



Yelloh! Village le Littoral,

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Campsite Information

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Camping le Littoral is the perfect location for a fun-filled family holiday situated just 200 metres from the sea and rocky coves of Port Bourgenay and close to the popular resort of Les Sables d'Olonne. The campsite is situated next to a grassy headland with rock pool and coastal paths to explore.

Arriving at Yelloh! Village le Littoral

On arrival go to the Canvas reception, your Canvas couriers will be here 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 is open from 09:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 18:30 in low season. These hours are extended to 09:00 to 20:00 in high season.

Barrier

Open from 06:00 to 23:00. You will be issued with a key for the Barrier when you arrive onsite. If you wish to leave outside of these hours then don't forget to leave your car in the car park outside the site while the gates are still open.

Safety Deposit Boxes

You can hire Safety deposit boxes in the campsite reception. Please ask onsite for more details.

Telephone

The phones are located around main reception. You can buy phone cards from the campsite reception. Don't forget when you are phoning home (UK) to dial 00 44, (ROI) 00 353 then take the first zero off your home dialling code before dialling your number.

Web/Email Access

This facility is available onsite in the main reception; a phone card is needed for internet access. It will cost €6 per hour. Wi-Fi is also available free of charge, please ask the campsite staff for more details.

Shopping

There is a small shop onsite, between the bar and swimming pool, which sells basic provisions. It is open in low season from 08.30 to 13:00. In high season it also opens in the evening from 17.30 to 20.30.



Restaurant

The restaurant opens from 12:00 to 14:00 and 19:00 to 22:00 in low season; 10:00 until 0:00 in high season. On the weekend in low season it also opens from 12:00 until 14:00. The modern restaurant boasts a terrace to dine al fresco. It offers pizzas, pasta, meats of the grill and a great seafood selection including lobster. They serve three fantastic set menus from €19 to €35. A children's menu is also available.

Entertainment

The campsite bar has an eventful entertainments program in high season including disco, karaoke, live music, bingo and quizzes suitable for all ages. There is a children's club organised by the campsite staff and sporting events.

Recreation

Swimming: Camping Le Littoral has an excellent pool complex that makes a change from a day at the beach. The pool area is open from 10:00 to 20:00 and includes outdoor pool, waterslides and heated indoor pool. Please note that swimming trunks are compulsory and you need a wristband to enter the pool area. The outdoor pools and waterslide are open from 16 May.

Cycling: You can hire your bikes from the campsite reception. Prices vary depending upon the type of bike and duration. Helmets and child seats are also available.

Tennis: There is a tennis court on site that is available all season, it costs €7 per hour. There is also free table tennis tables available.

Multi-sports pitch: There is a multi-sports pitch onsite suitable for Football and Basketball. Only sponge balls are permitted on the multi-sports pitch.

Boules: Why not try your hand at the traditional French game of boules. It's free and can be played in designated areas around the campsite.

Rules and Regulations

- Swimming trunks are compulsory in the swimming pool.
- Please use the recycling bins across the road from the campsite.
- Silence hours are between 23:00 and 06:00.
- You must be at least 10 years old to use the slides in the pool.
- Parents are advised to supervise children in the swimming pool.
- Security Bracelets must be worn.
- No charcoal Barbeques are allowed onsite.
- Only sponge balls are permitted on the multi-sports pitch.



Local Information

Beaches

The Vendée is famous for its long sandy beaches and water sports. The nearest beach to the campsite is in Port Bourgeney. Just a ten minute walk from the site. Please be aware that parking is very limited and will be busy in high season. Along the seafront you will find a number of good places to eat. Les Sables d'Olonne is also very popular, with beautiful sandy beaches.

