



Domaine de Drancourt,

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Campsite Information

Domaine de Drancourt, St Valery

Domaine de Drancourt is a quality site, set in the grounds of a quaint château and surrounded by wooded countryside. The site is close to the Channel ports, with Dieppe under one hour's drive to the west and Calais just over an hour to the north. Its location is perfect for exploring the delights of northeast France.

Arriving at Domaine de Drancourt

On arrival go to the Canvas reception, your Canvas couriers will be here to meet you between 4pm and 8pm.

Early/Late Arrivals

Please note that if you arrive before 4pm your accommodation may not be ready. If you arrive between 8pm and 10pm you will find directions to your courier and/or accommodation at the Canvas reception. Arrivals after 10pm cannot be accepted on site. If you do arrive late and cannot be admitted onto site, you have full responsibility for finding alternative off-site accommodation. A Canvas courier will be available on site from 9am the following day. If possible, please telephone the campsite and let them know if you are going to be late.

Reception

Reception is open from 9am to 12.30pm, and 1.30pm to 6pm. In high season these hours are extended to 9am to 8pm.

Barrier

The barrier is closed between 11pm and 7am. Should you wish to depart early in the morning or arrive back late at night, you will have to leave your car outside the barrier.

Currency Exchange

Currency and traveller's cheques cannot be exchanged on site. There are banks in St Valery which offer this service.

Safety Deposit Boxes

Safety deposit boxes are available to rent at reception. Please ask on site for details of prices.

Telephone

There are three card-operated phone on site. Phone cards are available from the site reception.

Web/Email Access

WiFi access is available in the Château bar.

Shopping

The on-site shop sells a range of basic groceries and produce. If you require fresh bread, croissants or pain au chocolat, they must be ordered one day in advance and collected before 10am. International newspapers are available in high season. The shop opening hours are 8.30am to 10am and 4.30pm to 6.30pm in low season, 8am to 8pm in high season.

Washing and Toilet Facilities

Washing machines and tumble dryers (tokens are available to buy from reception; €5 for a washing machine and €3.50 for a dryer), free hot showers, baby baths and standard toilets.



Post

There is a post box in the campsite reception, and stamps and postcards are also on sale here.

Entertainment

There is a varied programme of entertainment in high season including live music, karaoke, disco nights and quizzes in the cinema bar. The site also organise sports competitions such as football, tennis and rounders during the day.

In addition, the campsite organises a guided tour of Paris each week (depending on demand). Please ask on site for more information.

Eating and Drinking

Bars: There are two bars on site, the Cinema bar and the Château bar, both open from 8pm to 11pm. The Cinema Bar is the venue for most of the on site entertainment and has a widescreen television showing satellite TV and films. The Cinema bar also has a few pool tables and arcade games and is where the evening entertainment takes place. This bar is not open everyday out of July and August. The Château Bar is a quieter and more sophisticated venue. Opening times may vary in low season.

Takeaway: A variety of reasonably priced food is available including pizza, chicken, burgers and chips. Opening times are 12.30pm to 1.30pm and 6pm to 9pm, although these may vary according to demand. In low season the takeaway only opens from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. The takeaway is closed on Wednesdays.

Restaurant: A varied menu of both international and regional dishes are on offer at the on site restaurant. Set menus are available at good prices and a children's menu is also available. The restaurant is normally open from 7pm to 9pm in high season and

7pm to 8.30pm in low season (Friday-Monday only) although times may vary according to demand.

Recreation

Swimming: There are two swimming pools (one is covered and has a pool-side bar), a children's pool and a water slide. The pools are open from 9am to 8pm in high season.

The swimming pools are supervised in high season. Please note that the outdoor pool, water slide and children's pool are open from 14th May.

Tennis: Tennis courts can be booked at reception. They are available throughout the season and equipment hire is also available. Cost is €4 for the court or €8 for the court and equipment.

Cycling: Bicycles are available for hire on site. Prices vary - ask your courier for prices and further information.

Mini Golf: Available all season at a cost of €3 per person.

