



Camping La Yole, Chemin des Bosses,

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Campsite Information

Camping La Yole, St Jean Plage

Camping la Yole is set amidst the forest that adorns the coast, and is a delightful, well run family campsite with excellent facilities. The site is laid out in a woodland glade of pine and poplars with shrubs everywhere. Relaxing is easy here, most of the emplacements are surrounded by hedges, offering privacy and shade from the hot Vendée sun.

Arriving at Camping La Yole

On arrival go to the Canvas reception, your Canvas couriers will be here to meet you between 16.00 and 20.00. If possible please telephone the campsite and let them know if you are going to be late.

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.

Reception

The campsite reception is open from 09.00 to 12.30 and from 13.30 to 18.30 in low season. In high season, it is open from 08.00 to 20.00.

Barrier

The barrier is closed between 22.30 and 08.15. Should you wish to depart early in the morning or arrive late at night please leave your car outside the barrier. The barrier operates by means of a pass code, which will be issued to you upon arrival.

Currency Exchange

Currency can be exchanged on site; there is a commission charge for this service. Exchange facilities are also available at several banks in St Jean de Monts.

Safety Deposit Boxes

Safety deposit boxes are available at reception, hire costs €3 per day or €20 per week.

Telephone

There is a card-operated phone outside the campsite gates. Phone cards are on sale at the reception.

Web/Email Access

There is WiFi access available in the bar. Please ask the staff for more information. This facility is also available at the library in St Jean de Monts and there are cyber cafés in St Jean de Monts and Orouet. Please ask your couriers for directions and opening hours.

Shopping

The medium sized shop sells a variety of produce and basic groceries as well as fresh bread and croissants, international newspapers and postcards. It is open from 08.00 until 11.30 and from 16.00 until 20.00 in low season. In high season it is open from 08.00 until 19.30.

Washing and Toilet Facilities

Washing machine and tumble dryer (tokens are available at reception), iron hire, free hot showers, baby bath, baby room and standard toilets.

Post

There is a post box on site and postcards are on sale at the shop. Stamps are not available here.



Eating and Drinking

Bar: The large, modern bar opposite the pool complex is open daily from 12.00 until midnight, 01.00 in high season. The bar has satellite television. In high season. It is the venue for the evening entertainment including weekly karaoke and discos.

Takeaway: The takeaway is located near reception and sells a range of food such as chicken, burgers, lasagne and fries. The pizzas are especially popular. The takeaway is open from 11.30 until 14.00 and from 17.00 until 20.00.

Restaurant: The spacious and airy site restaurant has a large outdoor terrace overlooking the swimming pool. A variety of dishes are available including traditional local cuisine, such as seafood. The restaurant is open from 12.00 until 22.00 in high season, and 18.30 to 22.00 in low season.

Recreation

Swimming: There are two swimming pools on site and a separate children's pool. One of the pools is covered and heated and there is also a waterslide and a jacuzzi. The complex is open from 10.00 to 19.00. The covered pool is supervised in high season. Please note that the water slide can only be used by those aged 7 years and over and that swimming trunks are compulsory in the pools.

Tennis: There are tennis courts on site, which are available for use throughout the season at a cost of around €3 per hour in low season and €8 per hour in high season.

Table tennis: Table tennis is available in low and high season, free of charge.



Games room: The games room on site has pool tables, pinball machines, table football and car racing games.

There is a large football pitch with nets on site and there are also facilities for football, boules, volleyball and basketball. There is also a children's playground on site with an 'adventure' area.

Entertainment

The site organises a variety of entertainment, especially during high season. Events include themed nights in the restaurant, such as 'Paella Evenings', karaoke, weekly children's disco, and family quizzes. Excursions to places of interest such as Île de Yeu can be booked from the site. Please ask your couriers for an up-to-date animations programme.

Hoopi's Club

Hoopi's Club is available 6 days a week and is full of fun activities for all those aged between four and 11 including Parachute Games, Harry Potter Days and Water Games. Ask your Hoopi's courier for more details about the weeks programme or see the noticeboard outside Hoopi's tent.

