traditional cabinet-making techniques, turning, assembly and shaping of the curved pieces according to Louis XV furniture.

On the other hand, he turns the traditional use of veneer (marquetry) to make lampshades.

All his lamps are oiled to reveal the colour of the many wood species while preserving their original textures.

☎ By appointment only: 06 83 14 16 64

📍 12, Grand rue - 41220 Villeny

✉ [ddreiss@live.fr](mailto:ddreiss@live.fr)

👉 Online shop: <https://www.etsy.com/fr/shop/DreissLuminaires>

👉 [www.damiendreiss-lampes.jimdo.com](http://www.damiendreiss-lampes.jimdo.com)

### **Famille Godart**

**Ironwork**

Specialised in ironwork for 3 generations, the Godart family wrought iron craftsmen in La Ferté-Beauharnais, offers a wide range of services to make your projects a reality in custom made interior and exterior fittings: awnings, gates, guard railings, glass pergolas and gazebos.

Our products are made in France using traditional methods, preserving the authenticity of each piece. Visit their showroom (by appointment) where you can discover their unique creations.

📍 444, rue des Grandes Bornes  
41210 La Ferté-Beauharnais

☎️ workshop: : 06 69 40 94 25

☎️ office: 06 59 96 53 83

✉️ famille.godart.ferronnerie@gmail

👉 www.latelier-de-la-gloriette.com

### Tendances Bois métal Decoration items

Jonathan Bonneville

Handcrafted designs and creations of furniture, interior and exterior decoration combining metal and local Sologne wood.

📍 Vernou-en-Sologne

☎️ 06 86 42 95 89

✉️ tendanceboismetall41@gmail.com





# Solognot heritage

**Dhuizon:** one of the few solognot municipalities where there is still a bandstand which dates from 1913. The church of Saint Peter is one of the oldest in Sologne (10th-12th centuries) and its 'caquetoire' from the 16th century, a place where family leaders were to discuss the affairs.

**La Ferté-Beauharnais:** in 1750, the château became the home of the Beauharnais family, birthplace of Napoleon III's family. The village became an imperial village. Saint Barnabé's Day has been celebrated here since the Middle Ages on 11 June.

**La Marolle-en-Sologne:** the "Lourdes of Sologne" with its replica of the grotto and its annual pilgrimage. A must see: the originality of the church and its distinctive octagonal bell tower.

**Marcilly-en-Gault:** an ancient Gallo-Roman site founded by the Roman dignitary Marcellus, situated on the edge of the Bruadan forest, it is a place of legends and large ponds along the rue du Roi and the route de Bièvre. The village of Marcilly is built around the church of Saint Martin with a few half-timbered and cob houses typical of the

Sologne region. The wash-house, supplied by a natural spring, its communal oven and the former Hôtel de la Croix-Blanche, which has been now converted into a communal gîte, all of which are the evidence of a rich past.

**Millançay:** a feudal hill from the 10th to the 11th century to build a wooden fortress. The Earls of Blois probably resided here. Walk around the hill and imagine that at its top lays the castle of Millançay, a fortress surrounded by marshes.

**Montrieux-en-Sologne:** a village with an elegant town hall, the Saint-Jean-Baptiste church and with its magnificent 18th century high relief in the choir and the Belvédère house. The Wildlife and Nature Centre and the Etang (pond) de Beaumont are also great places for nature discoveries.

**Neung-sur-Beuvron:** Noviodunum, a battlefield between the Gallic and Roman armies at the time of Vercingétorix. Neung had its own Gallic oppidum, a fortified enclosure on a raised hill, of which some rural remains have been preserved. The Gallo-Roman past reveals the presence of an important ancient theatre.

**Saint-Viâtre:** explore the history of Tremblevif and Saint-Viâtre through its church, crypt, bell tower, gallery and polyptych. An interesting built heritage with its chafaud (hay loft) and the Maison des Ormes. A visit to the Maison des Étangs will give you a better understanding of the Sologne region.

**Veillens:** the church of Saint-Martin is one of the few churches in Sologne to have preserved a primitive cemetery around it. In the 19th century, this charming village still only had around fifty residents. Discover the forge, a traditional timber-framed house formerly known as the Hôtellerie de la Croix Blanche.

**Vernou-en-Sologne:** the stained glass window in Notre-Dame church depicting Joan of Arc recalls her visit to Vernou or the surrounding area. The chancel is enclosed by high railings, which are listed as historic monuments. As is often the case in Sologne, the village is surrounded by large estates, including the Château de La Borde, now transformed into a luxury hotel-restaurant.

