

VS021 Camping Le Pin Parasol
Lac du Jaunay ★★★★★



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"This is quite the most beautiful site I have stayed on to date in Europe or in the UK. The presentation was second to none and I cannot speak highly enough of the staff" The Macnair Family.

Campsite Contact Details:

Camping Le Pin Parasol
85220 La Chapelle Hermier
France
Tel: 0033 251 346 472



Arrival Procedure

Select Sites customers should go straight to the campsite reception on arrival where they will be required to fill in a registration form. Reception, where English is spoken is open from 9am – 12.30pm and 2pm – 6pm in low season, and from 8am – 8pm in high season. Customers unavoidably delayed, arriving after the barrier is down (11pm to 8am) should leave the car in the car park adjacent to the entrance and go to the main campsite reception to speak to security or to the bar to find a member of staff. We advise that you ring ahead to warn the campsite if you expect to arrive late.

Please note – if you have booked an overnight stop in a mobile home or ready erected tent please see the special arrival procedures on your accommodation voucher.

Don't forget we're on the end of the phone if you need us

Call 0044 1606 787 666

our office hours are:

Monday- Friday
Saturdays
Sundays & Bank Holidays

9.00 am - 5.30 pm
10.00 am - 2.00 pm
closed

Life On Site

This beautifully maintained campsite has a fantastic setting, with great views over the Lac du Jaunay.

Useful Information

- **Swimming pool:** There are four swimming pools in total on the campsite. The first is an indoor pool which is heated, suitable for all the family and open from mid April until late September. The second is an outdoor pool which is also heated, suitable for all the family and is open from mid June until mid September. The third pool is a heated outdoor pool for children which is open from mid June until mid September and which has a small slide and water features for younger children. The fourth is a plunge pool for the adjoining waterslide which is larger than the previous and suitable for older children (children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult.) The waterslide and plunge pool are open from mid June until mid September. French regulations stipulate that traditional swimming trunks and not shorts must be worn in the pool.
- **Washblocks:** There are four sanitary blocks on the campsite which are clearly separated for Ladies and Gentlemen. Please note that most campsites do not provide toilet paper in the washblocks, and some campsite sanitary blocks do not have toilet seats.
- **Barbecues:** Gas, electric and charcoal barbecues are allowed on your pitch.
- **Internet access:** This is available in the campsite reception and WiFi is available all over the site.
- **Gas bottles:** These can be exchanged on site.
- **Motorhome Service Point:** There is a motorhome service point on site.
- **Fridge hire:** Fridge hire is available on site. We'd be happy to book this for you. Please contact us for more details.
- **Electricity:** There will be a 10 amp, standard 3 pin European electricity connection 10m away from your pitch.
- **Dogs:** Dogs are allowed on site as long as they are kept on a lead. If you require any up to date information on taking your dog abroad, please get in touch. We would be happy to book any necessary vets appointments on your behalf.

Campsite Activities and Entertainment

We have picked out a few things to do on site that may be of interest to you. For a full list of campsite activities, please refer to our brochure or website.

During the day

Archery lessons are available twice a week from early June to late August on the campsite. Supervision given and equipment is available to hire free of charge.

There is a Tunisian hammam (steam room), sauna and jacuzzi on the campsite.

Cycle hire is available on site from late April to late September (there are cycle paths around the perimeter of nearby Lac du Jaunay). Helmets provided free of charge. BMX, mountain bikes and baby seats also available.

The Games Room is well equipped with pool, table football and video games and is open all season.

The site also offers French lessons and French cookery lessons from June to August (please ask at reception for further details.)

A site run children's club is available for children aged 4-11 years old from early April until early September. Activities typically include treasure hunts, team games, craft workshops, t-shirt painting and dance classes.

For more comprehensive information about the campsite or local area **before you travel**, please feel free to contact us. We are always happy to help. Further information can also be found on our website.

call: 0844 406 9876

click: www.select-site.co.uk

Please be aware that in the early and late season, the complete range of activities may not be available. Any opening times are for guidance only, as these may vary and are subject to change by the campsite owner. Please check at reception on arrival.

Food and Drink

There is a take away on the campsite, opposite the reception, which is open in the evenings from mid May until mid September, serving pizzas, chips, paninis, salads, sausages, mussels and chicken. Although there is no restaurant on the campsite, there is a crêperie on the edge of Lac du Jaunay just a ten minute walk away. Open all year, this restaurant serves snacks including delicious crêpes and galettes and has beautiful views over the lake. The campsite bar is open from the mid May until the end of August, and serves local and internationally branded drinks, donuts and ice creams. It also has a large terrace which overlooks the swimming pool area below, and has views of the nearby Lac du Jaunay and surrounding countryside.

