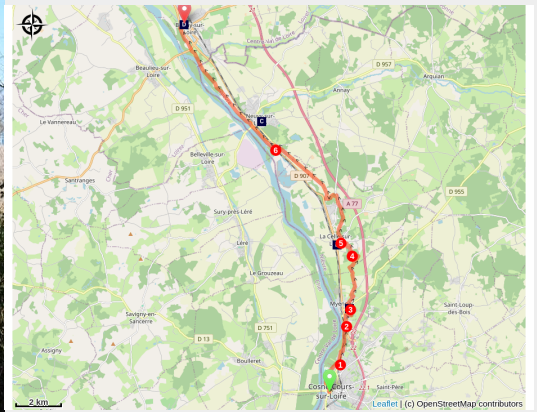


Cosne-sur-Loire in Bonny-sur-Loire

France - Bourgogne-Franche-Comté



Ancienne voie romaine parallèle à la Loire (Amis de saint Colomban)



A beautiful stroll where you will walk on the cobblestones of the old RN7 which has become a footpath, the local legend calls it the Roman way which became an imperial road. Don't forget to bring binoculars to admire the fauna and flora of the Loire Valley Nature Reserve.

In a slightly hilly relief, discover the charm of the well restored churches but also their history. A first stop to admire the church of Saint Martin de Myennes located on the Via Columbani, then that of La Celle-sur-Loire and Neuvy-sur-Loire, a few hundred meters from your way to finish at the church of Saint-Aignan in Bonny-sur-Loire. The Loire will appear in your landscape intermittently at the bend of a grove. From the port of Neuvy-sur-Loire the dirt road runs along the natural area, observe the flora and fauna of the Coudreaux Island and then the Bon Island. This nature reserve on the banks of the Loire is home to more than 220 species of birds (1/3 of the species visible in Europe), of which nearly a hundred are nesting, particularly terns. In the secondary arms framing the islands beavers have taken up residence.

