



**Season 2023**

**Welcome to our campsite**

**Information folder about the campsite, its surroundings  
and practical information.**

**Please download or print this information folder.**

**Thanks and enjoy your stay with us : Ronald and Olga**

**General :**

All payments during your stay can be made in Cash and due ( PLEASE ) on departure.

Concerns your bread orders, use of washing machine, soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, etc.

So you do not have to take cash money every day with you to make these "small" payments.

**Waste**

You can put full garbage bags in the garbage containers at the entrance of the campsite.

These are emptied every Friday morning.

Please flatten plastic bottles, then the containers are not so easily filled.

Keep all glass waste separate and put it in the glass containers on arrival in Besse or Saint Martin Cantalès.

There are also containers here for plastic waste (bottles etc.) and paper.

Please do not throw old bread, etc. into the lake or on the side of the water.

There are no ducks here to eat it, so it attracts pests.

We recommend not leaving your garbage bag outside at night due to a cat wandering around.

**Library :** open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Admission to the library is free. Find a book and enjoy !.

**Bread**

During the high season, bread is taken from the bakery every morning (subject to sufficient orders).

Please order the day before before 18.00 at the reception.

In low season freshly baked baguettes can be ordered for the next morning.

Also please order the day before 18.00 at the reception.

### **Chemical toilet**

At the sanitary building there is a dump available for wastewater from caravans and campers. Please use only biodegradable products due to septic tank.

### **Food & Drink**

Bread can be ordered every day, see further under "Bread".

Daily chilled drinks available at the reception. See further the separate list at the Rates.

In high season, just outside the campsite, there will be a restaurant:

- butcher Lajarrige from Saint Illide: Thursdays at about 5:45 to 6:15 p.m.
- pizza baker, made on site by Fabrice: Saturday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Foodtrucks : see announcements at the reception.

### **Dogs**

Campers may bring their dogs; please note that not everyone likes dogs.

Inside the campsite dogs must be leashed at all times, outside the campsite they are allowed off leash.

Dogs may not be let out on the campsite or on the beach.

If the animal does relieve itself, please clean up yourself.

Swimming with the dog is allowed at the end of the road, outside the campsite.

### **Camping rules**

See our website.

### **Children**

A special request to parents with small children: please accompany the little ones to the toilet, so that the next user can also sit dry.

On behalf of the butterflies and lizards: please watch us and don't touch or pick us up.

### **Tap water**

The water from the taps is drinking water. The taps on the grounds are for tapping water only, so not suitable for doing dishes or dumping dishwater.

### **Emergency**

In case of emergency, we can be found in the Chalets at the entrance to the campground.

Thunderstorms If there are thunderstorms near or on the campsite, there will be no Wifi available.

### **Reception :**

open from 8.30 am to 11.30 am, and from 3 pm to 8 pm.

At the reception you can get information about the service of the campsite, hiking trails, tourist information about the area and various useful addresses.

### **Rental :**

petanque, card games, badminton shuttles, books and magazines.

Rental: refrigerators, canoes, pitching tent (last night), washer and dryer.

Sales: bread, hiking trails, beer, wine, cola, ice creams.

Pins: due to the high cost, for amounts up to € 50, we ask for a fee of € 1/throw.

### **Sanitary**

After showering please dry the floor.

Please dispose of wet wipes, tampons, sanitary towels, etc. in the appropriate waste bin.

Between 23.00 and 8.00 please be considerate of the other campers, such as the gently opening and closing the doors.

### **Septic tank**

The "sewer" works with bacteria. Therefore use only biodegradable products.

So please do NOT use chlorinated or bleach products.

**Pitches**

Caravans: on pitches No. 1 to No. 9 please point the tow bar towards the road or water.

Small campers (< 4,5 meters): can be parked on places Nos 15 to 20.

Large campers (4.5 - 7 meters): only places no. 20 and 28 are suitable.

Pitches nos. 1 to 11: car-free from July 1 to September 1 so that campers on pitches

No. 13 to 20 have a better view. Parking is available behind the reception, just outside the campsite.

**Silence**

From 10 p.m., please be considerate of campers going to sleep early.

Between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m., everyone is expected to observe general silence.

Then everyone can choose to go to sleep, read or do something else quiet.

**Access gate**

To prevent strangers and stray dogs from walking into the campground, the gate is closed during the day. So the gate is not locked, you can open and close it yourself.

However, between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. the big gate is locked, then the small gate can be used.

**Safety**

The maximum speed on the campsite is 10 km/hour. So please drive at walking pace.

**Lighting**

The campsite lights go out at 10:30 pm. See further under "Silence".

**Departure**

The pitch must be vacated from 8 a.m. and until 11 a.m. at the latest.

**Washing machine**

A washing machine and dryer are available in the laundry room.

The rates are listed there.

To use, just ask Ronald or Olga: we will put detergent in it and turn it on for you.