Canvas Active

Canvas Active is available at Camping La Yole. Canvas customers have researched golfing and cycling in the local area. For further details please see the Activities booklet, available to download from the Canvas Holidays website.

Disabled Facilities

This site meets the Canvas "Recommended for the Disabled" criteria.

Rules and Regulations

- Silence on site between 22.30 and 08.00.
- No driving on site between 22.30 and 08.00.
- Swimming trunks are compulsory in the pool.
- Only one vehicle per emplacement on site, if there is a second vehicle it must be parked in the car park, the charge for this is €3 or €4 per night.
- Charcoal BBQ's are prohibited on site.
- 10km/h speed limit on site.
- There is no diving, no T-shirts and no sunscreen in the swimming pool.
- The age limit for the water slides is five years and over

Local Information

Beaches

There is a safe, sandy beach just 15 minutes' walk from the campsite. St Jean de Monts beach is superb, with miles of soft sand and excellent water sports facilities. The sandy beaches of Sion sur l'Océan, St Gilles Croix de Vie and Les Sables d'Olonne are also within easy reach by car.

Shopping

Supermarkets: The nearest supermarket is Marché U at St Jean de Monts. It is open Monday to Saturday from 08.00 to 20.00 and Sunday from 09.00 to noon in high season, and, in low season, from 09.00 to noon and 14.30 to 19.30. On Sundays it is open from 09.00 until 13.00. Intermarché can also be found in St Jean de Monts and the nearest hypermarket is E. Leclerc in Challans (open 08.45 until 19.30).

Souvenirs: Shopping for gifts is fun in St Jean de Monts at the street stalls, in the evenings.

Local Markets

Monday: Les Marines, Jard sur mer and Ile d'Yeu and Merlin Plage.

Tuesday: Challans, Clisson, Sion, Ile d'Yeu, Noirmoutier, La Tranche-sur-Mer, Mortagne-sur-Sevre, Les Sables d'Olonne, La Roche-sur-Yon, L'Aiguillon sur-Mer and St. Gilles Croix de Vie.

Wednesday: St Gilles Croix de Vie, Les Sables d'Olonne, St. Jean-de-Monts, Clisson, Ile d'Yeu, Barbâtre, Commequiers and Luçon.

Thursday: Brétignolles-sur-Mer, Talmont St Hilaire, St. Hilaire, St. Gilles Croix de Vie, Les Sables d'Olonne, La Roche-sur-Yon and Ile d'Yeu.

Friday: Brem-sur-Mer, Challans, Clisson, Sion, Les Sables d'Olonne, L'Aiguillon-sur-Mer and Noirmoutier.

Saturday: Coëx, St Gilles Croix de Vie, Les Sables d'Olonne, St. Jean-de-Monts, Commequiers, Challans, La Roche-sur-Yon Talmont St Hilaire, La Tranche-sur-Mer and Luçon.

Sunday: Brétignolles-sur-Mer, St. Hilaire, Les Sables d'Olonne, Olonne-sur-Mer, Notre Dame-de-Monts and St. Gilles Croix de Vie

Facilities

Petrol: There is a Total garage in St Jean de Monts but fuel is cheaper at Super U or the Intermarché supermarket (next door to each other).

Garage: The nearest garage is Guyon in St. Jean-de-Monts. (Av d'Orouet)

Chemist: There is a chemist on Rue Général de Gaulle in St Jean de Monts.

Bank: There are branches of Crédit Agricole, CIC and Banque Populaire in St Jean de Monts, with cash dispensers. There is also a cashpoint machine at the Marché U supermarket.

Post Office: Post Offices can be found in St Jean de Monts, St Hilaire de Riez and also next to Marché U in high season. Open 09.00 to 12.00.

Tourist Information: The nearest tourist information office is at Plage de Sion but the one in St Jean de Monts, at the Palais de Congrès, has a better range of maps and guides.

