



Camping la Garangeoire,

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Campsite Information

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Camping la Garangeoire is an intimate 'Castels and Camping' site awarded 'three red tent' by Michelin. Set in the 200 hectare estate of a family estate chateau you will feel a sense of tranquillity and calm amongst the attractive mature oak trees. Nestled in the woodland are very spacious and grassy emplacements, there are quiet surroundings on the lake ideal for boating or fishing and the children will be happy with the great pool complex, playroom and archery.

Arriving at Camping la Garangeoire

When you arrive, go to the Canvas reception, where your Canvas courier will be here to meet you between 16.00 and 20.00. Your Canvas courier will then accompany you to the campsite reception for registration, where you will need your; Passport, car details and confirmation of address.

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 09.00 until 19.00. Times may vary in low season. English and German is spoken at reception.

Barrier

There is a mechanical barrier on site. Driving is not allowed on the campsite between 22.30 and 07.00. If you wish to leave early or arrive back late at night, you will have to leave your car outside the barrier.

Currency Exchange

Currency can be exchanged at reception. There is a commission fee for this service.

Safety deposit boxes

You can place your valuables in a safety deposit box at a cost of €3 per day or €20 per week at the campsite reception.

Web/Email Access

This facility is available at the bar next to the campsite reception. The price is €5 per hour and passwords are sold at the main reception. WiFi access is also available.

Shopping

There is a small shop on site selling basic groceries. Open from 08.00-12.00 and 17.00-20.00 (open from 09.00 in low season). Fresh bread will need to be ordered the day before from the supermarket.

Washing and Toilet Facilities

The site has washing machines and tumble dryers (tokens cost €5), free iron, free hot showers, baby room and standard toilets.

Post

There is a post box on site, at the campsite reception and stamps are also on sale at the reception.

Eating and Drinking

Bar: The onsite bar is open from 12.00 until 00.00. Times may vary in low season. There is a second bar near the swimming pool with similar hours.



Takeaway/Pizzeria: Open from 12.00 to 14.00 and from 17.30 to 21.00. The takeaway serves sandwiches, chips, burgers, chicken, salads, desserts and more. Takeaway can be ordered from your emplacement.

Restaurant: The restaurant opens daily from 12.00 until 00.00, last orders are taken at 21.30.

Entertainment

During high season the site organises various entertainment such as disco nights and sports competitions.

Recreation

Swimming: Camping la Garangeoire has an outdoor swimming pool and a separate plunge pool with waterslides. There is also an outdoor children's pool. All pools are heated. The pools are open from 09.00 until 20.00. The water slide is open from 11.00 until 18.00.

Tennis: The two tennis courts can be booked at the campsite reception. The rate is €6.50 per hour. Tennis coaching is available for €30 per hour. Please ask at the campsite reception. Tennis rackets can also be hired from the reception.

Table tennis: There are free table tennis facilities on site.

Mini-golf: Available free of charge. Equipment can be borrowed from the campsite reception, however you have to pay €1.50 for the ball.

Archery: Available on site in high season for €6 per session. Please ask your courier for more information.

Volleyball and football: Use of the volleyball and football court is free of charge.

Cycling: Bicycles can be hired on site. Please ask your courier for more information. Helmets are also available.

Horse riding and fishing: Please ask your courier or the campsite reception for more information about these activities.



Pedalo and boat hire: Pedalos can be hired free of charge at the lake, but you are required to leave a €20 deposit. Please ask your couriers for more information.

Canvas Active

Canvas Active is available at Camping la Garangeoire. Canvas customers have researched golf courses in the local area. For further details please see the activities booklet, available to download from the Canvas Holidays website.

Rules and Regulations

- Silence and no driving on site between 22.30 and 07.00.
- Use of the bottle bank is forbidden after 20.00.
- There is a speed limit of 5km/hr on site.
- Charcoal barbecues are prohibited on the campsite.
- Please respect the campsite - picking flowers, mushrooms, plants etc. is forbidden.
- Children must be supervised in the pool area
- Only one car is allowed per emplacement. Additional cars must be registered at reception and kept in the car park. A charge of €3 per night will be charged in low season and €3.50 from the 14th July until 24th August
- Please don't hang any washing lines in the trees. You should use the clothes airer provided by Canvas or the washing lines provided by the campsite.



Local Information

Beaches

The nearest beach is at Brétignolles, a large sandy beach, just 13km from the campsite. It is very safe for children. There are two beaches at Brem sur Mer, Plage des Dunes I and II. The Vendée is famous for its wealth of long sandy beaches.

Shopping

Supermarket: You can find a small supermarket in St. Julien. The nearest larger supermarkets is Super U in La Mothe Achard, open Monday to Saturday 09.00 to 19.30, (closed Monday to Thursday 12.30-14.30), Sunday mornings 09.00 - 12.30 in June and July). There is an E.Leclerc in St. Gilles Croix de Vie, open from 08.30 until 20.00 everyday. The E.Leclerc supermarkets are very large. Hypermarkets can be found in Challans and La Roche-sur-Yon.

Souvenirs: There are many gift shops in Les Sables d'Olonne and in St. Gilles.