Useful information

Practice : Pedestrian

Duration : 6 h

Length : 23.2 km

Trek ascent : 253 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Step

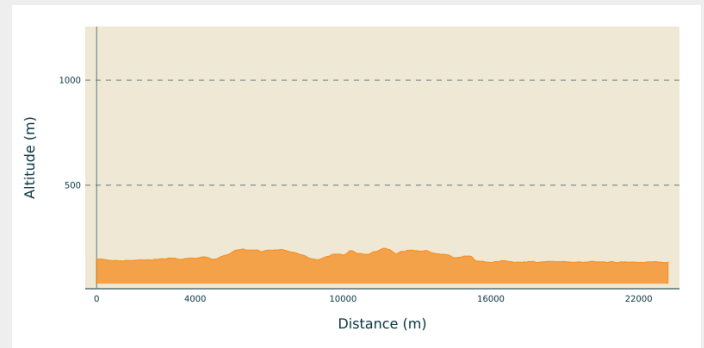
Trek

Departure : Saint-Jacques Church, 8 rue Saint-Jacques, 58200, Cosne-sur-Loire

Arrival : Saint-Aignan Church, 57 Rue du 14 Juillet, 45420 Bonny-sur-Loire

Cities : 1. Bourgogne-Franche-Comté
2. Centre-Val de Loire

Altimetric profile



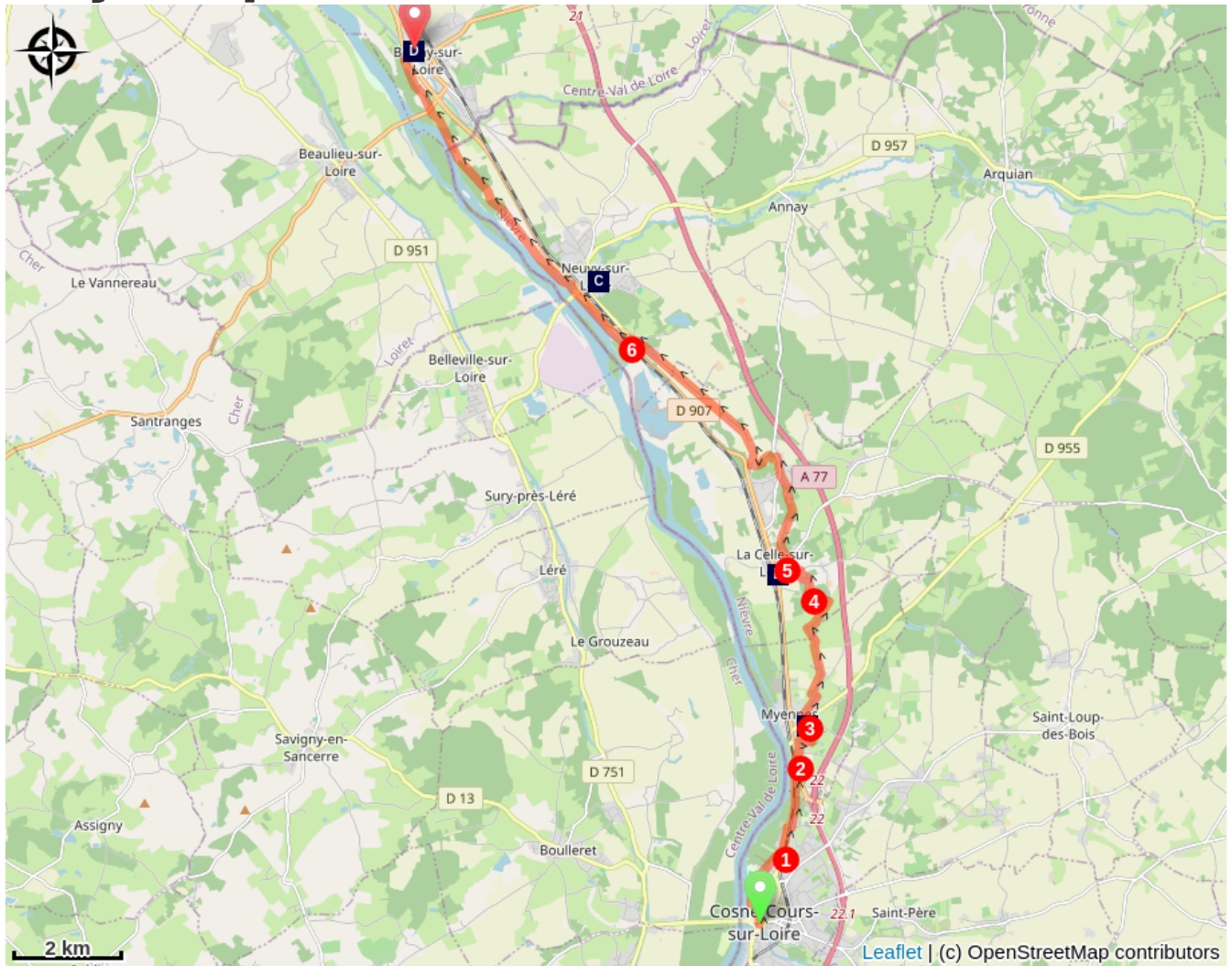
Min elevation 131 m Max elevation 200 m

Departure from the Saint-Jacques church in Cosne-sur-Loire by the Duguet street in front of the entrance of the building then on the right rue Pasteur take slightly on your left the Vieille Route street and the first on the left rue Bardoux in the direction of the Loire. On the quays turn right in rue des sables, always straight ahead, on the dirt road turn right.

1. At the crossroads turn left, rue du Maréchal Leclerc, for 500 metres, cross the railway at the level crossing and immediately turn left, rue des Vignes, for 1,300 metres.
2. Take the tunnel on the right under the motorway and then immediately turn left, after turning right take the first left, Les Hoodtes Belles, on the right, rue Saint-Ges, go along the cemetery, rue de l'Eglise to enter Myennes.
3. After the church turn right then left, rue des Groseilliers, cross the D955 then turn right, rue de Vieux Champ C 2, second left after 400 meters, rue de Neuville, cross the hamlet of Neuviotte first road on the right, first left along the forest.
4. First right, rue des Berthelots, take two left turns to walk on the road to Robards. At the calvary turn right, you are in la Celle-sur-Loire, cross the river Oeuf, at the crossroads in front of the church, turn right D 162 rue d'Arquian
5. Take the second street on the left, rue des Barres for 1,800 metres. Le Carroué at the crow's feet take the D 142 second road on your right. Second road on the left between fields and groves at the crossroads with the asphalt road turn right. Stay on the asphalt road and then on the cobblestones for 3 500 metres.
6. Cross the D 907 to take the rue des Pelus and turn left into the rue des Grèves and right along the Loire, take the footbridge on the left, then turn left to stay on the edge of the Loire. Turn right and left in front of the water treatment plant, you are on the Chemin des Mariniers for 5,000 metres after the Bonny-sur-Loire campsite turn right, the small tunnel under the D 2007 you arrive in front of the church of Saint-Aignan after crossing the bridge to the Sisters.

