

ANTHONY GUIDE to our FRENCH CAMPSITES

REGIONS are in CAPITALS; Departments, with their official numbers are in Lower Case.



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Campsites are mainly from 2006-2010 visits. They are arranged according to the **REGIONS** and **Departments**. A Map of Departments is on front page and other maps are at end of the guide. Each campsite has location, facilities, phone numbers, email, web addresses. Pictures are at the end in sequence of Regions . Websites for each campsite are given; access them from this Guide in Word or if you are online by Ctl/click. This Guide is taken from my more extensive online [Camping guide](#). This has many more pictures and itineraries.

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BASSE-NORMANDIE

Orne [61]

Belleme. Neat campsite in the interesting small town. Good Cambodian restaurant. Excellent alternative to La Ferte Barnard [closed in Sept].

Camping Municipal de Bellême. Route (2009).de Mamers. 61130 Bellême. 02 33 85 31 00 ou 06.07.11.27.39.
mairie.belleme@wanadoo.fr. [Website](#). [2009]

Manche [50]

Les Pieux. On West coast of Cherbourg peninsula. Excellent site among sandunes by beach. Good pool etc.

Camping Le Grand Large : 11 route du Grand Large - 50340. Tel: 02 33 52 40 75 info@legrandlarge.com [Website](#) (2002)

PAYS-de-la-LOIRE

Sarthe [72]

La Ferte Bernard. Between Le Mans and Chartres. 140 miles from Ouistraham.

Great site & restaurants. Town is interesting and near campsite.

Camping le Valmer 02 43 71 70 03 camping@la-ferte-bernard.com. [Their website](#) [2007,2008]

Mayenne [53]

Ambrières-les-Vallées. South of Domfront, North of Mayenne and Laval. In leisure park by River La Varenne (plan d'eau). Pool. Good local restaurants.

Camping de Vaux. 53300 Ambrières-les-Vallées. 02 43 04 90 25. otsambriere@wanadoo.fr. [1994]

Maine-et-Loire [49]

Richelieu. South of Saumur and Tours]. [225 miles from Ouistraham].]

Simple municipal site 20 min. walk from nice small town and near huge park. Very good restaurants.

Camping Municipal. 7, route de Chatellerault. 47-58-15-02. [2008]

Saumur. Good large site on island in Loire. 20 min to town. Disappointing; it now has its own small noisy pool and we have to pay to go to the large adjacent pool which is now rather run-down and it has lost its bar. But nice walk to town with good restaurants.

Camping Ile d'Offard 0241 403000 iledoffard@cvtloisirs.fr [Website](#) [2006, 2009]

Vendee[85]

Longeville sur Mer. West of Niort, South of Nantes. In forest, 4km from beach. Pool.

Camping La Michenotiere, Route d'Angles, 85560 Longeville/Mer. 02 51 33 38 85.

contact@camping-la-michenotiere.fr [Website](#) [1994]

CENTRE

Eure-et-Loir [28]

Senonches. North West of Chartres, East of Montagne-au-Perche.

Forest site, direct access to lakes. Pool. Restaurant. Camping among the trees. The details are for the new site. Looks excellent.

Camping Huttopia Senoches. Etang de Badouveau 28250 Senonches. 02 37 37 81 40. senonches@huttopia.com [Website](#) [2006]

Cher [18]

St. Satur. Near Sancerre. [300 miles from Ouistraham].

A very nice riverside site near Sancerre with excellent restaurants in village and nice bike rides.

Camping Rene Fotlzer 0248 540467 [Their website](#) [2007, 2009]

La Chapelle-d'Angillon. On D940 North of Bourges, South of Aubigny-s-Nere. No pool. Restaurant at 0.8km. Swimming nearby in lake near Chateau.

Municipal les Murailles. 18380 La chapelle d'angillon. TEL : 02 48 73 40 12. [???

Aubigny sur Nere. South west of Orleans. Nice wooded site near the Sologne and its Loire chateaus and the vineyards of Sancerre. Small mediaeval town with lovely restaurant.

