

**Les Roulottes du  
Domaine de Dienné,**

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# Campsite Information

## Roulottes du Domaine de Dienné

Les Roulottes du Domaine de Dienné is an attractive park set in rolling countryside. This is the perfect location for families, with a wealth of activities on offer including a tree-top adventure course, trampolines, bouncy castle and pony rides. The park has two heated swimming pools (one covered), plus a sauna, jacuzzi and Turkish bath.

### Arriving at Roulottes Domaine de Dienné

On arrival go straight to the park reception to check in. Here you will need to show passports and your vehicle registration number. You will then be asked to pay a security deposit of €200; this must be paid by debit or credit card. If the accommodation is not left as found €35 of this will be kept for cleaning at the end of your stay. Check in time is between 16.00 and 19.00.

**Please note, there is no Canvas courier on the park. You and your accommodation will be looked after by the friendly on-site staff.**

### Early/Late Arrivals.

Please note if you arrive before 16.00, your accommodation may not be ready. Arrivals after 22.00 cannot be accepted on site. Please note that if you do arrive late and cannot be admitted onto the park, you have full responsibility for finding alternative accommodation. Reception will be open from 09.00 the following day.

### Reception.

The park reception is open every day from 09:00 to 20:00 in high season. Hours may vary in low season.

### Currency Exchange

This facility is not available on site. Nearest exchange is at the BNP Paribas bank in Chauvigny.

### Telephone

There are coin and card operated phones on site. Phone cards can be bought at the shop.

### Web/Email Access.

This is not available on this site.

### Shopping

The onsite shop sells general groceries, fruit and vegetables. There is also a bakery selling fresh bread and cakes but they need to be ordered a day in advance. There is also a small gift shop selling regional products. Please see reception staff for opening times.

### Washing and Toilet Facilities.

There are two washing machines and tumble dryers available. You can also hire an iron. There are free hot showers, standard toilets and wash cubicles.

### Post

There is a post box near to the park reception and stamps can be bought at the shop.

### Eating and Drinking

**Restaurant/Bar/Pizzeria:** There is a restaurant which offers great dishes at reasonable prices served by the friendly staff. There is also a bar which has a pool table and satellite television. If you wish to eat at your Roulotte, takeaway pizzas and pasta is also available. There is also a small tearoom. All of these are housed in the magnificent wood clubhouse where you will also find a cosy seating area with a library. Please see on site staff for opening times. The facilities are closed on Mondays and during school holidays on a Tuesday also.

### Entertainment

There is occasional evening entertainment held in the clubhouse. Please see park staff for more details.



### Recreation

**Swimming:** There is a beautiful heated indoor swimming pool on site and there is also an outdoor pool. For those who wish to catch the sun, there is a large grassy terrace around the swimming pool, with sun loungers available.

**Bike hire:** On Domaine de Dienné it is possible to hire both adults and children's bikes. Please see park reception for more details and prices.

**Wellbeing:** There is a wellbeing suite on site offering a sauna and jacuzzi. Prices start from €12. Please ask at campsite reception for opening times and multi session membership prices.

**Fishing:** Available in the small park ponds. See park staff for more details.

**Horse riding:** Located on the park for both adults and children. Lessons are also available. Prices start from €16 for a ride or €35 for a half day course.

**Adventure Park:** In the onsite adventure park there is a 12 metre high tower and six zip-lines covering over 1300m. Full safety equipment is provided. Please

see park reception for more details. Minimum party restrictions apply along with minimum age and height restrictions depending on chosen activity.

Other activities on site include table tennis, table football, boules and a games room.

### Rules and Regulations

- Silence and no driving on park between 23.00 and 07.00.
- 10km/h speed limit onsite.
- Only one car per emplacement.



# Local Information

## River

The river Gartempe cuts through the Vienne region close to the park - on here you can try various water sports. Located near the park, the town of Montmorillon offers canoe trips and pedalo hire, or you can enjoy a picnic and the fantastic views from the banks.

