

Vernon / Les Andelys

La Seine à Vélo



Départ
Vernon

Arrivée
Les Andelys

Durée
1 h 42 min

Distance
27,10 Km

Niveau
I cycle often

Leaving Vernon, its Seine-side quays and the Vieux Moulin, a picturesque watermill, echoes of Impressionist settings and colours are still easy to pick up. Continue west along the Seine towpaths, once vital to commercial trading along the river. Passing lakes and sand-extracting works, you also encounter medieval Norman history, in the form of the mighty Château-Gaillard, dominating the town of Les Andelys since the 12th century.

The route

While awaiting the creation of a greenway along the whole length of this stage, works scheduled to last through to 2022, the Seine à Vélo cycle route takes you along roads with motorized traffic and smaller tracks, with some short stretches along earth or grassy paths.

Leaving Vernonnet, take care at the crossroads with the RD181, where there are traffic lights. Up to the entrance to Pressagny l'Orgueilleux, you cycle along the RD313 road, with a 400m-stretch with a 6% gradient. Leaving Port Mort, along 500m, the slope averages 7%, taking you to the RD10 road. It is possible to take a flat alternative route, riding along an earth track as far as Courcelles-sur Seine.

At Courcelles-sur-Seine/Bouafles, the route continues along a track made of compacted earth, but it is rough along some 2.8km. There is a footbridge to negotiate in the middle (50m long, 1m wide, with ramps >20%)

At Les Andelys, you need to ride along the RD316 road for 550m as you enter the parish, between two roundabouts. Take care along here, as the road is used by lorries. Work scheduled for autumn 2020 will enable you to avoid this stretch in the future.

SNCF train stations

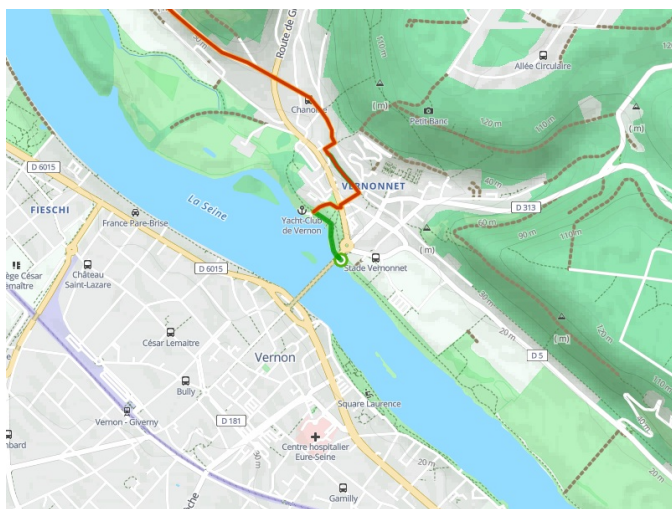
- Vernon/Giverny: Intercité, TER and Transilien
- Aubevoye: Intercité and TER

Don't miss

- **Les Andelys - Château-Gaillard:** At Les Andelys, a town between Paris and Rouen, [Château Gaillard](#) looks down on one of the Seine's most beautiful meanders. Built for Richard the Lionheart in 1198, it defended the river upstream of Rouen, protecting the Plantagenet Duchy of Normandy. After Richard's death in 1199, his brother, King John of England, inherited the castle. But in 1204, French king Philippe Auguste seized it and brought the whole of Normandy into the possession of the French crown. Today, climbing to the top of the site, enjoy breathtaking views over the Seine Valley.



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