



### **Camping les Etangs Fleuris,**

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# Campsite Information

## Camping les Etangs Fleuris, Touquin

Camping les Etangs Fleuris is a quiet haven located in the depths of rural countryside near the hamlet of Touquin, forty miles east of Paris. The enchanting Disneyland® Resort Paris is only a twenty five minute drive away, making this an ideal base for theme park lovers. On site, there is a wonderful relaxed atmosphere - a pleasant contrast to the hustle and bustle of Paris and the theme parks.



### Arriving at Camping les Etangs Fleuris

On arrival, head to the Canvas reception where your couriers will be available 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 has varied opening hours depending on the demand and time of season. Please see your Canvas couriers for up to date opening hours.

### Barrier

The campsite barrier is open 24 hours a day.

### Safety Deposit Boxes

This facility is not available on site.

### Telephone

There is one card-operated phone on site, phone cards can be bought on site.

### Web/Email Access

There is internet access in the campsite bar.

### Shopping

Fresh bread, croissants, pain au chocolat and basic grocery provisions are sold in the reception area. Bread must be ordered a day in advance for morning collection. (Please note that the shop is closed from 30th September). Open from 08.00 until 12.00 and 17.00 to 23.00. Opening hours may vary in low season.

### Washing and Toilet Facilities

Washing machines and tumble dryers, washing tokens cost €4.50 and drying tokens cost €2.50 and are on sale at reception, free hot showers, separate wash cubicles and standard toilets.

### Post

Stamps can be bought from the bar. If you wish the campsite owners will post your letters for you.

### Eating and Drinking

**Bar/Takeaway/Shop:** The reception doubles as a bar with a dance floor, and it is here that you will also find the shop. The bar is open until the 30th September. Opening times for bar and shop are 08.00 until 12.00 and 17.00 to 23.00. Please note that these hours may be shorter in low season. In July and August you can purchase take away food from a van which visits the site. (Open 18.00 - 22.00) When weddings are held, the bar is closed and an alternative venue may be provided.

### Entertainment

Entertainment is occasionally provided on site, this can include discos and live music, but with Paris such a short distance away there is no shortage of things to do in the evening. There is also a large screen TV in the bar.

### Recreation

**Swimming:** The swimming pool is a small sunny pool with clear blue water. There is a separate children's pool to complete the pool area. The swimming area is unsupervised. Open from 11.00 to 20.00. Please note that the pool is open between mid May and mid September. Swimming trunks are compulsory in the pool area.

**Fishing:** You can fish in the small well-stocked lakes on site, where you will find carp, trout and tench. Permits cost €13 for a half day and €26 for a full day, and are available from reception.

**Table Tennis:** Available free of charge. Some equipment is provided by the site. You can also check the Canvas games chest for bats and balls.

**Mini Golf:** Available on site, price €2 per person.

**Play Area:** There is a small children's play area with swings and a see saw.

There are also facilities on site to play boules and basketball. For more ideas visit Canvas reception and take a look in the Canvas games chest.

### Rules and Regulations

- Silence on site between 23.00 and 07.00.
- 10 km/h speed limit on site.
- Swimming trunks must be worn in the pool.
- Recycling bins at the entrance to the site must be used by all customers
- Cars must not be parked on the grass
- There is to be no running, food, music, shorts, inflatables or smoking in the pool area.

### Nearby

**Touquin** • The small tranquil village of Touquin is just 3km away from Camping les Etangs Fleuris. The surrounding region is most famous for the production of Brie cheese.

**Coulommiers** • Coulommiers is the closest large town to the site, situated 14km away. Its ruined chateau sits in the beautiful Parc de Capucins where jazz enthusiasts will enjoy regular jazz concerts on Sundays in July. The town is probably most famous for the cheeses which are named after it.

**Provins** • Provins is a medieval town and contains a wealth of shops and restaurants. It is full of history and very much a typical town of the region and is UNESCO World Heritage listed.



# Local Information

## Shopping

**Supermarkets:** There is a small mini-market in Touquin where you will be able to buy basic provisions. A better supermarket is in Faremoutiers (about 11km.) There are good supermarkets in Coulommiers (14km) and there are several large supermarkets in Marne le Vallee. The Carrefour in Villiers en Bière is reputedly one of the largest in Europe. Please ask your couriers for more information and opening hours.

