

Châteaubourg to Vitré

France - Bretagne



Le Château de Vitré (Amis saint Colomban)

A walk in a bocage with the charm of a lake and the castle of Vitré.

This stage takes many departmental roads, requiring great caution, through meadows and crops. The discovery of the lake of La Cantache and following its shoreline for 2,800 metres will reduce the monotony of the stage before meeting the heritage of the town of Vitré.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 5 h

Length : 19.6 km

Trek ascent : 257 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Step

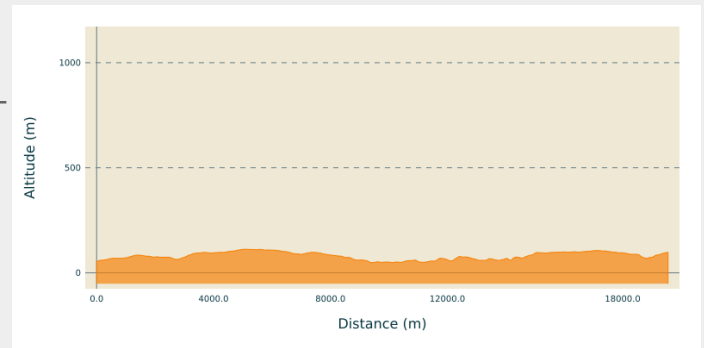
Trek

Departure : Saint-Pierre Church, Place de l'Hôtel de Ville, 35 220 Châteaubourg

Arrival : Notre-Dame Church, place Notre-Dame, 35 500 Vitré

Cities : 1. Bretagne

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 48 m Max elevation 112 m

In front of the Saint-Pierre de Châteaubourg church, turn left on rue Monseigneur Millaux, right on rue des Vignes at the crossroads straight ahead on rue du Prieuré, straight ahead out of the town C7.

1. Right at the crossroads with C 1, left C 3 direction Marpiré, straight ahead, right at the crossroads with D 105, first road on the left VC 8 straight ahead
2. Right at the crossroads with D106, left on D 857, take care on 2000 meters road with heavy traffic, after crossing the river La Cantache road on the left.
3. Turn right in front of Lac de La Cantache, follow the lake with red and white signs, turn right at the crossroads with D 29, leave the red and white signs straight ahead for 2,700 metres and drive carefully along a busy road.
4. After a long bend to the right, turn left at the crossroads, cross the D 178, Chemin Champlet street, turn right on rue du Rachapt, at the stop sign go straight on rue Pasteur.
5. Cross La Vilaine on the left rue des Augustins, on the left rue Rallon after the place Saint-Yves first street on the left, rue d'En-Bas, rue de la Poterie, on the left rue Garengéot you arrive in front of the place Notre-Dame and the church of Vitré.

All useful information

How to come ?

Transports

[Gare de Vitré](#)

On your path...



← Cantache Pond (A)

Between Montreuil-sous-Pérouse and Champeaux, this superb waterhole offers several activities such as walks on the peripheral path and fishing. For enthusiasts, many species of migratory birds can be seen.

This dam, which was put in water in 1995, is intended to supply water to a drinking water production plant as well as to support the low water level of the Vilaine River. This large body of water of 185 hectares is 4 kilometres long, 300 metres wide and 11 metres deep.

The lake is home to common species, but is especially interesting for water birds, which can be observed in particular in winter.

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🏰 Monastery of St. Nicholas in Vitré (B)

The St. Nicholas Hospital (Hôtel Dieu) was founded in the 12th century. When the enclosure was built, it was moved in the 13th century to its present location (1222). Several modifications were made between the 15th and 18th centuries. The chapel was built at the end of the 15th century.

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🏰 Castle of Vitré (C)

The castle was built on a rocky spur overlooking La Vilaine. A majestic presentation for the visitor who discovers the wealth and power of the Barons of Vitré.

During the year one thousand a first wooden castle was burnt down by the wars and a stone castle replaced it in the 11th century. The shape of the present castle dates back to the 13th century with extensions in the 15th century. The Parliament of Brittany took refuge there for some time in the 15th century. The castle was abandoned in the 17th century and the fire of the seigneurial dwelling during the Revolution meant that the fortress was no longer inhabited.

In the 19th century, a prison and then a garrison occupied the lord's residence. At the end of the 19th century the French state bought the building.

[To visit the castle](#)

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