Shopping

Supermarket: The nearest supermarket to the campsite is the Super U on Avenue des Sables in Talmont St Hilaire. It is open from 09:00 to 12:30 on Monday and Sunday. From Tuesday to Saturday it is open from 09:00 to 12:30 and 15:00 to 19:00. There are branches of E. Leclerc and Geant in Les Sables d'Olonne. E.leclerc is open from 09:00 to 19:30 from Monday to Saturday (Friday until 20:00). Closed all day Sunday. Geant is open from 09:00 to 21:00 from Monday to Saturday and 09:00 to 13:00 on Sunday.

Souvenirs: Both La Roche sur Yon and Les Sables d'Olonne have a good range of souvenir shops

Local Markets

- Monday:** Longeville-sur-mer, La Roche-sur-Yon, Bénét, Jard-sur-Mer, Les Sables d'Olonne and Ile D'yeu.
- Tuesday:** Les Sables d'Olonne Clisson, Challans, La Roche-sur-Yon, La Tranche-sur-Mer (place de la Libération), Brem-sur-Mer, Sion-sur-l'Océan, Ile d'Yeu and St Gilles Croix de Vie.
- Wednesday:** La Griere Plage (July and August only), Les Sables d'Olonne, Luçon, St Jean-de-Monts, St Gilles Croix de Vie Clisson.
- Thursday:** La Tranche-sur-Mer, Bretignolle-sur-mer, Les Sables d'Olonne, St-Gilles-Croix-de-Vie La Roche-sur-Yon, St-Hilaire de Riez, Ile d'Yeu and Talmont-St-Hilaire.
- Friday:** Longeville (high season only), Brem sur Mer, Moutiers, Challans, Les Sables d'Olonne and Noirmoutiers.
- Saturday:** La Roche-sur-Yon (the biggest one of the week), St Jean de Monts, La Tranche sur Mer, Luçon, Coëx, St Gilles Croix de Vie and Challans.
- Sunday:** Brétignolles sur Mer, St. Hilaire, Les Sables d'Olonne, Olonne sur mer, Notre Dame de Monts, La Chaume and St Gilles Croix de Vie

Facilities

Petrol: Fuel is available at Geant in Les Sables d'Olonne and Super U in Talmont-Saint-Hilaire.

Chemist: The nearest pharmacy is in Talmont Saint Hilaire. Super U also has a chemist.

Bank: There is a bank with a cash dispenser next door to the Tourist Information Office on place de la Liberté. Super U in Talmont has a cash point. There is another cash point in town that is open 24 hours. It is in the main car park.

Post Office: The nearest post office is in Talmont St Hilaire. It is open from Monday to Friday 08:30 to 12:00 and 15:00 to 17:00, Saturdays it is only open in the morning.

Tourist Information: The closest tourist information office is alongside the post office in Talmont. It is open from 09:00 to 12:00 and 15:00 to 17:00 from Monday to Saturday. On Sunday it is open from 09:00 to 12:00.

Web/Internet Access: There is Internet access on site in the reception. Phone cards operate it. Excellent alternatives are available at the library of



Jard-sur-Mer, in Les Sables d'Olonne at the Blues Café or the Quizz Café.

Distances

Talemont St Hilaire:	8.3km (5.1miles)
Jard sur Mer:	15km (9.3miles)
Les Sables d'Olonne:	9.4km (5.8miles)
Luçon:	45km (28 miles)
La Roche sur Yon:	51km (31 miles)
La Rochelle:	90km (56 miles)

Local Transport

The nearest train station is in Les Sables d'Olonne with services to Paris and Nantes.

Doctor

Dr. Callot. 2, Place de l'Hôtel de Ville, Jard sur Mer.
Tel : 02 51 33 41 24.
Dr. Patrice Ehrlacher, 112 rue de l'Océan, Jard sur Mer.
Tel: 51 33 60 27.

Dentist

Dr. Le Page. 39 bis, Rue de l'Océan, Jard sur Mer.
Tel: 02 51 33 43 26.