Shopping

There is a small shop onsite which sells basic supplies from early June to late September. The nearby town of Coëx (5km from the site) has a bank, a petrol station, a post office, bakers, butchers, a greengrocers and a small supermarket. It also has a number of small bars and restaurants and is known for its beautiful floral displays.

St Gilles Croix de Vie



During the evening

Entertainment is organised five to seven evenings a week from early April until early September and typically includes bingo games, talent show competitions and quiz nights. Children's discos are held six nights a week on the campsite bar terrace from mid June – late August.

Excursions

Excursions are arranged from the campsite to local vineyards in the surrounding countryside. Trips are also organised from the campsite to local traditional Vendéen craft shops in the area. Please check with the campsite reception for full details.

European Drivers' Kit

It's compulsory to carry certain items when driving in Europe, so we've gathered together some of the essentials you'll need in this handy pack for just £14.99 inc P&P.

Call 0844 406 9876 to order yours

* Please note this must be purchased up to two weeks prior to departure. You must read the terms and conditions on our website before placing an order by telephone

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Around & About

A region renowned for its beautiful, gently shelving sandy beaches and an enviable microclimate, the Vendée is the ideal choice for a holiday on the French coast. With bustling seaside resorts, attractive ports and a range of tourist attractions, there really is something for everyone. Inland, the landscape is varied with enchanting marshlands, meadows of sunflowers and dense pine forests. With miles upon miles of cycle and walking tracks, this is the ideal destination for those who love the great outdoors.

While you're here try...

MUSSELS. Seafood predominates in the cuisine in the Vendée and it is possible to spot one of the many mussel farms out at sea from the local beaches. Although served in a variety of different sauces from restaurant to restaurant, many of the locals prefer to eat them simply cooked in garlic.

BRIOCHE. Traditionally prepared in France at Easter or for important family occasions such as weddings, brioche is widely available in this region and is often cooked with fruit or chocolate chips. Served at breakfast or as a dessert, the Vendée is the largest producer of the pastry in the country.

JAMBON-MOGETTES. This regional dish comprises grilled slices of Jambon de Vendée which is a cured ham (similar to bacon in taste) which is served with Mogettes which are locally produced white haricot beans.



Beaches

Bretignolles sur Mer (14km) – The closest seaside resort to the campsite. The beach here is sandy, spacious and has a rocky coastline.

Notre Dame des Dunes (16km) – This small beach, close to Bretignolles sur Mer, is a naturist beach.

St Gilles Croix de Vie (19km) – This pretty beach is safe and sheltered, and has a natural swimming pool which is filled regularly by the tide. The stretch between here and Sion has a number of rock pools and is popular for shrimp and crab fishing.

Sauveterre (23km) – This pretty beach between L'Aubraie and Les Granges lies adjacent to an extensive pine forest throughout which run several walking trails.

Les Sables d'Olonne (28km) – This nearby resort has one of the safest beaches in the Vendée region. Sheltered from the harbour wall, the beach has gently shelving sand and a number of restaurants, cafes and bars nearby.

Where to Shop

- **Coëx.** This small town is the closest to the campsite (5km away) and has a petrol station, a bakers, a butchers, a greengrocers and a small supermarket.
- **La Mothe Achard.** A little further from the campsite (17km away), this town also has a reasonable number of facilities including several banks (with cashpoints accepting most card types), a chemist, a post office, a tabac (English newspapers available) and a Super U supermarket.
- **Les Sables d'Olonne.** This large resort (31km away) is one of the Vendée's busiest resorts and is home to the Marché des Halles Centrales which is a large indoor food shopping centre inside which over 50 local traders and producers gather to sell a variety of products including fresh fish, olives, dried fruit, cheese, wine, coffee, pastries, local delicacies and organic fruit and vegetables.

Local market days (usually mornings only) are as follows:

Monday – Longeville sur Mer.

Tuesday – La Tranche sur Mer.

Wednesday – St Jean de Monts.

Thursday – Bretignolles sur Mer.

Friday – La Roche sur Yon.

Saturday – St Gilles Croix de Vie.

Sunday – St Hilaire de Riez.



Le Puy du Fou

Sporting Activities

- **Karting** – is available at the largest circuit in France (home to the prestigious French School of Karting) through Karting Energies (La Michetterie) in Fontenay Le Comte. www.kartingenergies.fr
- **Water sports** - motor boats can be hired from Vykra Océanic (Forum Port La Vie) in St Gilles Croix de Vie. www.nowe.fr
- **Sea Fishing** – tourist trips in St Gilles Croix de Vie. Book at the Café Rochebonne (84 Quai République) in St Gilles Croix de Vie. Permits available from the local Tourist Information office.
- **Fresh Water Fishing** – Lac du Jaunay is excellent for fishing and has many extremely large carp, pike, zander, roach, bream and perch. Boat fishing is available on the lake, but no petrol motors are allowed. A fishing permit is required.
- **Golf** – the nearest course is the Golf des Fontenelles in Coex. This is an 18 hole, par 72 course. No handicap required but insurance is necessary. There are also two 2 putting greens and a practice course. www.asgolf-fontenelles.com

Must Sees and Dos

Please see your European Guide for additional information about your local area.

