



### **Camping la Pergola,**

Lac de Chalain, 39130 Marigny, France

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# Campsite Information

## Camping la Pergola, Lac de Chalain

This site is situated on the glistening Lac de Chalain in the Jura region of France. This is an area of outstanding natural beauty, and the lakes and mountains offer many outdoor activities. The site is less than a two-hour drive north from the Swiss city of Geneva and just twenty miles east of the town of Lons-le-Saunier.

### Arriving at Camping la Pergola

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

The campsite reception is open from 08.00 until 19.00 in low season. In high season it is open until 21.00.

### Barrier

The barrier is closed between 22.00 and 07.00. Should you wish to depart early in the morning or arrive late at night, please leave your car outside the barrier. The barrier is operated by means of an electronic card which will be given to you upon arrival in exchange for a €20 deposit. This deposit also covers passes for the swimming pool.

### Currency Exchange

Currency can be exchanged on site and there is a small commission fee to pay.

### Safety Deposit Boxes

These can be rented at the campsite reception, at a cost of around €3 per day. Please ask your couriers for further details.



### Telephone

There are four card-operated phones on site. Phone cards are on sale at the campsite reception and at the shop.

### Web/Internet Access

Web access is available on site in the bar/restaurant. It costs €3 for 30 minutes or €10 for 5 hours. Internet cards can be bought at the bar.

### Shopping

The on-site shop sells a variety of produce and basic groceries, as well as fresh bread, beer, international newspapers and magazines, toiletries and beach items. It is open from 08.00 until 11.00 and from 17.00 until 19.00 in low season and from 08.00 to noon and 15.00 to 19.00 in high season.

### Washing and Toilet Facilities

Washing machines and tumble dryers (tokens are available from reception, priced €5 for a washing machine and €2.50 for a tumble dryer), free hot showers, wash cubicles with hot water, baby bath, baby room and standard toilets.

### Post

There is a post box on site, located outside the restaurant and stamps are on sale at the campsite reception and shop.

### Eating and Drinking

**Bar:** The bar is open from 11.00 to 23.00 in low season, and 11.00 to midnight in high season. The bar offers a variety of entertainment, in high season, including live music and karaoke.

**Takeaway:** The takeaway is open daily, serving good value and tasty local dishes as well as pizzas and special children's and vegetarian menus. The takeaway is open from noon to 21.30 in low season and noon to 22.00 in high season.

**Snack bar:** The snack bar is by the lake beach and sells crêpes, hotdogs and drinks. It is open in July and August only, from noon to 20.00.

**Restaurant:** The newly refurbished restaurant has a modern feel and large covered terrace. The menu is varied and good value-for-money and includes steaks, fish salads and pancakes. There is also a children's menu available. These facilities are open daily between noon and 21.30 (22.00 in high season). It is advisable to book a table in high season as it gets fairly busy.

### Entertainment

The entertainment team organise a variety of events throughout the season including discos, cabaret, karaoke, quizzes, magic shows, live music and sports competitions.

### Recreation

**Swimming:** The pool complex has two heated swimming pools, a children's pool and a Jacuzzi. Open from 10.00 to 20.00 everyday. You are reminded that swimming trunks and security bracelets are compulsory in the pools.

**Archery:** Archery is available in high and low season - see your couriers for more details.

**Windsurfing:** Windsurfers are available to hire at the lake and a deposit is payable on top of hourly charges.

**Pedaloos/Canoes:** These are also available for use on the lake, check prices with your couriers. Approximate prices are: €8½/hour & €13/hour for a pedalo; €7 per hour or €20/4 hours for a canoe.

**Fishing:** Fishing is available on the lake, a permit is required costing €6 per day. Permits are available from the campsite reception.

There are also facilities on site for table-tennis, basketball, badminton, boules, aqua aerobics and volleyball. There is a children's playground on site and a games room with a small bar, television, darts, table tennis and a stage.

**Bicycles:** Bicycle hire is available on site. Prices are: €15 per day, €69 per week for adults and €12 per day, €56 per week for children. Please note that there is a €100 deposit payable.

