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GRAND SITE DE FRANCE

**SOLUTRÉ
POUILLY
VERGISSON**



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and humankind*

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Welcome to the Grand Site de France Solutré Pouilly Vergisson, an exceptional place that the Department of Saône-et-Loire protects and promotes.

A « Grand Site » (Great Site) is something that must be experienced !

- Immerse yourself in the Grand Site de France Solutré Pouilly Vergisson and find yourself in a world of subtlety, intelligence and sensitivity.
- Be inspired and stimulate your emotions thanks to the charm of the place.
- Live an intimate experience and give meaning to your getaways through a combination of meaning, science and awareness.

The region

Located in the extreme south of the Burgundy Region, in the Saône-et-Loire, the Grand Site de France Solutré Pouilly Vergisson is a protected natural place and a renowned tourist site. It is also the Mâconnais' playground.

The Grand Site de France Solutré Pouilly Vergisson area extends over 6 communes : Solutré-Pouilly, Vergisson, Davayé, Prissé, Fuissé and Charnay-lès-Mâcon.

The label Grand Site de France, a demanding label

In 2013, Solutré Pouilly Vergisson received the “Grand Site de France” label. Selective and demanding, it is awarded by the Ministry of Ecological Transition to recognize of the sustainable and responsible management of this beautiful natural place.

The Grands Sites de France are landscapes amongst most beautiful, famous, emblematic and most popular in our country. Amongst 21 sites labelled sites, we can find la Montagne Sainte Victoire, la Pointe du Raz, la Baie de Somme, and many others.

All these incredible locations, that make us dream are mostly precious and fragile, that’s why they are protected in the name of the general interest.

The Department of Saône-et-Loire, manager of the Grand Site de France

Solutré Pouilly Vergisson, received renew this label in 2020 for a period of 6 years.



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TO KNOW

- Enjoy flora and fauna of this place, but please be vigilant about temptation to pick flowers and plants.
- Be careful do not cross fenced spaces and don't approach animals in pastures.

Recognised and protected natural areas

The richness of the biological diversity of the area, characterised by the presence of rare species and remarkable plant associations, is recognised at European level : the Roches de Solutré and Vergisson and Mont de Pouilly are under Natura 2000 protection.

Small horses - almost perfect look-alikes of their prehistoric ancestors - actively participate in the biodiversity's preservation of the calcareous lawns. Of Konik Polski breed, these rustic horses graze and thus fight against the overgrowth of the meadows.

The vernacular heritage

The small-scale heritage of villages and fields, typical Mâconnais houses, scattered hamlets, villages found mid-slope add their warm, mellow hues. Everything that we find in the landscape : washhouses, crosses, dividing walls, stone huts, murgers, etc. composed the vernacular heritage.

A great vineyard for a Grand Site

Chardonnay, a universally renowned name, is a cosmopolitan plant « par excellence » with an amazing power of acclimatization. Indeed, it's the 2nd white grape variety most planted in the world since the beginning of 21st century. However, Chardonnay has always be native from mâconnais. In the heart of the Grand Site are delimited areas of three flagship controlled designation of origin of Bourgogne due to their international established on their characteristic aromatically complexity : the Saint-Véran, the Mâcon-Villages and the famous Pouilly-Fuissé which benefits since 2020 of a "premier cru" classification.

*** Alcohol abuse is dangerous for your health, consume in moderation.**



The Roche de Solutré experience

From the La Roche car park, the Roche de Solutré can be reached by foot. The 4 km circuit, which culminates at an altitude of 493 m, is not difficult to complete and has a gradient of 100 m.

It takes about 1 hour to walk back and forth.

A number of reading tables encourage you to explore the many facets of the site.



TO KOWN AND TO PLAN

- The path, well laid out, is arranged with many steps, however it's not accessible to bike, pushchair, etc.
- The top of the Roche de Solutré is not secured and requires your attention to avoid any risk of falling.
- Thanks to bring your wastes to the car park where selective sorting containers bins are at your disposal.