Le Jardin des Olfacties – 7km

Translated as “the garden of scents” and the winner of the first national award for green tourism, this park has five hectares of over 3,500 perfumed plants and flowers. Throughout July and August on Wednesday and Friday evenings the gardens are brought to life with music and light.

www.lejardindesolfacties.com

Château of Apremont – 13km

Situated in the pretty village of Apremont lie the remains of a 16th Century château from which there are superb views of the River Vie below. Whilst here, the freshwater lake in Apremont is also worth a visit.

www.vendee-guide.co.uk/chateau-d-apremont

Vendee Miniature Village – 16km

Situated in the village of Bretignolles sur Mer, this miniature village took 10 years to build and its attention to detail is really worth seeing. All housed indoors, so the attraction is perfect for a rainy day, the miniature village recreates the history of the Vendée with 1/10th scale models of farms, houses, mills, carts and over 650 figures.

www.vendee-miniature.fr

Vélorail – 19km

Explore the stunning Vendéen countryside and enjoy the colourful scenery in pedal powered railcars. The 10km former railway track crosses over the River Vie and passes through the former railway station at St Maixent sur Vie.

www.veloraildefrance.com

Zoo at Les Sables d'Olonne – 35km

The zoo at Les Sables d'Olonne has over 200 animals housed in environments designed to resemble their natural habitats. With plenty to see, the zoo has giraffes, wild cats and reptiles and feeding demonstrations of pandas, penguins, otters and wolves. The most recent additions to the zoo include a monkey island and a vivarium.

www.zoo-des-sables.com

Oceanile Water Park – 68km

Situated on the island of Noirmoutier, this waterpark complex has more than 20 outdoor aquatic amusements set in 28 degree heated water. The park has a number of slides and attractions including a wave pool, rapids, inflatable rings and a host of children's water games. The park is also home to an indoor pool, children's play area, bar, restaurant, shop and picnic area.

www.oceanile.com

Le Puy du Fou attraction park – 94km

One of France's most popular attractions, Le Puy du Fou recreates medieval life with features including a large Roman amphitheatre complete with chariots and shows such as the battles of the Vikings, the battle of Donjon, and the battle of the Gladiators. There are also stunning falconry displays and the park also has fifteen restaurants, two themed hotels and fifty hectares of colourful countryside.

www.puydufou.com

Please note: Select sites has not vetted any off site activities. Customers should undertake their own safety checks.

Getting To Your Site

Location

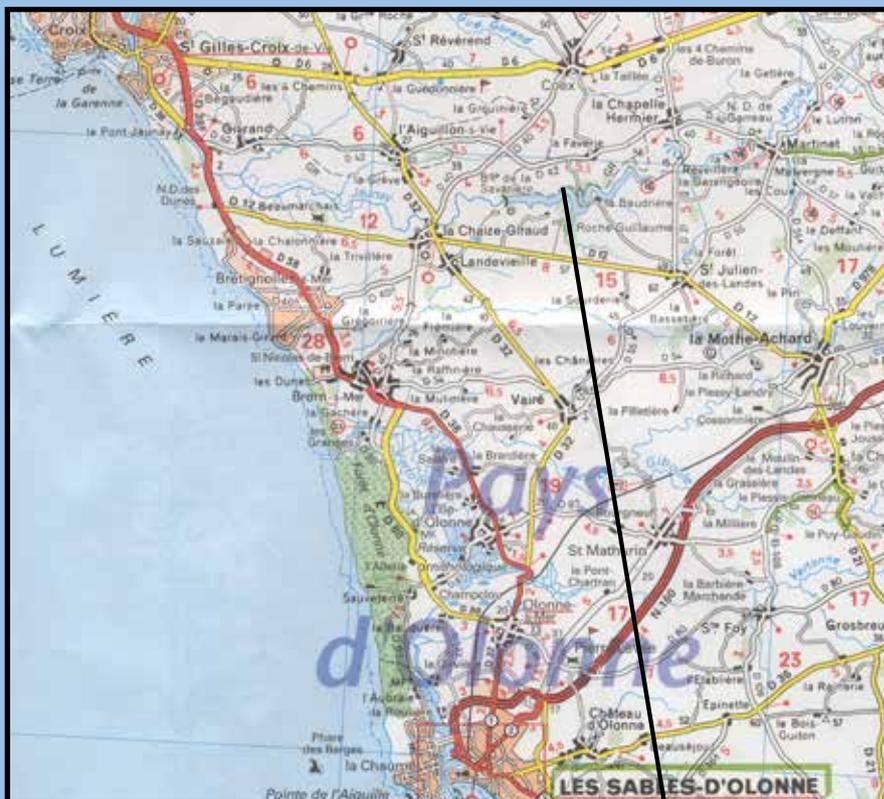
Camping Le Pin Parasol is located inland approximately 5kms south of Coëx and 15km north west of La Mothe Achard which is on the main N160 route between Les Sables d'Olonne and La Roche sur Yon.