Local Markets

- Monday:** Les Marines, Jard sur Mer and Ile d'Yeu.
Tuesday: Brem sur Mer, Challans, Clisson, Sion, Ile d'Yeu, Noirmoutier, La Tranche sur Mer, Mortagne sur Sevre and St. Gilles Croix de Vie.
Wednesday: Croix de Vie, Les Sables d'Olonne, St. Jean de Monts, Clisson, Les Marines (pm), Ile d'Yeu, Barbâtre, Commequiers and Luçon.
Thursday: La Mothe Achard (1st Thursday of the month only), Brétignolles sur Mer, St-Hilaire, St. Gilles Croix de Vie and Ile d'Yeu.
Friday: La Mothe Achard (2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday of the month), Brem sur Mer, Challans, Clisson, Sion and Noirmoutier.
Saturday: Coëx, Croix de Vie, Les Sables d'Olonne, St. Jean de Monts, Commequiers, Challans and Luçon.
Sunday: Brétignolles sur Mer, St. Hilaire, Les Sables d'Olonne, Notre Dame de Monts and St. Gilles Croix de Vie.

In Les Sables d'Olonne there is a market every day from Tuesday to Sunday in the Halles Centrales; a daily market on Blvd Arago and a market every Wednesday and Saturday at Cours Dupont. A fresh fish market is also held from Monday to Saturday at Quai Franqueville.

Facilities

Petrol: There are filling stations in La Mothe Achard, Brem sur Mer and Brétignolles, but fuel is cheaper at Super U in Brétignolles.

Chemist: The nearest chemist is Pharmacie Mr Brulet at Rue de Stade in St. Julien des Landes.

Bank: There are banks with cash machines in Brétignolles sur Mer. Banks are generally open from 09.00 to 12.00 and from 15.00 until 17.00 Monday to Friday.

Post Office: Find the nearest branch in La Mothe Achard. It is open Monday to Friday from 09.00 to 12.00 and 15.00 to 17.00. Saturdays from 10.00 to 12.00.

Tourist Information: The nearest tourist office is in the centre of La Mothe Achard. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10.00 to 13.00 and 15.00 to 18.30.

Distances

Brétignolles sur Mer:	15km (9 miles)
St. Gilles Croix de Vie:	24km (15 miles)
Les Sables d'Olonne:	26km (16 miles)
La Roche sur Yon:	28km (18 miles)
St. Jean de Monts:	38km (24 miles)



Local Transport

There are train stations in Les Sables d'Olonne and St. Gilles Croix de Vie with connections to La Roche sur Yon and Nantes. There is also a train station in la Mothe Achard.

Doctor

Dr Latté
15 Rue Jean Yole, St. Julien des Landes
Tel: 02 51 46 68 28.

Dentist

Philippe Sorin
9 Place George Clémenceau in Coëx
Tel: 02 51 54 65 78.

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 who have visited the area in previous years:

Auberge de la Forêt, Olonne forest, off the D80. A gastronomic delight, this restaurant is sophisticated but quite pricey. Please note that this restaurant is closed on Mondays.

La Brème d'Or, St. Mathurin. Highly recommended by previous visitors for its traditional French cuisine. The service is excellent and a range of set menus are on offer.

Le Pescadou, St. Gilles. Located opposite the tourist information centre, this typically French restaurant is renowned for its fresh seafood.

Carabi, La Mothe Achard. A small and cosy traditional French restaurant. Specialises in scallops and skate paté. Set menus are available.

Restaurant les Brisants: A warm welcome and a widely varied menu awaits you. Using the best of local produce including; locally farmed lamb from St Gilles and freshly caught seafood from L'Aiguillon and St Gilles, accompanied by a range of local wines. There is a fantastic sea view from both the restaurant and the Terrace. The menu varies from Pigeon to Lobster. Why not indulge in the mouth watering lobster menu and share with friends and family. Set menus are available.

Auberge du Rocher: Located in Givrand, on Chemin des Landes. A very welcoming traditional restaurant, with a big focus on duck. This restaurant is also famous for its Fois Gras. Previous holidaymakers have praised the excellent value of the menus and the children's menu.



There are many good seafood restaurants in Les Sables d'Olonne, especially along the seafront.

Activities

There are several 18 hole golf courses in the Vendée, the closest being "Les Fontenelles" in l'Aiguillon sur Vie. Check the Canvas Activities Booklet for a list and information on the courses. The campsite and surrounding area is also ideal for fishing. Please see the folder in canvas reception for more details. The coastline of the Vendée is great for watersports and there are many providers of this service, try St. Gilles where there is sailing, surfing, sand yachting and windsurfing. Les Sables d'Olonne is especially good for surfing and surf schools.

Nearby

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 1920s. There are several festivals during July and August. Check with the local Tourist Information Office for details.

La Tranche-sur-Mer • A pretty seaside town with the longest south-facing beach in the Vendée. It is a popular place for surfing and windsurfing and offers an abundance of bars, cafés and restaurants. There are some pleasant strolls to be taken in the pine and oak forests to the west of the town.

Jard-sur-Mer • The charming seaside village of Jard has narrow streets and an ancient Romanesque church to explore. L'Abbaye de Lieu-Dieu, which was built over 800 years ago by Richard the Lionheart, lies just 2km to the west of the village.

Ile-de-Noirmoutier • You can access this island by bridge from Fromentine. However, it is more fun to use the Passage du Gois, a 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.

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 wind break. 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

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

Futuroscope • Futuroscope is Europe's first park devoted to technology. Attractions include a cinemax cinema with a huge 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. 80km to the east of Vendée just outside Poitiers, exit 28 off A10 (open daily, *A).

Chateau de la Guignardiere • Chateau de la Guignardiere 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 Vendéen 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. 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, including 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).



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

North Vendée

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, windsurfs 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 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).

South Vendée

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 (open daily, *A). The Musée Automobile de Vendée displays vehicles dating from 1885 to the 1960's (open daily, *A).



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