Football: There is a football pitch on site, available all season free of charge.

Golf driving range: There is a golf driving range located at the end of the campsite, cost is €5 for balls and a club.

Pony rides: Pony rides are available in high season, and costs €6 for 20 minutes.

Other facilities include a children's playground, table tennis, volleyball, badminton, go-karts, and a games room.

Canvas Active

Canvas Active is available at Domaine de Drancourt. Canvas customers have researched golf courses in the local area. For further details please see the activities booklet.

Rules and Regulations

- Silence on site between 22.00 and 07.00.
- Please deposit your bottles at the bins provided on site for recycling.
- No driving on site between 23.00 and 07.00.
- There is a one way system on the roads around some parts of the campsite



Local Information

Shopping

Supermarkets: There is an Intermarché just five minutes' drive from the site in the direction of St Valery. It is open from 9am to 12.30pm and from 2.15pm to 7.15pm Monday to Saturday and on Sunday mornings. In Abbeville you will find a Géant and the nearest Auchan is in Mers-le-Bain. Both of these are open all day Monday to Saturday.

Souvenirs: St Valery has a good range of gift shops, as do the other resorts in the area.

Local Markets

Monday: Mers les Bains and Crecy en Pontieu.
Tuesday: Le Crotoy and Fort Mahon Plage.
Wednesday: Amiens and Abbeville (last week of each month only).
Thursday: Abbeville (not last week of each month).
Friday: Le Crotoy.
Saturday: Abbeville, Dieppe and Amiens.
Sunday: St Valery (also a flea market in Amiens on the second Sunday of each month).

In addition there is a market between Place St Jacques and Place Nationale in Dieppe on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and all day Saturday.

Facilities

Petrol: The nearest petrol stations are at the Intermarché and at the Carrefour Market supermarkets. These are open during the shop opening hours. There is also a 24 hour card payment system available at both supermarkets.

Chemist: There are two chemists in St Valery town centre. Please check opening hours with your courier.

Bank: There is a BNP bank with cash dispenser in St Valery. Please ask for directions and opening hours.

Post Office: The post office in St Valery also has a cash dispenser and is open from 9am to midday and 2pm to 5pm Monday to Friday, and on Saturday morning.

Tourist Information: The nearest tourist office is on Place Guillaume le Conquerant in St Valery and is open daily (except Sunday) from 9am to midday and from 2pm to 7pm. For more tourist information visit the offices in Abbeville or Le Crotoy.

Distances

St Valery-sur-Somme: 4km (2.5 miles)
Le Crotoy: 16km (10 miles)
Abbeville: 20km (13 miles)
Dieppe: 58km (36 miles)

Local Transport

The nearest train station is at Noyelles-sur-Mer with connections to Abbeville, Amiens, Paris, Boulogne, Calais and Le Touquet. A bus runs regularly between St Valery and Noyelles.

Doctor

Medical Centre,
31 Quai Rommerel,
St Valery.
Tel: 03 22 60 27 00.

Dentist

Dental Centre,
3 Quai Lejoille,
St Valery.
Tel: 03 22 60 81 20.

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, which have been recommended by Canvas customers and couriers in previous years:

Le Drakkar, St Valery. Good food at reasonable prices. 'Moules Frites' are especially recommended. There is excellent service here and a children's menu is available.

Le Quai des Arts, St Valery. This restaurant is popular with families and serves generous portions at reasonable prices. Closed on Tuesdays except during July and August.

Le Relais des Quatre Saisons, St Valery. Children are made particularly welcome at this highly recommended restaurant.

Hôtel de l'Union, Dieppe. Very popular with local residents for its excellent value lunchtime menu which is available daily except Wednesday.

Le Commerce, Le Crotoy. Previous Canvas customers have recommended this restaurant as it offers great value traditional French dishes.

L'Hippocampe, Fort Mahon Plage. Highly recommended for its excellent seafood and children's menu.