Distances

St Jean de Monts: 10km (6 miles)
St Hilaire de Riez: 4km (2 miles)
St Gilles Croix de Vie: 7km (4 miles)
Challans: 15km (9 miles)



Local Transport

The nearest train station is in St Gilles Croix de Vie with services to Paris and Nantes.

Doctor

A doctor will visit the campsite upon request.
Dr. Rabec, 133 Avenue d'Orouet in St Jean de Monts.
Tel: 02 51 58 67 90.

Dentist

Le Seach Joël, Tade 1 Edouard, 7 & 9 Rue d'Eglise.
Appointments are necessary, barring emergencies.
Tel: 02 51 58 63 60.

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. All are in St Jean de Monts, unless otherwise stated.

Chez Tante Paulette: On Rue Neuve. This small, family-friendly restaurant specialises in fresh seafood dishes at reasonable prices.

La Cloche d'Or: On Avenue des Tilleuls. The shellfish, especially crab, are particularly recommended. Indoor and outdoor seating is available and the set menus are of extremely good value.

La Guillaume Tell: On Avenue de la Plage. Local people flock to this informal brasserie, especially at lunchtime, for the tasty, good-value set menu.

Crêperie Vendéenne: On Esplanade de la Mer. Children are made welcome at this friendly crêperie which also serves fresh mussels and a range of grilled food.

L'Alambic: On Avenue de la Mer. Tex Mex food, burgers and great salads are on offer at this lively, informal eatery with wide-screen television and pool tables.

Auberge la Chaumière: In Orouet. Just five minutes from the campsite, you can choose to eat indoors or out in a woodland setting. Tasty regional cuisine with set menus available.

Activities

The Vendée boasts five 18-hole golf courses, including its newest at Talmont St Hilaire. A Vendée

Golf Pass is available which entitles the bearer to one-round on each, plus a discount on further green-fees. Golf clubs may be hired on the spot. Please see your Canvas Activities booklet for more information.

Nearby

St-Jean-de-Monts • In recent years St Jean de Monts has evolved from a small fishing village into a bustling cosmopolitan resort. The town boasts 8km of golden beaches, bordered by acres of dunes and pine forests.

Sallertaine • Near Challans, this pretty village is full of arts and crafts shops. Rent a canoe and spend a peaceful afternoon exploring the surrounding canals.

St Gilles Croix de Vie • An attractive, busy port renowned for sardines and anchovies. The Maison du Pêcheur is furnished with items from a typical local fisherman's home in the 1920's. There are several festivals during July and August. Check with the local Tourist Information Office for details.

Ile-de-Noirmoutier • You can access this island by bridge from Fromentine. However, it is more fun to use the Passage du Gois, a 5.5km causeway open at low tide. A blue sign posted 'Route de l'Ile' guides cyclists and motorists on a 40km tour of the island with its attractive villages such as Le Vieil, La Blanche, Bois de la Chaise and the smart, bustling capital Noirmoutier-en-l'Île - a pretty place with an impressive château at its centre.

St-Philbert-de-Grand-Lieu • One of the oldest churches in France is situated in this picturesque village. The Abbatale St-Philbert was built in 815, to hold the relics of their saint, by monks from Noirmoutier fleeing the Norman invasion. St Philbert's sarcophagus can be seen in the crypt. At the Maison de l'Avifaune du Lac you can learn about the birds that use the wetland habitat to the north (*A).

Regional Information

Vendée

The Vendée makes an ideal holiday destination, with over 140km of wide, sandy beaches and over two thousand hours of sunshine each year. Beaches are often backed by sand dunes and pine forests, which act as a natural windbreak. The wide shallow shores are safe for bathing and water sports. Inland you will find marshes, plains and wooded hills, rich in legend and history. To the south of the region, lies the Gironde and the vineyards around Bordeaux.

