



### **Domaine du Château de l'Épervière**

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# Campsite Information

## Château de l'Épervière, Gigny-sur-Saône

This is an attractive 'Castels et Camping' site situated in a mature woodland in the heart of France's Burgundy region. The campsite is located a five minute drive from the small village of Sennecey le Grand, and the old market town of Tournus is just nine miles to the north. This is an ideal base to explore the vineyards and châteaux of the region.

### Arriving at Château de l'Épervière

On arrival go to the Canvas reception, your Canvas couriers will be here to meet you between 16.00 and 20.00

### Early/Late Arrivals

Please note if you arrive before 16.00, your accommodation may not be ready. If you arrive between 20.00 and 22.00, you will find directions to your courier and/or accommodation at the Canvas reception. Arrivals after 22.00 cannot be accepted on site. Please note that if you do arrive late and cannot be admitted onto the campsite, you have full responsibility for finding alternative off-site accommodation. A Canvas courier will be available on site from 09.00 the following day. Please telephone your couriers if you know that you are going to be late.

### Reception

Reception is open from 08.00 to noon and from 14.00 to 19.00 in low season and all day from 08.00 to 20.00 in high season.

### Barrier

The barrier is closed between 22.00 and 06.00. Should you wish to depart early in the morning or arrive back late at night, please leave your car outside the barrier.

### Telephone

There are two public telephones on site and phone cards are on sale at the campsite reception.

### Safety Deposit Box

Valuables can be placed in safety deposit boxes at reception for a small fee.

### Currency Exchange

This facility is available at the campsite reception, commission is payable for this service.

### Web/Email Access

This facility is available at the campsite bar at a cost of €2 for 30 minutes and €5 an hour. There is also free Wi-Fi access available at the bar. Please ask the campsite staff or your couriers for more details.



### Shopping

The on-site shop sells a variety of produce and basic groceries, including fresh bread. Bread must be ordered from the campsite reception the day before it is required. It is open daily from 08.00 to 10.00 and 16.00 to 19.00 in low season, with extended hours in high season: 08.00 to midday and 15.00 to 19.00.

### Washing and Toilet Facilities

Washing machines and tumble dryers (tokens can be bought from reception, €4.50 for a washing machine and €3.50 for a dryer), free hot showers, baby bath, baby room, wash cubicles and standard toilets.

### Post

There is a post box at the campsite exit and mail can be franked at reception. Stamps are also sold at reception.

### Entertainment

A programme of entertainment is provided from the beginning of July, including live music, karaoke, sports competitions and cycle rides. There is also an informative wine tasting evening once a week in the cellars of the château, costing €8 per adult - please see the campsite reception for more details and booking.

### Eating and Drinking

**Bar:** The cosy bar has a wide-screen TV and is open daily from 14.00 - 23.00 in high season and 18.00 to

22.00 in low season. During high season, this is the setting for the weekly evening entertainment.

**Restaurant:** The on site restaurant is located in the château and is well known throughout the local area. It is particularly renowned for its 'boeuf bourguignon'. You can choose from three set menus or dine à la carte. The opening hours are 18.00 to 21.00. It is advisable to book a table in advance.

**Pizzeria/Takeaway:** The takeaway is open between the hours of 18.30 and 21.00. Pizza, chips and boeuf bourguignon are sold at the take away. When buying boeuf bourguignon to take away please remember to take your own containers.

### Recreation

**Swimming:** There is an outdoor and an indoor pool, with a jacuzzi and sauna nearby. The complex is open daily from 10.00 to 20.00. The indoor pool remains open until 21.00. The jacuzzi and sauna are open from 16.00 to 22.00. Please note that swimming trunks are compulsory in the pool. The children's pool is open from 16th June.

**Tennis:** The courts are located about 300m off site, but are bookable through the campsite reception.

**Cycling:** Bikes are available to hire from the campsite reception. Bike hire costs €9 per day.

**Games Room:** The games room has a pool table, pinball and table football. Please note that the games room is open from 1 May until 15 September.

There are also facilities on site for fishing, table tennis, football and boules. There is a children's playground with a seesaw, slide, swings and a climbing frame.

### Canvas Active

Canvas Active is available at Chateau de l'Épervière. Canvas customers have researched fishing in the local area. For further details please see your activities booklet, available to download from the Canvas Holidays website.