Nearby

The attractive medieval port of St Valery has over 1000 years of history to its name and is just a five minutes' drive from the site. This is the village where Joan of Arc spent her last night alive and from where William Duke of Normandy set sail to conquer England in 1066. This is a delightful fishing village where the local specialities are squid and shellfish. Nearby Abbeville has a medieval cathedral and a wealth of shops and restaurants.

Beaches

The nearest beach is four kilometres away in St Valery; it is a small and stony beach which is safe for young children. Other beaches in the area are Cayeux-sur-Mer and Le Hourdel, both are shingle beaches and good for swimming. The closest sandy beach is at the fishing port of Le Crotoy. Mahon Plage is a lovely small seaside village with a beautiful beach protected by sand dunes.

Activities

The opportunities for outdoor activities are almost unlimited with horse riding, rambling, hiking and golf, to name but a few.

There are several golf courses in the area; the best is the Belle Dune course between Quend-Plage and Fort-Mahon Plage offering long tree-lined fairways and lakes, a par 72, 18 holes.

See your Canvas Activities Booklet for useful details on the surrounding golf courses.

Family Fun

The Bagatelle theme park at Berck is around an hours drive from site; the whole family will enjoy the rides, attractions, shows and the animal park (*A). For a great half day out, head to Aqualud water park at Le Touquet. Splash around and enjoy the water slides, toboggans, Jacuzzi and wave pools (*A). A good rainy day trip is a visit to the underground city of Naours. Explore 3km of underground passages and rooms which accommodated 2000 people and livestock in times past (*A). Young children love the steam train ride to Le Crotoy, which takes you 70 years into the past on the Chemin de Fer de la Baie de Somme. It is a five-minute drive from site and has been highly recommended by young families. Trains depart at 14.00 daily from the market square (*A).



Regional Information

Picardy

Picardy is an historic region in northern central France, which is divided into the departments of Aisne, Oise and Somme. It lies just south of the English Channel and the region of Nord-Pas-de-Calais. Occupied by the Franks during the 5th century, it was divided among six feudal counts. It then became a French province in 1477 and was the target of numerous invasions from the Netherlands. During World War I, it was the scene of protracted trench warfare.

Picardy combines three different types of countryside: a beautiful and wild unspoilt shoreline, plateaux and forests to explore inland, and a labyrinth of canals and rivers. It is a region of amazing archaeological sites, attractive villages, six splendid gothic cathedrals and numerous royal castles.

With a great variety of amusement parks, beaches, and animal sanctuaries it is a wonderful region for the whole family to explore.

For sports enthusiasts Picardy has a myriad of choice. The coastline is ideal for water sports. There are signposted footpaths for ramblers, superb golf courses and horse riding at many centres.

Eating & Drinking – Regional Specialities

Picardy has some delicious regional specialities - Chantilly cream, cider from Bray, ficelle picarde (savory Picardy style pancakes), Flamiqne à Porions (leek tart), foie gras (duck pâté) from Amiens, gâteau battu (a form of bread cake), lamb from the salt marches, macaroons, pork rinds from Saint-Quentin, rissoles from Laon and tart au Maroilles (cheese tart).

Things to do and see

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

Family Fun

Parc Ornithologique du Marquenterre • Discover the wildlife as you walk through this internationally famous bird park. Allow three to four hours to do the 'green' route (the longest). Binoculars and a telescope are a must. In St-Quentin-en-Tourmont. (Open daily)

Passion d'Aventure • This attraction is situated in the forest of Guînes about an hour from site. It is a high rope course situated in the trees, between four and 15 metres off the ground. It has been highly recommended by past customers. To ensure you are safe - you are briefed by an experienced instructor (English speaking) before you set off. All the safety equipment is clearly explained and you can go round the course as many times as you like at your own pace. (*A).

Bagatelle Amusement Park • This is a popular, fun environment with imaginative rides set in attractive woods and hills. There are over 42 attractions, including many "white knuckle" rides. The site includes a zoo, gentler rides for younger children and a choice of places to eat and drink. Your entry ticket gives almost unlimited access to the rides once inside the complex. Located at Bagatelle, Merlimont. Take Exit 25 from A16 autoroute north from Abbeville, then N940. (*A).