**Souvenirs:** There are plenty of gift shops in Coulommiers, and of course you can visit Paris where you will find a vast choice of souvenirs.

## Local Markets

**Monday:** St Ouen  
**Tuesday:** Fontainebleau  
**Wednesday:** Coulommiers and Melun  
**Thursday:** Melun and Montereau  
**Friday:** Fontainebleau and Moret sur Loing  
**Saturday:** Provins, Melun and Veneux les Sablons  
**Sunday:** Coulommiers and Fontainebleau

There are markets in Paris everyday but one of the oldest and liveliest can be found at the bottom end of Rue Mouffetard around Rue de l'Arbalète where there are also many interesting shops. (Metro - Censier Daubenton).

## Facilities

**Petrol:** The best place to go for fuel is one of the supermarkets. General station times are from 10.00 to 12.00 and 15.00 to 20.00. The nearest petrol station is in Faremoutiers.

**Chemist:** There is a chemist at 25 Rue de la Pecherie in Coulommiers.

**Bank:** The nearest bank is in Coulommiers. Here you will find facilities for exchanging money and Traveller's Cheques.

**Post Office:** There is a post office in Touquin and one in Coulommiers at Place de l'Hotel de Ville, where money may also be exchanged.

**Tourist Information:** The tourist information office in Coulommiers is at 11 Rue General de Gaulle. Open from 09.00 to 12.00 and 14.30 to 18.00. There is also an office in Provins and at Disneyland.

## Distances

Touquin:	3km (2 miles)
Coulommiers:	14km (9 miles)
Marne le Vallee:	31km (19 miles)
Meaux:	39km (24 miles)
Provins:	35km (21 miles)
Paris:	61km (38 miles)

## Local Transport

The closest train stations are a short drive away from the site, at either Bussy Saint Georges or Marne la Vallee. From here, there are links to the centre of Paris and Disneyland.

There is a local bus service from Touquin, but it tends to have a somewhat sporadic service.

If driving into Paris we recommend you park at the Val d'Europe shopping centre (free parking) and get a train into the centre of the city (there is a station in the shopping centre).

## Doctor

Dr. Coulon has a surgery in Saints, 3km from site.  
Tel: 01 64 75 02 01.

Dr. Bouquin also has a surgery in Touquin.  
Tel: 01 64 04 17 25

## Dentist

Dr. Lantigner, 1 Rue Patras, Coulommiers.  
Tel: 01 64 03 03 90.



Dr. Zuccarelli in Saint-Augustin.  
Tel: 01 64 65 54 98

Should you require an appointment, please speak to your Canvas courier who will be pleased to make the arrangements for you.

## 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 and bars:

**La Trou Normand:** *Touquin.* A friendly, very French restaurant specialising in fish dishes. Set menus are available. No children's menu, but children are welcomed and catered for.

**Le Chalut:** *Coulommiers.* A seafood specialist, offering a good range of food and reasonably priced set menus.

**La Chaudree:** *Coulommiers.* A bar brasserie which serves simple and inexpensive food

**Chez Paolo:** *Coulommiers.* A pizzeria offering an eat in or take away service. Real freshly prepared pizzas cooked in a wood burning oven.

**Le Clos du Theil:** *Coulommiers.* A traditional and affordable French restaurant. You can sit outside on the terrace and watch the world go by.

**Le Petit Écu:** *Provins.* A traditional French restaurant, which is situated in the medieval centre of Provins. The restaurant offers a wide range of good quality set menus and a special children's menu.

**Aux Vieux Ramparts:** *Provins.* A must for lovers of fine French food. The restaurant is situated in the medieval centre of the old town and offers gastronomic delights! Set menus are available.

## Activities

The site is situated just outside Touquin and is named after the large, still lakes which surround it. You can take a peaceful walk into the village or relax by the side of the lake whilst enjoying the fishing. There is also a horse riding centre 2km from the site (closed Mondays). For more information about activities in the local area have a look in the Information Folder at the Canvas reception.