**Villeny:** a traditional Solognot village with its main street lined with brick houses in orange-red with black dotted throughout. The houses in the village are adorned with friezes and numerous decorative elements. Discover the "rue de la Vicairerie" and its high covered gallery decorated with terracotta elements. A visit to the perennial garden and conservatory orchard at La Vicairerie will lead you to the local pond.

**Yvoy-Le-Marron:** in 1837, there was already a chestnut festival and a considerable chestnut grove, with chestnut trees over a hundred years old that can still be seen today. But Yvoy-le-Marron is also the land of the mysteries and legends of Sologne, with the Sorcerers' Oak and the Fountain of Saint-Caprais.





# Web sites

[www.sologne-tourisme.fr](http://www.sologne-tourisme.fr)

[www.tourisme-romorantin.com](http://www.tourisme-romorantin.com)

[www.sologne-des-etangs.fr](http://www.sologne-des-etangs.fr)

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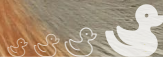
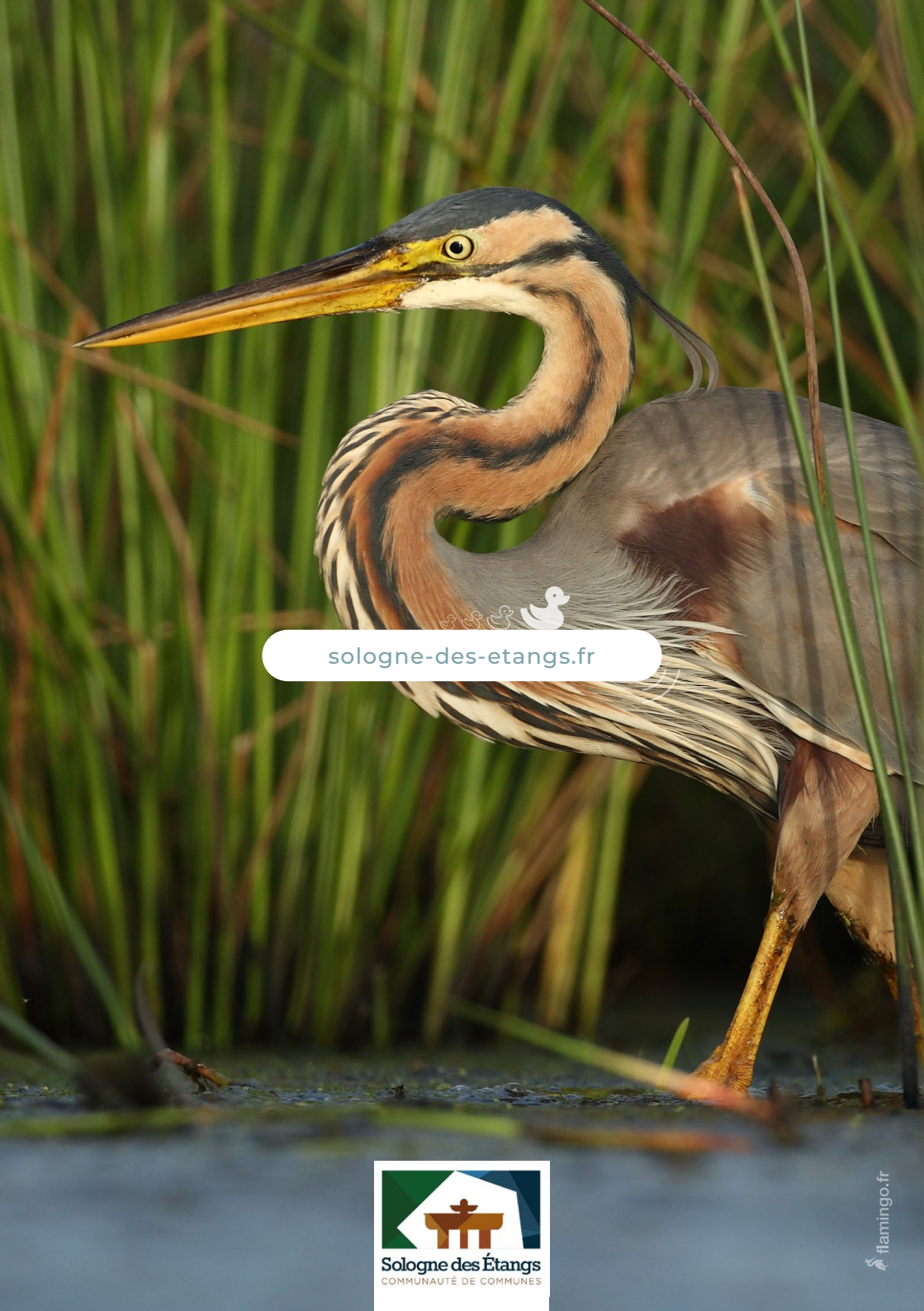
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