Other hiking trails

Several hiking loops allow you to discover the Grand Site, its countryside, its vineyards, its forests, for an hour or a day. Find them on rochedesolutre.com, or in the map guide sold at the Maison du Grand Site.

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A GREAT SITE TO EXPERIENCE

The Maison du Grand Site

Welcome ! The Maison du Grand Site aims to provide you with information and help you enjoy your visit. A permanent exhibition area dedicated to the history of the landscape and its preservation helps you gain a unique insight into this exceptional site. For your comfort, a shop, a lounge, the Café de la Roche, as well as toilets are at your disposal. You can also find all the local information you need to make your stay a memorable one : accommodation, restaurants, cellars, tourist tours, programme of activities, etc. The Café de la Roche offers you a refreshing break in an enchanting setting: shaded terrace, breathtaking views. Enjoy all this served with high-quality local products, which are often organic... No reservation is required for the Café de la Roche. If you are travelling in a group, please contact us, we will discuss how we can best organise your visit.

Activity agenda

Live music, night markets, sports activities, wine tasting, etc. The Grand Site's entertainment programme is packed with activities. The activity agenda is available on rochedesolutre.com, at the Maison du Grand Site, at the Museum of Prehistory, and at many distribution points near you !





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Ticket prices

- Full price, with or without audio guide (French, English, German, Dutch) : 5 €
- Student rate or group of 10 people or more with or without audio guide : 3 €
- School guided tour (on reservation) : 5 €
- Guided tour for adults (on reservation) : 7 €
- Children under 18 years old and students until 26 years old : free of charge
- Free for all on the 1st Sunday of each month and some national events

The Museum of Prehistory

Located at the very foot of the Roche de Solutré, the Museum showcases the remains of one of the richest prehistoric sites in Europe: a hunting site that was frequented for over 50,000 years by men who came to hunt, skin and cook thousands of horses and reindeers. There remains at this site an accumulation of bones that is the source of the famous legend, now disproved, of horses pushed down by hunters from the top of the rock. It was actually at the foot of the rocky escarpment that the herds were hunted down and then slaughtered. Built on the famous archaeological site that has made Solutré a reference site for prehistoric times, the archaeological and botanical garden covers an area of approximately 13,000 m² and allows visitors to discover a wide variety of plant species that are characteristic of the natural environment and the main findings of archaeological research. A signposted trail leads you through a route featuring eight stations that recount the geology, hunting techniques of prehistoric man, the landscape during prehistoric times and the discovery of the site.

The Museum is certified as a « Tourism & Handicap » site. The archaeological and botanical garden is not accessible to people with motor disabilities.



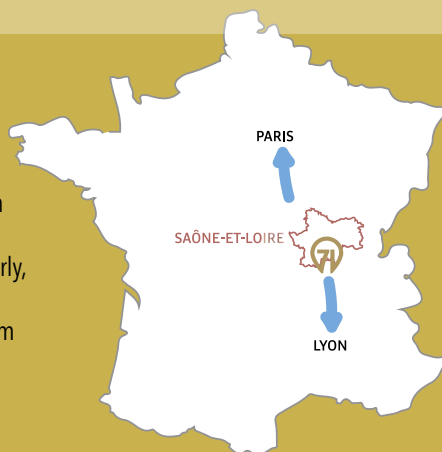
HOURS

		Museum	Maison du Grand Site
LOW SEASON	January	Closed	
	From february to march	13h - 17h	11h - 17h
	November	Closed	
	First half of december	Closed	
HIGH SEASON	Christmas holidays	13h - 17h	11h - 17h
	From april to june From september to october	10h - 18h	
VERY HIGH SEASON	From july to august	10h - 19h	

The opening periods are adjusted to the dates of school holidays.
Go to **rochedesolutre.com** to consult the detailed timetables.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Discover the Grand Site de France Solutré Pouilly Vergisson car-free online at www.escapadenature-sansvoiture.fr
- Parking outside the 2 car parks is strictly prohibited. Similarly, camping is also prohibited.
- Please respect the work of the winegrowers and refrain from entering the rows of vines.
- It's strictly forbidden to approach donkeys and horses.



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