Camping des Etangs, Route de Sancerre 18700 Aubigny sur Nère. tel : 02 48 58 02 37 [Website](#) [2002]

POITOU-CHARENTES

Deux-Sevres [79]

Airvault. South of Saumur, west of Poitiers. Good site. Few facilities open; small pool was closed. English. 20 minute walk to nice small mediaeval town with good restaurants.

Camping de Courte Vallee. 8 rue de Courte Vallee, 79600 Airvault. Telephone +33 (0) 5 49 64 70 65. E-mail info@caravanningfrance.com. <http://www.caravanningfrance.com/en/Index.asp> [2010]

LIMOUSIN

Creuse [23]

Argentat. East of Brives, South of Tulle. On bank of Dordogne. Excellent rapids. Very friendly. Small pool. 30min walk to Argentat. Good restaurants. Great walks and bike rides. One of our top sites.

Camping Europe Le Chambon 05 55 28 07 70. Le Chambon 19400 Monceaux sur Dordogne camping-europe@wanadoo.fr; [Their website](#) [2006 - 2009]

Le Bourg d'Hem. Near Bonnat, South of La Chatre and West of Montlucon on D940.

Great wooded site on side of lake. Good swimming. No restaurant. There is a 'Grand Meaulnes Chateau hidden in the forest.

Camping Municipal de l'Age. 23220 Le Bourg-d'Hem. 05 55 62 84 36. info@les3lacs-creuse.com [Their website](#) [2008]

Bousac-Bourg. West of Montlucon. A les Castels site. Excellent. By its own lake (kayaking etc) near chateau. Good pool. Restaurant [take away]. [2010]

Le chateau de Poinsouze. (33) 05 55 65 02 21. <http://www.camping-de-poinsouze.com/content/uk/welcome/1>

Royere de Vassiviere (Lac Vassiviere). In Creuse (23) in Limousin. East of Limoges, North East of Eymoutiers.

Terraced site on edge of the lake. Good beach. We learned to kayak here. Restaurants nearby.

Camping Municipal Vauveix. 23460 Royere de Vassiviere. TEL : 05 55 64 78 36. [website](#) [1998]

AUVERGNE

Allier [03]

Chatel Montagne. North East of Clermand Ferrand and East of Vichy.

Friendly site. Few facilities. Nice walk to village with excellent restaurant. Pool closed in low season.

Camping La Croix Congnat 03250 Chatel-Montagne 0033 - (0)4 70 59 31 38

campinglacroixcognat@wanadoo.fr [Their website](#) [2006]

Arfeuilles. Municipal site. Empty, out of season. No open restaurants. Nice site. Short way north of Chatel Montagne which was closed in 3rd week of September [2009].

Cantal [15]

Trizac. South West of Clermond Ferrand, East of Mauriac.

Small lake for swimming. Nice views. Wonderful sunsets. Excellent walks over the plateau and long bike rides. Nice small shops. Restaurants in village rarely open but good when they do open [we tend to go out of season]. The mayor got the restaurant to open and we had pig's cheek and other wonderful stuff.

TRIZAC Le Pioulat 04 71 78 64 20 mairie.trizac@wanadoo.fr [Website](#) [2006 - 2009]

Hautes-Loire [43]

Baffour nr La Chaise-Dieu. A [France Passion](#) site. In Parc Naturel du Livradois Foret. Baffour is off N906 towards Ambert. In a farmyard. Nice country walks. Meals may be provided during season. [2009]

RHONE-ALPES

Isere [38]

Meyrieu les Etaings. East of Viennes, south East of Lyons. Dull stopover lakeside site.

Base de loisirs du Moulin Camping ***0474 593034 [Their website](#) [2007]

Drome [26]

Lus la Croix Haute. Excellent friendly site with good restaurant. Near nice village with more restaurants. Many good walks. In the Vercors on the road to Grenoble. Wonderful area.