Eating & Drinking – Regional Specialities

Vendéen regional fare tends to be simple and hearty. With such a long coastline, there is a wealth of fish and shellfish; especially good are the mussels, sardines and sole. Don't leave without trying the moules marinière (mussels in a white wine and onion sauce) or with cream. The Vendée is famous for its brioche (sweet bread) with each village having its own recipe. The region produces three kinds of Muscadet, a dry white wine particularly good with seafood. There is an even drier wine called Gros-Plant. Red, white and rosé wine is marketed under the Fiefs Vendéen label.

Things to do and see

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

Family Fun & Days Out

Leisure Parks

Futuroscope • Futuroscope is Europe's first park devoted to technology. Attractions include a Kinemax cinema with a 600m² screen, a 3-D cinema, a "dynamic" cinema with simulated seating, a rotating tower, an "enchanted lake", bumper boats, remote controlled cars, adventure playgrounds, a water maze and a Lego exhibition. Just outside Poitiers, exit 28 off A10 (open daily, *A).

Atlantic Toboggan • A family water park with huge pools and lots of water chutes. 7km northwest of St-Hilaire-de-Riez (open daily, *A).

Chateau de la Guignardiére • Chateau de la Guignardiére is a castle with a twist. Take the whole family around an adventure trail in the castle grounds to discover the chamber of chests and win prizes. Explore the castle fully furnished in a renaissance style including a free guided tour; meet the animals in the grounds and visit the menhirs also with a guided archaeological tour in high season.

Le Puy du Fou • Visit a reconstructed 18th century Vendean village with a wide programme of events, including jousting and juggling (*A). La Cinéscénie is an incredible open-air, night time show re-enacting the history of Vendée, accompanied by fireworks, lasers and fountains, with the Château le Puy du Fou and the lake providing a beautiful backdrop. Book early, as there are only about 20 performances a year - enquire at the local Tourist Information Office in the Puy du Fou, Les Épesses.

Parc d'Attractions des Dunes • This park has attractions for young and older children; roundabouts, go karts, toboggans, mini-golf and more. In Brem-sur-Mer (open daily, *A).

Parc Floral • A beautiful flower garden with seasonal exhibitions based around plants, art and the senses. Children can play Rigole aux Fleurs, a cross between

mini-golf and snakes and ladders. In Coëx (open daily, *A).

Wildlife Attractions

Planète Sauvage • This great wildlife park has over 1500 animals. It is situated to the north of the Vendée. Thatched mud huts add to the African atmosphere. In Port Saint-Père (open daily, *A).

Zoo de Sables • In this tree-filled zoo you can see a collection of monkeys, exotic birds, big cats and other animals. In Sables d'Olonne (open daily, *A).

Boat Trips

You can rent a flat-bottomed boat to explore La Venise Vert from several villages in the area, including Maillezais, Coulon, Le Mazeau, Damvix and La Garette. At St Jean de Monts you can take a guided tour in a canoe through the marshes. From La Rochelle you can take a boat trip to the islands of Ré, Aix and Oléron, and to Fort Boyard.