## Shopping

The nearest supermarket is the Champion supermarket located in Chauvigny. On the same road you will also find a branch of the budget supermarket Netto. Both of these are located on Route de Poitiers towards the town centre. For a larger hypermarket, head to Poitiers. Here you will find a Géant Casino - there is also a petrol station, which will be cheaper than most roadside fuel stations.

## Souvenirs

You will find a good range of shops in Chauvigny. Further afield, take a trip to the varied shops of Poitiers or Chateauroux or visit one of the local markets for some bargains.

## Local Markets

**Monday:** Chaunay.

**Tuesday:** Chatellerault, La Roche Posay.

**Wednesday:** La Roche Posay, Mirebeau, Montmorillon

**Thursday:** Charroux, Gencay, Neuville de Poitou.

**Friday:** La Roche Posay, Lussac-les-Chateaux.

**Saturday:** Couché, Chauvigny, La Roche Posay, Montmorillon.

**Sunday:** Neuville de Poitou.

## Facilities

**Petrol:** There is a filling station at the Géant Casino supermarket in Poitiers. Closer to the park there is a fuel station in Valvidienne, located at 4 Lieu Dit Le Gaschard.

**Chemist:** There is a chemist in Chauvigny located on Route de Poitiers. It is normally open from 09:00-12:00 and 15:00-19:00. (Closed Sundays)

**Bank:** Banks are usually open from 08:00 to 12:00. There is a branch of BNP Paribas in Chauvigny on Place du Marche. It has a cash dispenser that accepts major credit cards. There are more banks and cash points available in Montmorillon or Poitiers.

**Post Office:** The nearest post office is located in Verrières just off Grande Route, on Rue de la Poste and is open 09:00-14:00 Monday to Saturday. A larger post office can be found in Poitiers.

**Tourist Office:** There is a tourist information office in Montmorillon on Place du Marechal Leclerc. It is open daily from 09:00 to 12:30 and from 15:00 to 19:30. It is closed Sunday and Wednesday afternoon.

Telephone: 0033 (0) 5 49 91 11 96.

## Distances

Chauvigny: 21km (13 miles)

Montmorillon: 28km (17 miles)

Poitiers: 27km (17 miles)

Chateauroux: 112km (70 miles)

## Local Transport

The nearest train stations to the park are in Chauvigny or Montmorillon. The main bus station is in Montmorillon - from here you can get a bus to most of the towns in the area. Please see the park for more details and times.

## Doctor

There is a doctor in Verrières, on Rue de Provence, available everyday. The staff there speak some English.



Telephone: 0033 (0) 5 49 42 71 05.

The nearest hospital can be found in Nieuil-l'Espoir, approximately a 20 minute drive away.

## Dentist

There is a dentist in Verrières, located on Rue de Provence.

Telephone: 0033 (0) 5 49 46 83 09

The park staff will help arrange doctor or dentist appointments if required.

## 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 local restaurants, which have been recommended by Canvas customers who have visited the area in previous years.

**Albert Sophie, Route de Limoges, Fleuré.** An easy five minute drive from the park will bring you to this small and friendly restaurant, offering good quality local food.

**La Flambeé, Place St Michel, Verrières.** A cosy, traditional French restaurant offering refined cuisine from a highly recommended chef.

**La Solitaire, Rue du Rateau, Nieuil-l'Espoir.** This restaurant offers great food and both lunch and evening meal menus all at reasonable prices.

**La Bisquine, located close to the lake on Rue Impasse Peline, Civaux.** A beautifully located restaurant serving excellent, traditional cuisine at very good prices. The specialities here are the crepes and pizzas as well as the locally caught fish.

**Yoyo Piz', Route de Poitiers, Gençay.** Offers freshly made pizzas to order. The food is great and also reasonably priced.