### Canvas Active

Canvas Active is available at Camping la Pergola. Canvas customers have researched walking and cycling in the local area. For further details please see the Activities booklet available from the Canvas website.

### Rules and Regulations

- Silence and no driving on site between 23.00 and 07.00.
- 10km/ph speed limit on site.
- No fires permitted anywhere on site or on the lake side beach.
- Swimming trunks are compulsory in the pools.
- Only one car is allowed per emplacement.

### Recycling in the Jura

Please note that recycling waste products is compulsory in the Jura. All rubbish must be separated into paper, cardboard, metal, drink packs, glass and plastics. Your couriers will have more details.



# Local Information

## Beaches

There is direct access to a small, sandy lakeside beach where the water is calm and swimming is safe. There are many opportunities for watersports on the lake, check with your couriers for further details and recommendations. There is a larger beach about two minutes' drive away.

## Shopping

**Supermarkets:** There is a small Proxi Marché supermarket in Doucier, open Monday-Saturday, 08.00 - 12.00 and 14.00 - 20.00, and Sunday, 09.00 - 12.00, closed on Wednesdays. Champagnole has branches of Super U, Champion, Intermarché and Lidl. The nearest hypermarket is Géant Casino at Lons-le-Saunier, open from 08.00 to 20.00, closed Sunday afternoons.

**Souvenirs:** There are numerous gift shops in Lons-le-Saunier.

## Local Markets

**Monday:** Poligny, Oyonnax, Chalon-sur-Saône, Doucier.

**Tuesday:** Dijon, Dole, Besançon, Morteau, Chalon-sur-Saône.

**Wednesday:** Chalon-sur-Saône, Fleurie, Dijon, Besançon, Clairvaux-les-Lacs, Beaune.

**Thursday:** Chagny, Dole, Lons-le-Saunier, Baume-les-Dames, Pontarlier, St Claude, Oyonnax, Dijon, Chalon-sur-Saône.

**Friday:** Besançon, Chalon-sur-Saône, Dijon, Mâcon, Nuit St Georges, Moirans-en-Montagne, Arbois, Mouthe, Poligny, Les Rousses.

**Saturday:** Beaune, Dijon, Mâcon, Tournus, Oyonnax, Nantua, Gex, St Claude, Morez, Dole, Champagnole, Morteau, Besançon, Chalon-sur-Saône, Lons-le-Saunier.

**Sunday:** Chalon-sur-Saône.

## Facilities

**Petrol:** There is a filling station in Doucier, open 09.00 to 18.00, but fuel is cheaper at Super U and Géant Casino.

**Chemist:** There is a chemist in Doucier, which is open from 09.00 to noon and from 16.00 to 18.00.

**Banks:** There is a branch of Crédit Agricole, with a 24 hour cash dispenser, in Doucier.

**Post Office:** In Doucier, open from 09.00 to noon and 15.00 to 18.00 Monday to Saturday.

**Web/Email access:** There is internet access available in Champagnole at "L'Espace Jeunesse". It is open 14.00-17.00 Tuesday-Friday and 10.00-12.00 on Wednesdays.

**Tourist Information:** Is in Champagnole Clairvaux-les-Lacs, open from 09.00 to noon and 15.00 to 18.00. In Lons-le-Saunier, it is worth going in to the Comité Départemental de Tourisme du Jura on Rue Louis Rousseau where they have information about the whole region, open 09.00 to noon and 14.00 to 17.00.

## Distances

Doucier: 2km (1.8 miles)  
Clairvaux les Lacs 19km (11.4 miles)  
Lons-le-Saunier: 24km (14.4 miles)  
Geneva: 96km (57.6 miles)

## Local Transport

There is a train station in Lons-le-Saunier, with regular trains to Lyon.

## Doctor

Dr Menestrière  
Le Bourg, Doucier  
Tel: 03 84 25 70 42.

## Dentist

Dr. Jean-Christophe Defour  
61 ave République, Champagnole.  
Tel: 03 84 52 15 21

## 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:

**La Tonnelle:** In Doucier. Dine on the terrace with a beautiful view of the Jura countryside. A large variety of dishes available at reasonable prices.