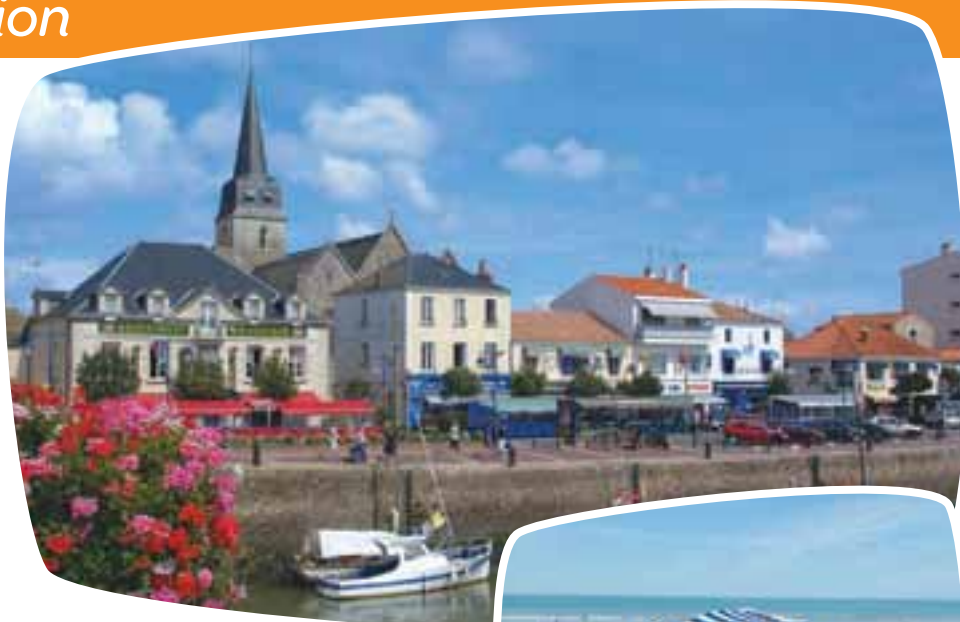
Places of Interest

Apremont • A picturesque village in the valley of La Vie, crowned with the remains of a Renaissance castle. Two towers and a chapel remain of Château d'Apremont, built in 1534 (open daily, *A). Take a ticket for the castle and the 80m high water tower, which gives a fabulous view of the area. Apremont also has a delightful lake where you can hire dinghies, pedaloes, windsurfers and rowing boats.

Ile d'Yeu • Boat crossings leave St Gilles Croix-de-Vie and Fromentine each day. Once on the island it's a good idea to hire a bicycle to explore. Perhaps the most spectacular part of the island is the rocky, wild Côte Sauvage on the west. The imposing ruins of the old Château overlook the pretty fishing harbour of Port-de-la-Meule. The Fête du Thon (tuna fishing festival) is held in early August.

Nantes • To the north of the Vendée, this is the largest town in the area. An attractive city of art, an industrial centre and a busy port. The Château des Ducs de Bretagne is a well-preserved fortress, now home to several museums. Opposite the castle, the highlight of the Cathédrale-St-Pierre is the tomb of Duke François II and his wife (*A). The Musée des Beaux-Arts contains a fine collection of Renaissance paintings (*A).

Tiffauges • The Château de Gilles de Rais towers over this little town. Joan of Arc's companion in arms, Gilles de Rais (known as Blue-Beard in legend) retired to Tiffauges before being executed at the age of 36. A tour of the castle includes the crypt, dungeons and creepy corridors leading to a reconstructed laboratory of alchemy. You can also see reconstructions of 15th century siege machinery



(giant cross-bows, catapults and cannons) operated by soldiers in medieval costume. Be careful or you may be put in the stocks! (*A).

St-Étienne-du-Bois • Spared from the ravages of war, this small village has a charming collection of Renaissance houses clustered around a church. Stroll around the narrow lanes and along the banks of the river Boulogne.

Fontenay-Le-Comte • Formerly the capital of the Vendée, this ancient town was once the haunt of poets, scientists and philosophers. Stroll through the town admiring the half-timbered and stone houses or take a horse-drawn carriage tour. The Musée Vendéen displays prehistoric artefacts, 19th century furniture, local bird life and work by local artists (*A). You can tour the beautifully furnished rooms of a fairytale castle at Château de Terre-Neuve (open daily).

Les Sables d'Olonne • A busy fishing port with a lovely beach and a zoo (see family fun). The 17th century Abbaye Sainte-Croix now houses an art gallery and a costume museum (*A). There is a festival held here in mid August.

Maillezais • A pretty village on the edge of the Venise Verte. A stone museum in the Abbaye de Maillezais gives you a closer look at some of the detailed Romanesque carvings from the ruins of a Benedictine abbey. In summer the abbey is used for dramatic son et lumière shows (*A).

Talmont-St-Hilaire • A charming former port overlooked by the ruins of Richard the Lionheart's Château de Talmont. You can explore this impressive medieval castle. From the top of the keep there are wonderful views of the area. Also in Talmont St Hilaire, the Musée Automobile de Vendée displays vehicles dating from 1885 to the 1960's.

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