**Le Temple Celeste, Rue Carnot, Poitiers.** An excellent Chinese restaurant if you are looking for something different.

## Nearby

Located 21km north of the park, Chauvigny is beautifully situated on the banks of the river Vienne. The town is overlooked by a hill with five ruined medieval castles along its ridge, which are well worth exploring. The church of St Pierre is one of the main attractions of the town itself. Built in several architectural styles, the fascinating interior offers amazing carvings on the pillars, from gothic gargoyles to the serene events of the nativity.

## Activities

There are plenty of different activities available in the Vienne region. If you are looking for a day out on the river, a range of water sports are available on both the Gartempe and Vienne rivers. Activities on offer include canoeing, fishing, swimming and water skiing. If you prefer to explore on foot or by bike, there are an excellent choice of hiking routes and mountain biking trails to follow.



# Regional Information

## Vienne

The Vienne region is set in the heart of France - in the centre of the region is Poitiers, the largest town in the department, and the capital of the Poitou-Charentes region. Discover the many buildings of historical interest and a lively town centre. The popular theme park at Futuroscope is just a short drive away. To the north discover the medieval city at Chauvigny, while east lies the impressive Saint-Savin Abbey, a world heritage site. Whilst in the Vienne, discover the pretty village of Angles-sur-Anglin, famous for its 15,000 year old carvings at the nearby 'Witches Rock'.

### Eating and Drinking – Regional Specialities

The Poitou-Charentes region has a magnificent coastline with beautiful countryside inland. There are plenty of local specialities available, including shell fish from the coast and some fine meats inland. The region is probably best known for the production of Cognac. This superb locally-produced spirit is widely available with plenty of opportunities to taste and buy.

### Things to do and see

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

## Family Fun

**Futuroscope** • Futuroscope is Europe's first park devoted to technology. Attractions includes a Kinemax cinema with a 600m<sup>2</sup> screen, a 3D cinema, a 'dynamic cinema' with simulated seating (which move in reaction to events in the film), an enchanted lake, bumper boat, adventure playgrounds, a water maze and a Lego exhibition. Futuroscope is located just outside Poitiers. (Open daily \*A)

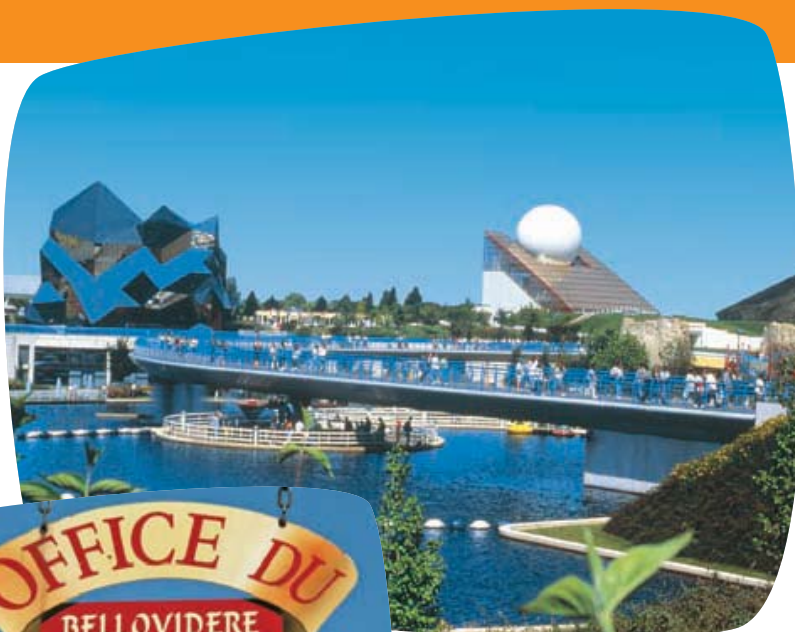
**Giants of the Sky** • Discover birds from all round the world flying over the ruins of the Bishops' Castle. Be amazed at steep dives or giant leaps from Australian kookaburras, snowy owls, great horned owls, white storks, condors, American parrots, eagles and vultures to name but a few. Located close to the park in Chauvigny. (Open daily \*A).