## Out and About

There are various ways of sightseeing in Paris and these are a few suggestions from previous Canvas visitors:

If you take a train into Paris it is cheaper to purchase a 'Mobilis' ticket which entitles you to a return train journey plus travel on the metro, this saves on all the hassle of driving and parking in the city and is highly recommended.

**Parisbus** • (Tel: 01 42 88 69 15) runs red, London-style double-decker buses on a two and a half hour tour taking in most of the major Right Bank tourist sites. The commentary is in both French and English.

**Bateaux Parisiens Batobus** • (Tel: 01 44 11 33 99) runs a river shuttle service docking every 25 minutes at eight major locations. Special one-day unlimited travel passes are available and are more economical than the standard fare.

When visiting Paris, make sure you plan your day to fit in all that you want to see and to make it as enjoyable a day as possible. There is something for everyone in this city - the Eiffel Tower, The Louvre (to see it all you will need a few days!), Musée d'Orsay, Centre Georges Pompidou, the elegant Champs Elysées, L'Arc de Triomphe and Cathédrale Notre Dame.

Details on these attractions can be found in the Canvas reception, along with past Canvas customers' tips and recommendations.



# Regional Information

## Paris and the Île-de-France

The Île-de-France is the region surrounding Paris within a radius of 80km. Although not an island, its name comes from the rivers that form its boundaries; the Seine, Oise, and Marne. Within its boundaries it displays a striking variety of scenery. Vast expanses of countryside and woodland continue to flourish in one of the most densely populated areas of France. With Paris as its focal point, this is also the political, economic, artistic, cultural and touristic centre of France.

### Eating & Drinking – Regional Specialities

Paris is, of course, one of the world's great gastronomic centres. The very word "restaurant" was invented here in 1765 and you'll find classic and regional dishes at their best, as well as superb examples of international cuisine. To the east of Paris, around Reims, pâtés and terrines wrapped in pastry feature strongly and ham, gingerbread, and champagne-based mustard are also specialities. The region produces some delicious cheeses, the best known of which is Brie. To the east of the Île-de-France lies the vine-covered landscape around Reims which produces the Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay Blanc grapes. When blended and fermented they create the only drink in the world that may legally carry the name Champagne.

### Things to do and see

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

## Savouring the Specialities

**La Route Touristique du Champagne** • There are four trails through the Champagne region, each clearly signposted. Enjoy the countryside and visit some of the Champagne Houses. You will find out how champagne is made, tour their caves and, in many cases, taste a glass of their best bubbly. Brochures in English are available at Tourist Information Offices.

## Family Fun

**Disneyland® Resort Paris** • Over 70 attractions and shows to choose from. Go to Space Mountain, take a trip to the moon, visit Fairyland or Big Thunder Mountain Railroad. A steam train runs around the park with stations at each of the five lands and at the entrance. Food and drink are not permitted into the park but if you get hungry there are plenty of places to eat, ranging from snack bars to full-service restaurants - all with a distinct theme. The food is quite reasonable for a theme park. (Open daily \*A). Disneyland Resort opened a second fantastic theme park in 2002 - Walt Disney Studios® Park. Enjoy attractions such as Animation Courtyard, Stunt Show Spectacular, Armageddon Special Effects and Rock 'n' Rollercoaster. Separate tickets must be purchased for both parks. (Open daily \*A).

As in any crowded area pick-pockets can be present. Please take care of your belongings whilst at Disneyland Resort Paris.

**Parc Astérix** • Discover the 'Gaulish' world of Astérix and Obélix at this theme park, which has over seven adventure areas and 40 attractions, including a giant roller coaster. Plailly, 10km south of Senlis, via the A1. (Open daily. Closed some Mon and Fri in May and June. Sep/Oct - Wed and weekends only. \*A).

**Bois de Vincennes** • A large park which includes the Zoo de Vincennes, the largest zoo in France (open daily \*A) a flower garden, amusement park, medieval castle and boating on the lakes. In Paris. Métro: Porte Dorée.



**Tacot Des Lacs** • An old-fashioned steam train in which to take a leisurely ride! It's set in a large park with a lake and river and is a good place to visit if you want to relax for a couple of hours.