La Coupole Saint Omer • La Coupole is an underground city built by the German army in 1944 from which to launch its V2 rockets against London. It offers probing insights into both the history and science behind WWII. This museum is presented



entirely in English and tells the story of how the longest sustained period of peace in the history of Western Europe came about. The visit is organised around two separate tours, throwing light on life under German occupation and also on the (*A).

Nausicaa • A large sea-life centre displaying around 400 species of fish and interactive communication points which answer your questions about the sea. In Boulogne-sur-Mer. (Open daily *A).

Samara • A fun and educational day out for the whole family. This life-size prehistoric exhibition covers 30 hectares in the Valley of the Somme. During your visit you are transported back into prehistoric times via fantastic sights and sounds. It also has an arboretum, botanical garden accommodating over 600 flowering plants and an entirely reconstructed prehistoric village, in which craftsmen demonstrate their skills. Located 13km west of Amiens. (*A).

Places of Interest

Dieppe • Behind the 2km of beach are tennis courts and lawns where an international kite-flying competition is held biennially in September (during even-numbered years). The liveliest part of town is the pedestrianised Grand-Rue. Its Saturday market is particularly good.

Wissant • This up-market seaside resort is midway between Cap Blanc Nez and Cap Gris Nez on a vast fine sandy beach. It has endeavoured to preserve its typical fishing village character and local fishermen take great pride in their flotilla of Flobards (small pot bellied boats). These boats are the object of a festival held every year in August.

Abbaye et Jardins de Valloires • This fascinating abbey which was founded by Cistercian monks in the 12th century is surrounded by seven hectares of pretty landscaped gardens, each with their own theme according to the season. It contains several thousand varieties of roses. Located in Argoules close to the Baie of the Somme, off the A16 motorway and the N1.

Abbeville • Known as the capital of maritime Picardy, Abbeville has many interesting buildings, restaurants, shops and leisure facilities. Hire a barge for a trip along the Somme - a haven for bird watchers.

Amiens • The capital of Picardy, this town is rich in art and history and famous for its gothic cathedral which is listed by UNESCO as a world heritage site. This medieval city also has a good canal network and boat trips around its market gardens. It is not far from a recommended prehistoric park and is great walking and cycling country.

Giverny • Claude Monet lived here from 1883 until his death in 1926. The house, now a museum, displays his personal furniture, a fine collection of Japanese prints and reproductions of his work. You can also



explore the Japanese-style water garden made famous by his 'water lilies' series. (*A).

Le Touquet • An elegant Victorian seaside resort with a cosmopolitan atmosphere. Known as Paris Plage it has six miles of fine sandy beaches and a wide range of activities. Located south of Boulogne.

Hardelot • Hardelot Plage is a paradise for the sporting enthusiast and has a 10 km long beach, a magnificent 18-hole golf course and a music festival during July and August.

La Baie de Somme • Surrounded by the headlands of Hourdel and St Quentin, the Baie de Somme is a unique and imposing area of 70m² interspersed with fairways and sandbanks. The Marquenterre beach to the north borders one of the most extensive sand dunes in northern Europe.

Boulogne-sur-Mer • Most of the city was destroyed during the Second World War, but the upper town, surrounded by a 13th century wall, is worth a visit. It is filled with old buildings and cobbled streets which sit high above the lower town, Basse Ville. There are plenty of pleasant restaurants around the port area and good shops.

St Omer • Set on hillside by the marshes, which surround the River Aa, St Omer was founded by the Benedictine Bishop Omer in the 7th century. He built the monastery that became known as St. Bertin's Abbey. Omer also built a chapel, which, over time, became the beautiful cathedral. As time went by a busy market town built up around the religious settlement. Farmers would travel up the River Aa bringing their cauliflower and chicory, a tradition that continues to this day.

Cayeux sur Mer • This seaside town is a short drive from the site. Quite a small resort, but a few good shops make it worth a wonder around. Past customers recommend taking a picnic with you and making the most of the free parking by the beach.

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