Directions

From Nantes follow the A83 motorway south and take exit number 4 in the direction of La Roche sur Yon on the D763 and continue to La Roche sur Yon on the D937. As you approach La Roche sur Yon take the D948 (direction Challans) to Aizenay. At Aizenay take the D6 in the direction of St Gilles Croix de Vie. After 10km turn left to La Chapelle Hermier. In the centre of the village turn right and turn left after 2½km towards Lac du Jaunay. The site is on your right just before you reach the lake. From La Roche sur Yon take the D948 to Aizenay and Challans. From Aizenay turn left on to the D6 and then continue as above.

New Law re Breathalysers in France

Please be aware there is a new law coming in to force from 1st July 2012 that makes it COMPULSORY for all motorists in FRANCE to carry a single use breathalyser. We advise that if you are travelling to (or through) France you should carry at least two disposable breathalysers in order to comply with this new law. The breathalysers you purchase must comply to French regulations and will carry the 'French certification mark' 'NF'. These should be purchased prior to departure in the UK but can also be purchased on the ferry, in most French supermarkets, service/petrol stations or chemists. You could receive an on-the-spot fine if you cannot produce this product when asked.



GPS co ordinates:
46.666078 / -1.755195 (lat./long.)

Campsite location

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the GPS coordinates provided, we strongly advise you cross-reference your end destination with the map above and the campsite address before you commence your journey.



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Key Dates

French Public (Bank) Holidays 2015

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday (Vendredi Saint)
Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday (Pâques)
Monday 6th April - Easter Monday (Lundi de Pâques)
Friday 1st May - Labour Day (Fête du Travail)
Friday 8th May - Victory Day (Fête de La Victoire)
Thursday 14th May - Ascension Day (Ascension Catholique)
Sunday 24th May - Whit Sunday (Pentecôte)
Monday 25th May - Whit Monday (Lundi de Pentecôte)
Tuesday 14th July - Bastille Day (Fête Nationale)
Saturday 15th August - Assumption of Mary (Assomption)

French organisations and businesses close on public holidays. Although some shopping centres and grocers open for part of the day, the majority of shops do not. Police stations and hospitals do not close. When a public holiday falls on a Thursday or Tuesday, it is common practice to "make the bridge" (faire le pont) by taking off the Friday or Monday so creating a very long weekend.

Handy Hints and Tips

Shop Opening & Closing - The classic French shopping days are Monday to Saturday, with shops generally open from 9 a.m. to Midday, and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Stores generally close on Sundays.

Please Note - Although some larger stores or those in popular tourist areas may remain open at lunchtimes and Sundays, this is optional and not guaranteed.

Dialling Codes - If dialling the UK use 00 44 and drop the first 0 from the dialling code if dialling The Republic of Ireland use 00 353 and drop the first 0 from the dialling code

Tourist Information Office

Office de Tourisme, Place de L'Eglise, 85220, Coëx. Tel: 0033 251 542 880.

Every effort has been made to ensure the information provided in this guide, to the best of our knowledge, is both helpful and correct at the time of going to press.

Important Information

Car breakdown - Please note that in the event of breakdown all customers insured through Select Sites should consult their Insurance Terms and Conditions booklet. Campsite reception will have information of local garages.

Due to recent European legislation it is now a requirement when driving in Europe that all cars need to carry a reflective jacket at all times. These reflective jackets can be purchased almost everywhere in Europe for approx 8 to 15 Euros each.

Personal Injury The chances of you and your family either having an accident or becoming the victims of crime whilst on holiday are extremely low. However, you should encourage the members of your party to take the same sensible precautions that they would do at home.

Try to avoid walking alone at night, and keep to well-lit main roads where possible. You should try to avoid short cuts like alleyways, waste ground and wooded, bushy areas. Stay alert: be aware of what's going on around you.

It is always worth letting someone know where you are going, the route you intend to take and when you expect to return.

We want you to have a safe holiday - please read campsite notices carefully and ensure all members of your party understand the rules and regulations as they are there for your own safety.

Emergency Information

Emergencies. In the event of an emergency please contact the main campsite reception for details of local emergency services.

Doctors	Coëx	0033 228 103 030
Dentist	Coëx	0033 251 546 578
Hospital	St Gilles Croix de Vie	0033 251 218 585
Vets	Coëx	0033 251 608 300