**Parc Des Felins** • Parc des Felins is situated 10 minutes from Touquin in Nesles. The Parc is dedicated to the reproduction and conservation of all kinds of animals from the small sand cats to the glorious white tiger and lions. It houses over 25 different species."

## Places of Interest

**Paris** • Paris has a wealth of glorious architectural heritage to explore and the city has an enchanting atmosphere which draws visitors back time after time.

Start with a panoramic view the city. You might head for the Sacre Coeur, a lovely church on the top of the Butte de Montmartre, with its surrounding artists' colony. Ascend the Eiffel Tower at least to the first stage, or use Europe's speediest lift to the 56th floor in the Montparnasse Tower. The top floor of the Pompidou Centre, a unique building which houses modern art collections and exhibitions, also offers a marvellous view. The courtyard outside is normally alive with buskers and street theatre performers. Climb the 225-foot towers of Notre-Dame to view not only the city, but also the gargoyles and celebrated belltower.

Stroll down the Champs Elysées to L'Arc de Triomphe, the Place de la Concorde, and Les Invalides or simply stop for a coffee in lively Les Halles or St. Germain.

The Louvre Museum with its glass pyramid, contains an extensive art collection, including the famous Mona Lisa. The Musée d'Orsay is an impressive gallery, once a railway station, which now houses Impressionist works.

The main shopping area is along the Boulevard Haussmann, particularly just behind the Opera, and you might also like to take a look at the shops in the Rue St. Honoré. It is fascinating to browse around the weekend flea market at the Porte de St. Ouen in the north of Paris.

### South of Paris

**Barbizon** • Famed for its 19th century School of Painting, the tiny village of Barbizon has retained its beauty although it is now full of commercial galleries and souvenir shops. Visit Millet's studio, now a gallery, at 27 Grande-Rue. On the same street is Rousseau's studio, and the inn where artists used to meet, l'Auberge du Père Ganne which is now a gallery (\*A).

**Dampierre** • At the heart of this attractive village is one of the most charming castles in the region. Surrounded by a moat, the Château de Dampierre was built in the 17th century for the Duc de Luynes

and still remains in the Luynes family. You can tour the castle and grounds. (\*A).

**Fontainebleau** • Popular as a hunting base, Fontainebleau has been a royal residence since the 12th century. The royal apartments in the château are full of work by major artists and craftsmen spanning several centuries. The Château also houses two national museums, the Napoléon Museum and the Chinese Museum (\*A). The gardens are also worth a visit, especially the carp pond, and there are pony rides for younger visitors (Open daily). Once a royal hunting ground, the Forêt de Fontainebleau is still full of wildlife, and is ideal for walking, horse-riding, rock-climbing or just having a picnic.

**Vaux-le-Vicomte** • In the 17th century the Château de Vaux-le Vicomte was built by the Minister of Finance, Nicolas Fouquet, as a monument to himself and the artists of the era. Between the architect Le Vau, the painter Le Brun and landscape gardener Le Nôtre, a Château and gardens of unrivalled extravagance and beauty were created. So splendid, it inspired the building of the most famous palace in the world, Versailles. The Château is impeccably preserved and the gardens are a masterpiece of French style. (Open daily \*A). You can hire an electronic golf cart to see the extensive grounds at your leisure. Watch out for the summer programme of candlelight/music evenings and fountain displays.

### West of Paris

**Giverny** • Claude Monet's home from 1883 until his death in 1926. The house is now a museum and displays his personal furniture, a fine collection of Japanese prints, and reproductions of his work. You can see his beautiful garden organised like a huge painting. "My finest masterpiece," Monet stated, "is my garden". (\*A).

**Versailles** • The Château de Versailles is one of the most visited monuments in France. Louis XIV, envious of Fouquet's Vaux-le-Vicomte, instructed Louis le Vau, Charles le Brun and André le Nôtre (architect, decorator and gardener) to build the most grand, opulent and most expensive château in France. You can tour the Château of which, for many, the highlight of the visit is the Galerie des Glaces (hall of mirrors). You can also explore the formal but beautifully laid out gardens which include lawns, flower beds, statues, artificial lakes, fountains and woods. (\*A).

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