Camping La Condamine, 26620 Lus la Croix Haute. 04 92 58 50 86. [Website](#)

Ardecche [07]

Saint Privat sous Aubenas. South West of Privas and Valence. Pool and restaurant. The plan d'eau has flowing water and it is where we decided we must buy kayaks.

Le Plan d'Eau, Les Echelettes, Route de Lussas 07200, Saint Privat. 0 4 75 35 44 98 [website](#) [1993]

St. Sauveur de Montagut. North of Privas. 8km on excellent road in gorge from interesting village of St. Sauveur to Le Cheylard. Large Dutch site. Pool, restaurant, lots of activities.

L'Ardéchois Camping: 07190 St Sauveur de Montagut. 04 75 66 61 87. ardechois.camping@wanadoo.fr. [Website](#). [2009]

MIDI-PYRENEES

Tarn-et-Garonne [82]

Touffailles. Near Lauzerte, East of Agen, Southwest of Cahors. On D41. Very small simple site. Near village. Restaurant. Nice local walks.

Camping Municipal. 82190 Touffailles 05 63 94 48 91 mairie-touffailles@info82.com [Website](#) [2006]

Aveyron [12]

Belmont sur Rance. South West of Millau, South of Rodez. Not well-kept and was overgrown. Ok for a short stop. On side of river (direct access) and very near village.

Le Val Fleuri du Rance. 12370 Belmont sur Rance. 0565 999 513. campvalfleuri@aol.com. [Website](#) [2005]

Gers [32]

Lac de Thoux, St. Cricq. South of Montfort, West of Toulouse]. Wonderful site by lake. Pool was cold. Kayaked illegally in lake [no problem; maybe more difficult in full campsite].

Camping Lac de Thoux Saint-Cricq. +33(0)5 62 65 71 29 contact@camping-lacdethoux.com [Their website](#) [2008]

Mirande. West of Toulouse. Used to be called Gascony.

L'île du Pont 32300 MIRANDE - Gers - Tél : 05.62.66.64.11 info@camping-iledupont.com [Website](#) [2004]

Haute-Garonne [31]

Cazeres. South of Toulouse, North West of Saint Gaudens. On the banks of the River Garonne in wooded area. Pool. 2.5km from Cazeres, a beautiful small town.

Le Plantaurel, Camping Municipal de Cazeres. 31220 Cazères. 05 61 97 03 71 [Their website](#) [Review site with pics](#) [2004]

Hautes-Pyrenees [65]

Aragnouet. South of St. Lary Soulan, West of Bagneres-de-Louchon. On D929. 1120m. On the road from Arreau to tunnel to Spain. High in mountains. Restaurant. Direct access to river.

Camping Fougua "Le pic de Bern". 65170 Aragnouet. 05 62 39 63 37 [Website](#)

Cauterets. South of Lourdes. Campsite is 1km from small town, surrounded by mountains. Good walks.

Le Peguere, Route de Pierrefitte 65110 Auterets. 05 62 92 52 91. campingpegueres@wanadoo.fr [Website](#) [1997]

Ariege [09]

Oust. 17 km south-east of St Giron in la Vallée du Haut Couserans. 400m from nice village. By river. Excellent restaurant.

Camping les 4 Saisons +33 5 61 96 55 55 <http://www.camping4saisons.com/plan%20du%20camping.htm> [2010]

AQUITAINE

Dordogne [24]

Le Bugue. On river Vezere West of Sarlat la Caneda. Shady site with swimming pools. Near interesting small town.

Camping Les Trois Caupain, Le Port 24260 Le Bugue. +33 (0)5 53 07 24 60 info@camping-bugue.com

[Website](#) [2003]

Gironde [33]

Naujac sur Mer. Northwest of Bordeaux, South of Royan; cross River Gironde by frequent car ferry South to Soulac sur Mer. Very large site behind sandunes and beach amongst the pines of Les Landes forest. Our favourite site on west coast. For Kayak surfing and sun.

Le Pin Sec. 33990 Naujac sur Mer. +33 5 56 73 00 66. [Website](#) [1998]

Landes [40]

Azur. West of Dax. Excellent large site beside large lake (Etang de Soustons). Good kayaking. Small shop. Good cycling area. Nothing in nearby villages [restaurants etc].