### Rules and Regulations

- Silence and no driving on site between 22.00 and 06.00.
- 10km/ph speed limit in site.
- Swimming trunks are compulsory in the swimming pool.
- Rubbish must be recycled in the bins provided.
- Only one car is allowed per pitch; additional cars can be parked in the campsite car park at a cost of €2.20 to €2.90 per day.

# Local Information

## Beaches

There is a sandy lake-side beach on Lac de Laives, which is just ten minutes' drive from the site. You can hire pedaloes and canoes at the lake.

## Shopping

**Supermarkets:** There is a branch of Atac in Sennecey le Grand, which is open from 08.30-12.30 and 14.30-19.00 Monday-Saturday, closed on Sunday. Tournus has a range of supermarkets and the closest hypermarkets are in Chalon.

**Souvenirs:** There is a range of gift shops in both Sennecey and Chalon.

## Local Markets

**Monday:** Louhans, Cuisery.

**Tuesday:** Dijon, Dole, Gevry-Chambertin, Besancon.

**Wednesday:** Autun, Besançon, Fleurie, Pont de Vaux, Beaune, Macon, Chalon sur Saône.

**Thursday:** Chagny, Dole, St Germain du Plain, Vire, Besancon.

**Friday:** Arbois, Autun, Besançon, Chalon sur Saône, Dijon, Fleurie, Mâcon, Nuit St Georges and Sennecey le Grand.

**Saturday:** Mâcon, Tournus, Chalon sur Saone, Beaune, Besancon and Dijon.

**Sunday:** Autun, Besançon, Dijon, Dole and Chalon sur Saône.

## Facilities

**Petrol:** Atac in Sennecey sells fuel, open the same hours as the supermarket. Petrol is available here 24 hours with a credit card, however very few UK credit cards work with the pay-at-the-pump service offered by French petrol stations.

**Chemist:** There are two pharmacies in Sennecey. Please ask on site for directions and opening hours.

**Bank:** There is a branch of Crédit Agricole with a cash dispenser on the main street in Sennecey le Grand, open Tuesday to Friday.

**Post Office:** The nearest post office is in Sennecey le Grand. It is open from 08:30-12:30 and 14:30-18:00 Monday to Friday, 08:30 - 12.00 on Saturday. It is closed on Sundays.

**Tourist Information:** The tourist information bureau is located at the top of the main street in Sennecey le Grand, next to l'Hôtel de Ville. The friendly staff can give you information about leisure activities, excursions, wine tasting, walking and cycling and lots more. Open 09.00 to midday and 14.00 to 17.00.

Please ask your couriers for opening hours and directions for all of the above facilities.

**Web/Email access:** Internet access is available on site in the bar. Alternatively, there are Cyber Cafés in Chalon-Sur-Saône, which will be cheaper than the one onsite.

## Distances

Gigny sur Saône:	1km (0.6 miles)
Sennecey le Grand:	6km (4 miles)
Chalon sur Saône:	13km (8 miles)
Tournus:	16km (10 miles)
Beaune:	45km (28 miles)

## Local Transport

The nearest train and bus stations are in Sennecey le Grand. Please ask on site for up to date timetable information.

## Doctor

Dr. Michel Landreau,  
22B Rue de la Gare, 71240 Sennecey le Grand  
Tel: 03 85 44 96 00,



## Dentist

Dr. Thierry Vivant,  
59 Rue 4 Septembre, 71240 Sennecey le Grand  
Tel: 03 85 44 95 16

## Hospital

C.A.T.T.P.  
4 rue 8 Mai, 71240 Sennecey le grand.  
Tel: 03 85 44 88 16.

## Emergency Services

There is a two-digit phone number for emergency services:

Police	17
Fire	18
Ambulance	15

## Eating and Drinking

You may like to try these restaurants and bars, recommended by Canvas customers and couriers in previous years:

**Restaurant du Pont de Thorey:** *Thorey.* Occupying a romantic setting overlooking the Saône river, this is an ideal spot for a special meal. The fish and duck dishes are house specialities.

**Auberge du Mont St Romain:** *Blanot.* You will receive a very warm welcome from the owners at this cosy, friendly restaurant. Perched on a hill with splendid views across the Grottes de Blanot, it is open for lunch, snacks and dinner. The specialities are regional dishes and home-made desserts.

**Les Années Vins:** *Buxy.* Highly recommended by previous guests. There is a waiter on hand to help you choose the wine best suited to your meal. Closed all day Tuesday and at lunch time on Wednesday.

**Le Grill:** *Tournus.* A restaurant with a warm, easy-going atmosphere and great value for money. You can choose from set menus or à la Carte.



