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castle of Châtillon- en-Bazois

## HISTORY

### Châtillon en Bazois

The history of Châtillon is linked to that of its castle. In the 10th century, the castle stood on a rocky spur in a loop of the river Aron, a fortress belonging to the Count of Nevers. He gave it to his son Robert who became the founder of the dynasty of Châtillon. This dynasty died out in 1370 with the death of Jean V, whose tombstone can be seen in the church of Saint Jean Baptiste in Châtillon. After a succession of owning families and numerous transformations, the castle was bought by Léonor Armand de Pracomtal, Sire of Châtillon, whose last descendant died in 1970. The château was then bought by the Sribny family, and later by the Sribny-Moreau family, and can be visited in July and August.

The current owners have created gardens that have been labelled "remarkable gardens". During the old regime, Châtillon was only a small village that depended on the castle. After the Revolution, in 1790, the village became a commune. Its development took place in the 19th century with the construction of roads, the Nivernais Canal for floating timber, and the railway (which no longer exists today). Before the construction of the canal and the bridges, the river was dredged because the D978 did not follow the same route as it does today. Nowadays, the canal is reserved exclusively for pleasure boats and the towpath is classified as a cycle route. The natural and picturesque Canal du Nivernais is very popular.



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## Le Bazois on the canal

Châtillon-en-Bazois



4H00

16 KM

A pleasant stroll through the agricultural lands of the Bazois and along the Nivernais Canal, one of the most beautiful in Europe.

#### location

Châtillon-en-Bazois, 41 km east of Nevers on the D 978

#### Parking

Place Pierre Saury

285 m

226 m

positive altitude difference: 150 m



- Caution: fording the Aron after marker 5 maybe difficult depending on the height of the water. water level.



#### TO DISCOVER ON THE WAY

- Canal du Nivernais, canal bridge, tacot bridge later renamed Routier = road bridge. (is a bridge that supports or backed up a road for motor vehicles)  
- Mingot canal bridge, Coeuillon footbridge, Châtillon harbour, Saint Jean-Baptiste church (19th century) (earthenware baptismal font), Châtillon castle and castle tower, gardens classified as 'remarkable gardens'



#### TO DISCOVER IN THE REGION

Alluy: Romanesque church of Saint Pierre, 11th to 15th century (crypt with frescoes).  
- Hinds: Fleury needle dam, Vincence forest (Oak of the weasels), Passion pêche course in Eguilly.  
- Achun: triple lock of Chavance.  
- Brinay: Church of Saint Denis, 11th - 16th century.  
- Montapas: Church dedicated to Saint- Pierre, but called Saint- Roch xixth century (baptismal font in the form of a (baptismal font in the form of a wall fountain in the 18th century, Roman road, station Tacot, La Chênaie pond (supervised bathing in summer)

#### MARKING

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• Tourist office : 03 73 21 03 00, others tours to download at : [www.tourisembazoisloiremorvan.fr](http://www.tourisembazoisloiremorvan.fr).