**Snakes Island** • Alligators, giant lizards, snakes and other reptiles from all over the world make Snake Island their home. Learn about their habitat and help to feed them in their natural environment. As well as an interesting documentary film about their lives, the more adventurous can touch the snakes. Located in La Trimouille. (Open daily \*A).

**Monkey Valley** • Located in Romagne, Monkey Valley offers the largest concentration of chimpanzees in Europe. More than 30 species make their home in this 15 hectares of natural wooded parkland - feeding time is a must-see! The park is keen on conservation - since it opened, Monkey Valley has seen over 250 births, including five baby gorillas. Discover what goes on behind the scenes; informative exhibitions detail what happens when a new monkey arrives, teach you about their everyday routine, and discuss research conducted at this site. There is also a mini-farm, where younger children can pet goats and sheep, as well as a play area and picnic tables. (Open daily \*A).

## Places of Interest

**Valdivienne** • This pretty village is located very close to the park and is well worth a visit. Discover the 12th century cathedral, or if you are feeling more active, the outdoor recreation centre located on the lake front, offers supervised swimming in July and August. There is also a fishing area and children's play area.



**Novaille-Maupertuis** • A sleepy little town with much to see including the large Abbey of St Junien - a roman style building constructed in the 12th century. Originally a benedictine abbey, it is named after St Junien whose remains were brought here. The abbey was fortified during the time of the Hundred Years War and was surrounded by a high wall with defensive towers. Next door, a small medieval garden has been planted.

**Civray** • Ideally located on the banks of the Charente river, the town was built up around the Romanesque Saint-Nicolas Church. The façade of the church has many fascinating sculptures, including the sublime "Wise and Foolish Virgins". Enjoy some excellent panoramic views of the town and church from the ruins of the fortified castle overlooking the town.

**Poitiers** • The capital of the Poitou-Charentes region is steeped in history and offers an attractive medieval centre. The tourist office (located near the Notre Dame church) offers a good map of the town with the main tourist circuits marked out. The three circuits each take around an hour on foot - an excellent way to discover the main attractions of the city.

**Montmorillon** • This picturesque town makes a superb day trip for book lovers, offering a wide selection of all things literary, from book shops to calligraphers. The town also has a rich architectural heritage - La Maison-Dieu, a hospital-monastery founded in the 11th century is home to the Saint-Laurent Chapel, l'Octagon (a mysterious funereal chapel) and the regional museum, Musée de la Tour.

**Vivonne** • Located at the junction of three rivers, Vivonne offers the Vounant park, home to a wealth of art exhibitions and music festivals during the summer months. The town centre is also worth exploration, including lots of little souvenir shops.

**Saint Savin-sur-Gartempe** • The village of St Savin-sur-Gartempe is renowned for its abbey, in particular the well-preserved murals found inside. Built during

the 11th century the abbey towers imposingly over the village.

**Angles-sur-Anglin** • Set on a rocky hillside, opposite a pretty gorge and surrounded by woodland and fields, are this attractive medieval village and the ruins of the Chateau Guichard. The narrow, unspoiled streets are lined with attractive medieval houses leading to the chateau and a Romanesque church and bell tower. Explore on foot by following the sign posted tourist circuit of Ville Haute to see the upper town, before descending over one hundred steps to the Ville Basse circuit around the lower town. As you walk down the steps you get good views of some lovely houses on the opposite side of the river.

**Niort** • Located 50km southwest of Poitiers, is the interesting town of Niort. Explore the mainly pedestrianised area around rue Victor-Hugo and rue St-Jean, full of stone-fronted and half-timbered medieval houses. At the end of the street is the river, the Sèvre Niortaise, with gardens and trees along the bank.

**Châteauroux** • The bustling town of Châteauroux has a rich cultural heritage, with its many museums and historic buildings. Situated on the banks of the river, the pace of life here is very relaxing - there are dozens of restaurants to enjoy a relaxing meal, or take in a guided visit of the nature reserve or historic centre. Full details are available from the tourist information office

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