Camping Azur'Rivage 720, Route des campings 40140 AZUR. Tél. : 05 58 48 30 72 - E-mail :

info@campingazurivage.com <http://www.campingazurivage.com/camping-landes-aquitaine.html>. [2010]

Pyrenees-Atlantiques [64]

Sauveterre de Béarn. South of Salies-de Bearn, Southeast of Perrethorade, South of Dax. On bank of River Gave d'Oloron. Simple municipal site. Excellent for swimming in river, and for simple kayaking (with interesting waterfall). Interesting small mediaeval town with nice restaurants. One of our favourite sites.

Camping du Gave. Chemin du Camping 64390. Tél: 05.59.38.53.30 or 06.71.60.69.57. [Website](#) camping-du-gave@wanadoo.fr. [1997]

Lescun. South of Oloron St Marie near D134 to Col du Somport to Spain. One of our favourite campsites in France. Spectacular views of mountains with great walks and cycle rides. Near nice small village.

Camp du Lauzart. 64490 Lescun + 33 (0)559345177. campinglauzart@wanadoo.fr. [Website](#) [1997]

LANGUEDOC-ROUSILLON

Lozere [48]

Causse Mejean (wild camping). North East of Millau. Best wild camping in France (their description is '*Camping Sauvage*' which is perfect for this place. Overseen by vultures. Good bike rides and walks. A long way to civilisation so need to take plenty of water and food.

[Website about Causse Mejean](#) [2006, 2008]

Col de Croix de Bor (wild camping). In Margeride hills, near St. Alban-s-Limagnole, North of Mende. Excellent wild camp site in. Up long track away from road. Great views, walks and bike rides. [2008]

Le Pont de Montvert. At Finiel. In Cevennes East of Florac on D20. Wonderful simple and wild. Excellent long walks. No restaurant or pool. Small.

Camping La Barrette. 04.66.45.81.82. or 04.66.45.82.16. [Their website](#) [2008, 2009]

Gard [40]

Causse Noir. France Passion site, east of Millau. High, windy and cold. Good restaurant but closed at night. Sold bison stew. Great walks.

Randals Bison Page 168 in FP book, ref: 30750. 04-67-82-73-74. [2010]

Herault [34]

Rieu-Montagne. At North end of Lac du Laouzas, North of La Salvetat.

Nicely separated plots with great views of lake. Small pool, restaurant and shop. Friendly staff.

Camping Indigo RIEUMONTAGNE. 81320 Nages. 33 56 33 72 471. [Website](#) [this is general site can't find this particular site]. [2008]

St Pons- de-Thomieres. North West of Beziers. Dutch site; communal dinner is provided on some evenings. Long walk down to town. Karen & Martin. Wooded nice shady site but few facilities. [2006]

Aude [11]

Touchan. c 40 miles North-West of Perpignan. Simple site very near village. Nice small pool. Simple good restaurant. Home of Fitou wine. Near MontAuch.

Camping La Peirière. 0033 468 454650 lapeiriere@caramail.com [Their website](#) [Review website](#) [2008]

Gleon. France-Passion site in Corbieres, near Villesques des Corbieres, south-west of Narbonne. Excellent. Bought 3 cases of super wine. Nice walks. Friendly.

Chateau Gleon Jean-Pierre and Philippe Montanié. 11360 Durban Corbières. Tél : +4 68 48 28 25 –
Tél International : 33 4 68 48 28 25 <http://www.gleon-montanie.com/va/gleon.htm> [2010]

Carcassonne. Campsite walking distance from town.

Campeole Camping de la Cite 0468 251177 [Their website](#) [2006]

Pyrenees-Orientale [66]

Argeles Plages. On coast South East of Perpignan]. Wonderful pools and large site. Good bars, shop and excellent Restaurant. Next to beach. Nesting Hoopoes and nightingales. Good bike rides.