Part of the via Columbani on the banks of the Loire is floodable, mainly in Bonny-sur-Loire.

On your path...



📍 Église Saint-Martin à Myennes (A)

📍 The church Saint-Laurent in Neuvy-sur-Loire (C)

📍 Saint-Hilaire Church at la Celle-sur-Loire (B)

📍 The Saint-Aignan church in Bonny-sur-Loire (D)

All useful information

How to come ?

Transports

Transport Burgundy region : [Mobigo à Cosne sur Loire](#)

On your path...



📍 Église Saint-Martin à Myennes (A)

The Cistercian abbey Notre-Dame des Roches was founded in the 12th century by the monks of Pontigny (Yonne) in the commune of Myennes. During the wars of religion the abbey was destroyed by Protestant troops at the end of the 16th century. Remains (private domain) from the 18th century can be seen in the hamlet of Les Roches situated 2 km from the church of Myennes by taking the D 955.

The church of Saint-Martin de Myennes dates from the time of the foundation of the abbey was probably the parish church of the commune on the banks of the Loire and administered by the monks of Notre-Dame des Roches. Its Romanesque style is confirmed by the chevet. The building was enlarged in the 15th century with the extension of the nave, then in the 19th century a new bell tower was installed.

Attribution : Amis de saint Colomban



📍 Saint-Hilaire Church at la Celle-sur-Loire (B)

During the High Middle Ages an oratory dedicated to Saint-Rémi would have given the name of the commune, La Celle Saint-Rémy. The presence of a port on the Loire in the Middle Ages generated commercial activity.

The first Saint-Hilaire church dates from the 12th century probably under the influence of the Cistercian monastery of Notre-Dame des Roches. The building was transformed in the 16th and 17th centuries. The changes in the volume of the building are visible in the nave. The interior of the church is sober with a carved stone altar.

Attribution : Amis de saint Colomban



The church Saint-Laurent in Neuvy-sur-Loire (C)

Situated 600 metres from Via Columbani, before the footbridge that crosses the Vrille turn right into Rue du Port au Bois, left into Rue Jean Jaurès, first right into Rue Marceau.

Like many churches in the Loire Valley, the Saint-Laurent church dates from the 12th and 13th centuries.

This rather disproportionate edifice underwent important modifications in the 16th century. The church has a four-bay nave, a two-bay flat chevet choir and two chapels. The seigneurial chapel, to the north of the choir, originally dedicated to Saint Claude and then to Saint Hubert, is thought to date from the 17th century. As for the chapel of the Virgin Mary, to the south of the nave, it was built in the last years of the 16th or at the very beginning of the 17th century. The square tower adjoining the church, north of the entrance portal, was partly destroyed on November 3, 1793. In 1901, a new bell tower was built on the base of the square courtyard.

Attribution : Amis de saint Colomban



The Saint-Aignan church in Bonny-sur-Loire (D)

During the Merovingian period, Aunaire, Bishop of Auxerre, distributed relics of St Peter and St Paul to the new churches of his diocese, including Bonny who did not yet have this spelling. The priory is leaning against the church and depends on Charité sur Loire in 1107. The church and the priory suffered serious damage during the wars of religion.

The priory with the church of Saint-Pierre and Saint-Paul will be dispersed in lots during the Revolution.

Listed as a Historic Monument, the church of Saint-Aignan bears witness to the prestigious past of Bonny-sur-Loire, a fortified town with a priory, a place where several kings of France passed through and where Loire bargemen stayed to taste the already famous local wine. The building dates from the 12th century. The bell tower, the two choir bays and the chevet are from the 15th century. The vaulted chapel with a cross vault is from the 16th century. The nave with four bays and aisles and the portal "of the dignitaries" dating from 1543 offering a remarkable architecture of "Italian Renaissance" style.

Attribution : Amis de saint Colomban