**La Paix:** *Tournus.* This restaurant has been recommended by previous customers. A set menu consisting of three courses will cost approximately €17, this restaurant serves many local specialities made using local produce

**La Halte Nautique:** This restaurant is perfectly situated with excellent views over the river and is only 200m from the campsite. A very casual atmosphere awaits with good food at reasonable prices. Set menus start at €8.

## Family Fun

Children will enjoy a visit to Touro-Parc in Romanèche-Thorins south of Mâcon. It is a leisure park with animals and birds and amusements such as water slides, white water rafting, miniature train and monorail. Enjoy boat trips from La Colonne or La Tranchéré.

It is well worth a visit to the Château de Cormatin, which has one of the largest mazes in France in its grounds. It also has immense flower beds laid out in the style of an English country garden. The Château de Brancion has remained a faithful representation of medieval military architecture. Climb the 87 steps to the top of the château for wonderful views of the village and the hills of the Challorais. While in Lyon, why not view the city from a different angle. Several companies offer boat trips along the Rhône and Saône rivers, a great way to see the old part of the city.

## Nearby

The local countryside is ideal for exploring either by bicycle or on horseback. The nearby equestrian centre in Sennecey le Grand has mounts and accompanied rides for all age groups and levels of experience.

Chalon-sur-Saône is full of good restaurants and shops and has an interesting photography museum dedicated to Nicéphore Niépce, the inventor of photography.

Situated on the river, Tournus is a charming old town that has retained much of its medieval charm.

## Activities

The Parc Naturel Régional du Morvan lies to the northwest of Chalon and incorporates dense woodland, lakes and rolling farmland. The Park offers hiking, mountain biking, canoeing, rafting, horse riding, fishing and water sports.

# Regional Information

## Burgundy

Burgundy is a region of unspoilt countryside, delightful towns and villages, rich in history. At the heart of the area is the Morvan regional nature park, a vast mountain plateau full of beautiful scenery. This region has much to offer with its opulent landscapes of greens and gold, its vineyards, excellent cuisine and medieval and Renaissance masterpieces. From 1363 to 1477 Burgundy was ruled by a succession of great dukes who pursued a luxurious, courtly lifestyle. The dukes brought many craftsmen and artists to their courts, making Dijon one of the most important centres in France.

For the active, there are 1200km of rivers and canals throughout Burgundy. Canal boats can be hired as a leisurely alternative way to explore the region. There is also a wide range of water sports available. For those who enjoy walking there are many signposted paths and plenty of minor roads, country lanes and tracks for cyclin

### Eating & Drinking – Regional Specialities

Much of the cuisine in Burgundy is based around local wine. This is the home of boeuf bourguignon (beef cooked in red wine sauce with mushrooms) and coq au vin (chicken cooked in red wine sauce). Other specialities include jambon persillé (parsleyed ham), jambon cru (raw ham) from Morvan, rosette (a kind of salami) from Mâcon and quenelles (fish dumplings). For dessert, try la poire belle Dijonnaise (pears in a vanilla syrup with raspberry purée, served with blackcurrant ice cream and roasted almonds).

There are three main wine areas in Burgundy. The most famous Burgundies come from the Côte d'Or. The Côte de Mâcon produces large quantities of red and white wines, which are generally less expensive. South of Beaune, is a vast vineyard area producing the now famous Juliéna, Fleurie, Moulin à Vent, Morgon, and Beaujolais Nouveau. As an aperitif try some of the crème de fruits (fruit liqueurs). The famous aperitif, Kir, is a mixture of Burgundian white wine and crème de cassis (a blackcurrant liqueur).

### Things to do and see

\*A • an admission charge is payable for these attractions.

## Family Fun

**Dino Zoo** • A prehistoric animal park with life-size models of dinosaurs appearing along a woodland trail. In Charbonnières-les-Sapins, approx. 15km southeast of Besançon. (Open daily \*A). Tel: 03 81 59 27 03.

**Le Pal** • An amusement park with fairground attractions, water rides, merry-go-rounds, pirate ship, train rides, mini-farm and more. In Dompierre-sur-Bresbre, approx. 75km southwest of Autun. (\*A).

**Touro-Parc** • A leisure park which includes water slides, white water rafting, miniature train and monorail. There are also animals and birds wandering in semi-freedom. In Romanèche-Thorins, approx. 15km south of Mâcon off the N6. (Open daily \*A).