Le Soleil rte du Littoral 66700 ARGELES SUR MER 04 68 81 14 48 [Their website](#) [2006, 2008]

Matamale. South of Carcassonne between Axat and Mont-Louis. At 1500m. Great village restaurant. Wonderful grassy site with sweet smelling conifers, nesting redstarts and good views. Near lake. Nearby swimming pool. Great walks and bike rides.

Camping du Lac. 04 68 30 9449 [Their website](#) Near Les Angles ([Their website](#)) [2007, 2008]

Egat. 16 miles from Matamale. Mountainside site. Terraced. A few good walks. No challenge to Matemale.

Las Clottes, 4 rue de la Nalga 66120 Egat. 04 68 30 26 90 [Their website](#) [2008]

PROVENCE-ALPES-COTES-D'AZUR

Hautes-Alpes [05]

Laye. A [France Passion](#) site (2009). On N85 North of Gap. In car park of a fromagerie and its restaurant. Nice little village and good walks with views of distant mountains. Dinner was very cheesy.

Laiterie du Col Bayard. 05500 Laye. 04 92 50 50 06. [Website.](#) [2009]

Vaucluse [84]

Le Port d'Avignon. Site ok for short stay. Crowded but near town. Pool

Camping Municipal du Pont d'Avignon 33 (0) 490 806 350 info@camping-avignon.com [Their website](#) [2007]

Alpes-Maritimes [06]

Bar du Loup. North of Grasse. Small steeply terraced shaded site. Restaurant, pool. Near nice small Provence village. Good walks. Not suitable for us; access paths too steep.

Les Gorges du Loup. 965 chemin des vergers 06620 Bar-sur-Loup. 0493424506. info@lesgorgesduloup.com. [Website](#). [2009]

Vence. 40 minute drive to Nice Very large well-shaded site with good pool and restaurant. Set in woodland with nature trails.

Domaine de la bergerie. Route de la sine. 06140 Vence. (0)4.93.58.09.36. info@camping-domainedelabergerie.com. [Website](#) [2009]

Bouches-du-Rhone [13]

Saintes Maries de la Mer. In Camargue, South West of Arles. Big dry site on edge of beach. Great walks and rides in the Camargue. Nice pool and small restaurant. 20 minute walk to Saintes Maries which is filled with tourists and every sort of restaurant.

Clos du Rhone. +33 (0)4 90 97 85 99 leclos@saintemaries.com [Their website](#) [2007]

Var [83]

St. Laurent. South West of Castellane, South of Digne-les-Bains. On a Lake nr Verdon Gorge. Nr Lac de St. Croix. Good lake for swimming and gorge for kayaking. Large site amongst pines. Small pool, and camp restaurant good. Very friendly. Nice walks and rides around the lake.

LA FARIGOULETTE, lac du St Laurent. 04 92 74 41 62 info@camping-la-farigoulette.com [For map](#) [Their website](#) [2007]

Alpes-de-Hautes-Provence [04]

Seyne [Le vernet]. West of Barcelonnette, East of Gap, South of Lac de Serre-Poncon. Beautiful mountain site on side of lake.

Camping Lou Passavous 04140 Le Vernet. +33 (0)492 35 14 67 loupassavous@orange.fr [Website](#) [2002]

At about 6000'. Our

La Larche. favourite mountain campsite. set amongst larches on the banks of fast river. Fieldfares, lesser whitethroated warblers. Excellent restaurant in site, run by the owners, and also in nearby village. Magnificent long walks.

Les Marmottes 04 92 84 33 64 64 georges.durand25@wanadoo.fr [Their website](#) [2007, 2009]

ITALY

Valnontey. In Paradiso National Park, Italy. After Mont Blanc tunnel, Courmayeur, St. Pierre, Cogne. High in the mountains with great views and walks. Very friendly site. Good restaurant nearby.

Campeggio Lo Stambecco. Village Valnontey 11012 Cogne, Vallée d'Aoste, Italie Tel. +39 0165 74152 campingstambecco@tiscali.it [2007]