#### Comittee

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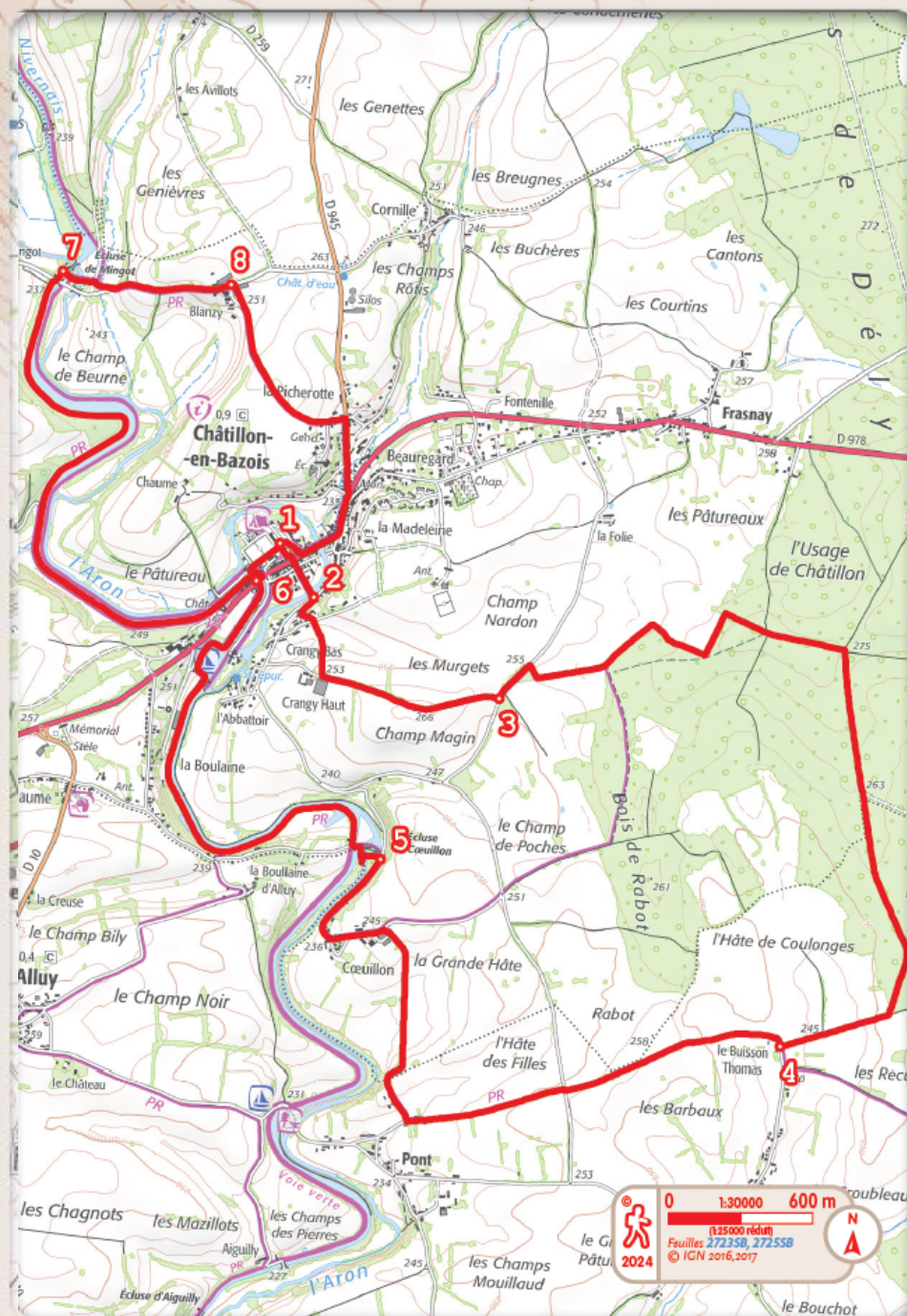


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- 1** Go up the steps next to the church, cross the square and take the D 978. Take the direction of Brinay (rue Adrien Laurent). After the bridge over the Aron, take the street opposite: la grimpette. Go straight on, turn left to get back on the road.
- 2** Turn left and walk for 100m to take a path on the right and enter the forest. Continue along Bois de Rabot until you reach the crossroads.
- 3** Continue to the right, leave the forest, cross the road and go in the direction of Coeuillon.
- 4** Pass the hamlet and head towards the lock of Coeuillon.
- 5** Cross the small footbridge and go straight on to cross the Aron ⚠️ (Difficult to cross at high water.) Take the bridge over the canal and turn right to follow the towpath to Châtillon towards the port of Châtillon.
- 6** **Small variant (northern loop: 5 km, southern loop: 7 km)**  
Take the road bridge and the first street on the left and then on the right to return to the starting point. 1
- 6** Cross the D 978 and follow the canal to the Mingot lock.
- 7** After passing under the first Mingot bridge and then under the second bridge, continue straight on until you reach the road to Blanzay that's on the left.
- 8** Turn right between the farm buildings and follow this road until you reach the D 945. Follow it to the right until you reach the starting point. road to reach Blanzay on the left



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the river Aron

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