Hospital

75 Avenue D'Aquitaine, Les Sables D'Olonne.
Tel: 02 51 21 85 85.

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 Cottage, In Talmont St Hilaire: Delicious set menus featuring steak and seafood. Elegant restaurant with excellent service.

Acropole, In Les Sables d'Olonne: This beachfront restaurant has a large, outdoor terrace and serves tasty, good-value food such as grills, pizzas and crêpes. The restaurant has a children's menu, which is excellent value.



La Palangrotte, In Port de Plaisance, Jard sur mer:

This friendly, family-run restaurant serves a range of fresh pasta dishes and pizzas, all very reasonably priced. Children are made especially welcome and a children's menu is available.

La Terrasse du Dragon, Jard sur Mer: If you fancy the Chinese restaurant experience in France then this restaurant is only a ten-minute walk from site. Serves pizzas too.

La Cabane du Pecheu, Jard sur Mer: A homely and welcoming restaurant which serves a variety of dishes, including steak and seafood. Set menus and children's menus are available at reasonable prices.

Activities

The Vendée boasts five 18-hole, par 72 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. For further information see your Canvas activities booklet.

Out and About

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.

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

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. The Musée Automobile de Vendée displays vehicles dating from 1885 to the 1960's.

Fontenay-le-Compte • 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 Vendéan displays prehistoric artefacts, 19th century furniture, local bird life and work by local artists. You can tour the beautifully furnished rooms of a fairytale castle at Château de Terre-Neuve.

La Tranche-sur-Mer • La Tranche is a vibrant seaside resort. With 13km of fine, sandy, south-facing beaches it really is the best place to go for fun in the sun. The town is traditionally Vendéan with its whitewashed houses and little back streets. Look out for the bustling market every Tuesday and Saturday. This is a very 'surfy' town and you will find plenty of shops selling surfing equipment and clothes.

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 à la Crème 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

Futuroscope • Futuroscope is Europe's first park devoted to technology. Attractions include a Cinemax cinema with a 600m² screen, a 3-D cinema, a "dynamic" cinema with simulated seating (seats that move in reaction to events in the movie), 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).

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, 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.

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 Guignardiere • Chateau de la Guignardiere is a castle with a twist. Take the whole family round the 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 (*A).

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 (*A).

Wildlife Attractions

Aquarium de La Rochelle • Visit the huge variety of tropical fish and spectacular shark tank. La Rochelle (*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. From 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. A handy way to reach the Médoc vineyards, avoiding Bordeaux, is by ferry from Royan across the Gironde to Soulac-sur-Mer.

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 de Noirmoutier • You can access this island by bridge from Fromentine. However, it is more fun to use the Passage du Gois, a causeway open at low tide. A blue sign posted 'Route de l'Île' 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 bustling capital Noirmoutier-en-l'Île - a pretty place with a château at its centre.

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.

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 (*A). There are

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

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. The Musée des Beaux-Arts contains a collection of Renaissance paintings.

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 (*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.

South Vendée

Angles • Worth visiting to see the primitive bear sculpture that sits on the roof of the celebrated Romanesque church. Legend has it that a bear abducted the most beautiful local girls and ate them. A holy man tamed the beast and brought him back to town where he turned the animal to stone.

Ile de Ré • A curved toll bridge links this island with La Pallice, just north of La Rochelle. St Martin-de-Ré, on the north coast, is the island's capital with a lively harbour, 17th century cobbled streets and whitewashed cottages. There is a bird reserve at Les Portes and oyster parks at Rivedoux. Climb the Phare de la Baleine (lighthouse) for a great view.

La Rochelle • A charming town with good seafood restaurants. On either side of the extremely picturesque old port are two 14th century towers. You can climb one of the towers, the Tour St Nicolas for a good view of the bay (Open daily, *A). In a third tower, the Tour de la Lanterne, you can see graffiti carved by prisoners in the 17th/18th century (*A). The Musée d'Histoire Naturelle has an extensive collection of rocks, coral, and shells (*A).

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