**La Sarrazine:** In Doucier. This comfortable, airy restaurant is highly recommended for its steaks, especially the T-bone! The staff are very helpful and a children's menu is available.

**Le Comtois:** In Doucier. Well-recommended by previous visitors, this restaurant offers an extensive choice of set menus at good value prices. Children are made very welcome and a special children's menu is available.

**Le Chalet:** In Bonlieu. This restaurant offers good food at a reasonable price and a very French atmosphere. Set menus are available and start around €15. Dishes range from pizza to grilled meat and fish.

**Big Ben:** In Champagnole. A funky pizza restaurant suitable for adults only. Be prepared for the decorations. Reasonably priced.

**Le Mirabilis:** Located in Mirebel. This restaurant also has a good menu and a great French ambience. Set menus are available and à la carte and start from around €10 per person. Children's menus are also available. Dishes include meat and fish.

**Chez Yvonne:** Between Lons-le-Saunier and Doucier, this restaurant occupies a beautiful spot alongside the Ain River. The specialities are local trout and salmon, and a variety of traditional dishes.

**Lotus de Lons:** In Lons-le-Saunier. A fantastic, smart Chinese restaurant. Inexpensive with generous servings.

## Activities

The number of lakes in the area make watersports the most popular activity. Waterskiing is available on Lac de Voughlans. If you would like to view the area from a different perspective, try microlighting!

## Nearby

**Cascades du Hérisson** • The spectacular Cascades du Hérisson waterfalls are just 10km from the campsite. From Doucier take the trail through



the woods along the Hérisson River to view this spectacular series of waterfalls, which are particularly breathtaking after heavy rain. The path is steep and can be slippery at times. Remember your waterproofs and walking shoes!

**Arbois** • Picturesquely situated amid vineyards, this village was the childhood home of Louis Pasteur. The Maison de Pasteur, his parent's house has been preserved and you can see many of his possessions, his laboratory and instruments. At the Musée de la Vigne et du Vin you can learn about local wines. A wine festival is held in Arbois in early September.

**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-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. The citadelle offers magnificent views and now houses three museums devoted to natural history, regional folklore, and the French resistance during WWII. There is also a zoo, shops and restaurants (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. 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.

# Regional Information

## Jura

The Jura lies in eastern France, bounded to the west by Burgundy and to the east by Switzerland. The name Jura comes from the Latin *juria* meaning forest, and for a long time Jura was covered with impenetrable forests. The Jura mountains are formed of limestone, rich in fossils. This is a region richly endowed with lakes and rivers, spectacular gorges, caves and waterfalls. There is a wide range of water sports available, or for those who enjoy walking there are many signposted paths and plenty of minor roads, country lanes and tracks for cycling.

### Eating & Drinking – Regional Specialities

In the Jura, local cuisine makes much of its cheese, and dishes like fondue are favoured. Some of the regional cheeses are: Comté, similar to Swiss Gruyère; Morbier, with a fairly fruity taste and a black streak through the middle; Vacherin, mild-tasting with a pale pink rind; and Cancoillotte, pale yellow and runny, with a very fruity flavour. The charcuterie is also excellent here. Try Brési (cured beef) and Luxeuil ham. Fresh-water fish form the basis for local specialities. The Jura also has vineyards, which produce red, white, rosé, and the unique vin jaune (yellow wine) which is rich and full flavoured with a high alcohol content. A speciality from Jura is Hypocras, a red wine mixed with sugar and spices. You will also find a huge selection of alcools blancs, or eaux-de-vie (the water of life), clear spirits flavoured with fruit or berries, the most famous of which is made from Framboise (raspberry).

### Things to do and see

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

## Family Fun

### Parks/Animal Attractions

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

**Touroparc** • 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 Romaneche-Thorins, about 15kms south of Macon, (open daily, \*A).

### Museums

**Maison d'Oiseaux** • You can find many extraordinary species dotted around one of the lakes at the centre including the elusive Hoopi (Hoopoe) bird himself! In Villars les Dombes. (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).