The dryer can only be used in combination with the washing machine.

**Wifi** : from 8.30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Wireless internet is available in and around the reception.

The use is free, login codes

Wifi : Camping Pont du Rouffet ; 20232023

## Information about the area and useful addresses

Welcome to Cantal, and to our campsite of course.

The Cantal is known for its beautiful natural areas and landscapes. It is a sparsely populated and little tourist area, so nature is still unspoiled.

It is the largest volcanic area in Europe with the "Monts du Cantal", with the highest mountain in the area: the Puy Mary (1787 m). A less crowded alternative is the Puy Violent (1592 m).

Around the mountain massif are many picturesque villages, castles, manors and fortresses, as well as ruins to visit. A so-called Castles Route ("Route des Châteaux") is among the possibilities.

The medieval fortified town of Salers, built from lava rock, is also worth a visit: it is like walking into a drawing by Anton Pieck.

Cantal is also known for its Cantal cheese. Together with the other cheeses from Auvergne, such as Bleu d'Auvergne, Fourme and Saint Nectaire, these can be seen/tasted/purchased along the so-called Cheese Route ("Route des Fromages").

The hamlet of Saint Martin Cantalès now only has about 150 inhabitants, so in the village of Saint Martin Cantalès there is nothing left of the middle class.

However, the church of Saint Martin Cantalès has a remarkable Romanesque portal.

The lake ("Lac d'Enchanet"), is 17 kilometers long and has a surface area of 410 hectares.

Three rivers flow into it (the Maronne, the Bertrande and the Etze) and it is a reservoir.

In the 1950s, the dam was built near the town of Enchanet. When commissioned, the entire valley was flooded and the reservoir was created. Previously, the road continued to the other side, towards Arnac, via the bridge "Pont du Rouffet". In 1951, the bridge to the hamlet of Rouffet was also flooded. Since then, therefore, this road has been a dead end.

The railroad was built between 1882 and 1887. The viaducts are evident everywhere in the landscape. The last train ran in 1994.

The campsite\*\* was built around 1983 and was a municipal campsite ("Camping Municipal") for decades.

In 2008, the rather neglected campsite was taken over from the Municipality of Saint Martin Cantalès. Since then, much has been improved, both in terms of maintenance of sanitary facilities and grounds with the planting, as well as the facilities.

## THE SURROUNDINGS

### The lake "Lac d'Enchanet".

Near the campsite, 3 rivers flow into the lake, so there is a little current, and the water is clear and clean. From the campsite there are 2 entrances to the lake: between pitch 10 and 11, and at the back of the campsite after pitch #1.

\* Fishing.

Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset, not at night.

This is a stipulation of the central government (Fish Federation).

Throughout France, fishing on public waters requires a fishing license, including this lake and rivers.

Fishing licenses from the Fishing Federation are available on the Internet, or at the Office de Tourisme (Tourist Office) in Mauriac or Salers.

For fishing equipment you can go to supermarkets, and to Manucentre, a specialty store with a large selection, in Aurillac.

### \* Boating

Boats can be launched at the end of the road, about 150 meters from the campsite. During your stay, the boat can be left in front of the campsite. The maximum speed on the lake is 6 km per hour.

Of course, you can also rent a canoe.

### \* **Swimming**

In front of the campground it slopes very gradually, there is little current. The water often has a temperature of about 22 degrees. Swimming is at your own risk, as there is no supervision.

### **The railroad - "Voie ferrée".**

The railroad track can be reached on foot from the campsite (about 200 meters) and you can endlessly follow the track through tunnels and viaducts. Along the way you will come across an abandoned signal box, level crossing or station here and there.

From Dugeac you can take the bicycle train, the so-called "draisines"/"vélorail"/"pédalorail". Distance 7 km, there and back.

### **Hiking - "Randonnées"**

The hiking trails in the immediate area are well marked and leaflets are available with a map and description of the details. These walking routes are available at the reception desk, for a small fee to the walking association (1 € /piece for printing costs).

A special experience is walking on the abandoned railroad line. For the adventurous hiker, the tunnels near the campsite are of course exciting. The nearest tunnel is 489 meters long, so a flashlight is not unnecessary. Beware: sometimes a maintenance train drives, it honks its horn.

Along the main road to Mauriac is the waterfall of Salins.

From the parking lot you can follow a hiking trail, going under the waterfall and further over a rope bridge over the river, and back again.

There are also dozens of hiking trails in the area, ranging from easy to difficult, of short duration or longer, nearby or a little further away.

Examples can be viewed at the reception desk.

For more routes and maps, please visit the "Office de Tourisme" in Salers.

### **The Salers area :**

The Salers region where the campground is located has quite a few specialties to offer.

As you drive into the region, the Salers cow already stands out in the surroundings. You often see the cows, bulls and calves walking in the same pasture. Predominantly red-brown in color, sometimes black.