**Zoo Parc de l'Auxois** • A zoo and leisure park with attractions including toboggans, a miniature train ride, horse and cart rides, roundabouts, mini-golf and other games. In Arnay-sous-Vitteaux, about 50km west of Dijon, on the D905. (Open daily \*A).

**Musée du Jouet** • A toy museum, which recounts the history of toy making and has a collection of 5,000 games and toys from the 19th and 20th centuries. Moirans-en-Montagne. (Open daily \*A).

**Le Petit Train des Combes** • Board this little train for an hour-long journey and some breathtaking views. Or dare the 435m toboggan descent. Le Creusot, approx. 20km southeast of Autun. (\*A). Tel: 03 85 55 26 23.

**St. Lucipin - Morbier Railway** • A 25km sightseeing tour, with commentary. Travel over viaducts and through tunnels, admiring the stunning scenery. (\*A).

There are also tours on little trains from: Massangis in northern Burgundy and three others not far from Dijon. See Tourist Information Offices for details.



## Places of Interest

**Dijon** • Dijon is a cultural and gastronomic centre. It is an appealing city with many buildings from the Middle Ages and Renaissance. The former ducal palace, the Palais des Ducs, now houses the Musée des Beaux-Arts. You will also see the 14th-century kitchen with its great chimney pieces, the chapter house, and the guardroom, which contains splendid tombs and altarpieces (\*A). Whilst visiting, climb the 316 steps to the top of the Tour Philippe le Bon where you will be rewarded with a fabulous panorama (Open daily, \*A). Behind the palace is a maze of lanes with medieval houses, the most notable of which are on Rue des Forges. The 13th-century Église Notre-Dame is in the Burgundian-Gothic style, its west facade is quite unique. Look at the north wall for the tiny carved owl that is the town mascot and which people touch for good luck.

**Besançon** • The strategic value of Besançon was first spotted by the Romans who built a settlement here. The Roman Grande Rue is still the main street, lined with 16th to 18th century mansions (Victor Hugo was born at No. 140). Vauban, Louis XIV's military engineer, constructed the Citadelle with its elaborate system of fortifications. There is also a zoo, shops and restaurants (\*A - a joint ticket covers the citadelle and museums). In the belfry of the Cathédrale is a fabulous 19th century astronomical clock, the Horloge Astronomique, with thousands of moving parts which activate just before the hour (\*A). In the Musée des Beaux-Arts et Archéologie there is a section devoted to the long tradition of clock and watch-making, for which Besançon is famous (\*A).

**Switzerland** • Switzerland is less than 2 hours drive away. If you drive via the Col de la Faucille you will enjoy a breathtaking view of Geneva and Lake Geneva, dominated by the distant Massif du Mont Blanc.

**Beaune** • The unofficial capital of the Côte d'Or where most of Burgundy's vintage wines are produced. It is one of the best places in France for wine tasting. The tourist office on Rue de l'Hôtel-Dieu can supply you with a free map and lists of

cellars in the Beaune area that offer wine tasting. Whilst in Beaune, make time to visit the magnificent Hôtel-Dieu des Hospices, France's most fascinating medieval charity hospital. An excellent English-language brochure is available at the ticket window. The Hôtel-Dieu was built in 1443 as a charitable hospital. From the cobbled inner courtyard you will see the famous roofs of glazed coloured tiles. Its museum retraces the history of the hospital and also houses Rogier van der Weyden's stirring altarpiece of the Last Judgement. The Musée du Vin de Bourgogne traces the region's viticulture history.

**Tournus** • An attractive old town on the river Saône retaining much of its medieval charm. The huge Abbaye St-Philibert is considered to be one of France's most impressive sacred Romanesque buildings. The crypt and the narthex (vestibule on the west side) are the two oldest parts of the abbey, dating from the 10th century.

**Cluny** • Situated beside the little river Grosne, this small town is famous for its Benedictine abbey. Founded in 910, the abbey reached the height of its glory around 1100 when it was influential throughout Europe. It was the biggest church in the world until St Peter's was built in Rome. Only the southern arm of the great transept and one of the original five bell-towers remain. Other original remains can be seen in the Musée du Farinier, in the former granary of the abbey mill.

**Mâcon** • A lively river port with excellent cuisine, renowned for its wine fair in May. Its finest old house is the Maison de Bois in the Place aux Herbes, a beautifully carved wooden building. The romantic poet Alphonse de Lamartine was born in Mâcon and you can see documents about his life and work at the Musée Lamartine.

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