### Caves

There are many beautiful caves in the Jura, some worth visiting include:

**Gouffre de Poudrey** • Approximately 20km southeast of Besançon.

**Grottes de Baumes** • Near Baume-les-Messieurs, approximately 15km northeast of Lons-le-Saunier.

**Grottes des Moidons** • Near Molain, approximately 10km southeast of Poligny.

**Grottes d'Osselle** • Near Saint Vit, approximately 15km southwest of Besançon.



**Grottes des Planches** • Near Arbois.

### Train Trips

**St Lucipin - Morbier Railway** • Inaugurated in 1912, the Saint-Claude railway in Morez was the last French rail conquest! Today, it offers visitors a sightseeing tour of 25km with commentary on the Haute Vallée de la Bienne. The train, travelling over or under numerous viaducts and tunnels (18 in total, including Frasses which follows a horseshoe-shape below the mountain), offers the incredible sight of the Bienne gorges, before stopping for a guided tour of Morez. A climb to 900m leads to Morbier, from where it is possible to make the return trip by bicycle. St. Lucipin is about 15-20 miles from Clairvaux-les-Lacs. The journey will take around 40 minutes on some very twisty winding roads (\*A).

## Places of Interest

**Ornans** • An attractive town whose medieval houses line the banks of the River Loue. The realist painter Gustave Courbet was born here and you can visit his childhood home, now the Musée Courbet (\*A). From Ornans take the D67, which follows the river to Ouhans where you will see signs for the Source de la Loue. The spectacular source of the river has magnificent views of the area.

**Ronchamp** • Famous for the striking Chapelle Notre-Dame-du-Haut, situated on a hill above the town. Designed by Le Corbusier in 1951, it is unique in style, with curved walls and irregularly-placed windows

**Salins-les-Bains** • Situated in the valley of the River Furieuse, this town's salt-water springs have been used for medicinal purposes since Roman times. For an interesting lesson about the area's salt industry pay a visit to the saltworks for a guided tour of the workings, 250m underground (guided tours hourly, \*A).

**Geneva** • The Swiss city of Geneva is less than a two-hour drive the site. The drive there is wonderful, winding through the mountains and valleys. The city is great for a day visit. Make sure you visit the old quarter with its cathedral and the United Nations Building.

**Beaune** • The wine capital of Burgundy, Beaune is a beautiful town attracting thousands of visitors. It is one of the best-preserved towns in the area, still enclosed by medieval walls. 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 (open daily, \*A). The Musée du Vin de Bourgogne traces the region's viticulture history (\*A).

In September, Beaune holds the International Wine Festival.

**Chalon-sur-Saône** • As Burgundy's second city, Chalon-sur-Saône has enjoyed prosperity in Roman times and at the beginning of the Middle Ages when it was the capital of the Merovingian Kingdom of Burgundy. On the eve of the Renaissance it became the centre of great international fairs. The St Vincent district is the historical heart of the city and is set around the Romanesque and gothic influenced cathedral. The high neo-gothic towers look over the weekly market held in the square below. Chalon-sur-Saône's Hôtel Dieu (hospital) sits on an island in the middle of the Saône. Built in 1530 it has been added to over the centuries allowing for more wards and facilities. This shows its varying types of architectural design. The Hôtel Dieu is the only Burgundian building of its kind with significant renaissance features, a period not usually noted for its interest in the hospitals. Also in Chalon, is the Denon museum specialising in fine arts and archaeology and the Niepce museum dedicated to the inventor of photography.

**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 ducal kitchen with its great chimney pieces, the chapter house, and the guardroom, which contains splendid tombs and altarpieces (\*A). Whilst visiting the palace climb the 316 steep steps to the top of the Tour Philippe le Bon where you will be rewarded with a fabulous panoramic view. (Open daily, \*A). Behind the palace is a maze of narrow lanes lined 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 and its west facade, with three rows of gargoyles, is quite unique. Look at the north wall for the tiny carved owl (chouette) that is the town mascot and which people touch for good luck.

**Baume-les-Messieurs** • Even if you are not planning to visit the nearby Grottes de Baumes (see Family Fun), it is worthwhile taking a trip here to gaze in awe at the breathtaking beauty of the village surroundings. Be sure to visit the 'Belvedere' (viewpoint) for a stunning view over the village.

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