From the milk of the Salers cow, Salers cheese is made, a farmer's cheese.

The medieval town of Salers is well worth a visit, a true Anton Pieck experience.

Generally, it is less crowded in the morning than in the afternoon.

Finally, there is the aperitif Salers, a drink based on the root of the gentian plant.

It is bitter and can be drunk pure, with ice cubes or diluted with water.

#### **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

Most stores are closed between noon and 2 p.m., except for some bakeries and supermarkets in the larger towns. Some are also open on Sunday mornings.

### **Pharmacy - "Pharmacie"**

In Saint Martin Valmeroux (on main road), Pleaux (on the little square), Mauriac, ...

### **Baker - "Boulangerie"**

In Saint Martin Valmeroux (near the church), Pleaux, Mauriac, ...

### **Organic products - "Produits bio"**

"L'arbre à pain" and "La Vie Claire" in Aurillac.

### **Camping Gaz**

Available at most supermarkets.

### **Doctor - "Médecin"**

Saint Martin Valmeroux: Dr. Laurent / Dr. Bianchi (on the square along the main road).

**ATM - "Distributeur de billets".**

Money can be withdrawn at Saint Martin Valmeroux, Pleaux, Mauriac, ...

**Cheese - "Fromages"**

La Cave de Salers (just before the town of Salers), collaboration of 10 artisanal cheesemakers from the immediate area. Visit the cheese dairy, and taste different cheeses ([www.cavesdesalers.com](http://www.cavesdesalers.com)).

**Church service - "Messe"**

Every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Pleaux.

**Grocery store - "Epicerie"**

For daily necessities, visit:

Saint Illide (15 minute drive): "Alimentation Générale", in the main street.

Tuesday to Saturday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Saint Martin Valmeroux (20 min. drive): "Mon Marché", on main road.

Every day: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (including Sundays and holidays)

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Markets - "Marchés"**

Weekly market - "Marché hebdomadaire" : 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Wednesday: Salers. Small market in small streets.

- Friday: Saint Martin Valmeroux. Small market with vegetables, fruit, meat, chicken, cheese, etc.

- Saturday: Mauriac. Already slightly larger market, with larger offerings.

- 13th and 27th: Pleaux. From one little square to another.

- Wednesday and Saturday: Aurillac, Place de l'Hôtel de Ville. Large market, partially covered.

- Friday: Saint Cernin, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Pinning - "Distributeur de billets"**

See: "ATM".

Post office - "La Poste".

In St. Martin Valmeroux, Pleaux, Mauriac, ...

**Restaurants**

The French eat a sumptuous hot meal at noon.

Hence, many stores etc. are closed between 12:00 and 14:00. Hence also that everywhere restaurants offer an employee menu ("Menu ouvrier") between €10 and €15 at noon. Generally these are simple and good meals. For example:

\* Besse - "Au p'tit Chaudron", only on weekdays. Is small, so discuss necessary.

Everything is fresh and homemade. Owner speaks good English.

\* Saint Martin Valmeroux - "Le p'tit Bistro," weekdays only.

\* Pleaux : Le D'Jazz

If you want to eat out in the evening, most restaurants open the kitchen from 7:30 pm.

Here are some tips for a good quality-price ratio:

\* Salers - Crêperie "Le Drac"

The better, well-filled pancakes ("crêpes" or "galettes") e.a. dishes. With large terrace.

\* Salers - "Hotel - Restaurant des Remparts".

Regional dishes, beautiful view. Classic but casual.

**Butcher - "Boucherie"**

An artisan butcher, makes everything himself (sausages, meals,...). Has good meat, also Salers meat.  
Saint Illide : LAJARRIGE, in the main street  
Tuesday to Sunday 8 a.m.-12 p.m.  
High season : every Thursday from about 6pm in front of the campsite. Closes on arrival.

**Sports store**

Intersport and Decathlon in Aurillac.

**Supermarket - "Supermarché "**

Pleaux : Super U Expres, also open on Sunday mornings.  
Mauriac : Aldi, Carrefour, Intermarché, also open on Sunday mornings.  
Aurillac : Aldi, Auchan, Casino Géant, Intermarché, Leclerc, Lidl.

**Petrol station - "Station Service".**

Possible at several supermarkets.  
LPG: at Carrefour in Mauriac.  
Please note that between noon, payment can only be made by bank card.

**Tourist office - "Office de Tourisme".**

In Mauriac and Salers. In July and August also in Pleaux.  
Here you can get more comprehensive and specific information, all kinds of leaflets and brochures.  
In Salers, the tourist office is open at noon.

**Shopping - "Shopping"**

In the center of Aurillac (40 min drive) are all kinds of stores, terraces, etc. On Monday many are closed.

**Hospital - "Hôpital" In Aurillac.**

In Mauriac there is an emergency room and also a laboratory for blood tests etc.