

Part 2 - From Angers to La Rochelle

Colour Key : **Dark blue** or **Bright blue**: Marked and often dedicated cycleway or "voie verte" **Red** : Loire Valley cycleway

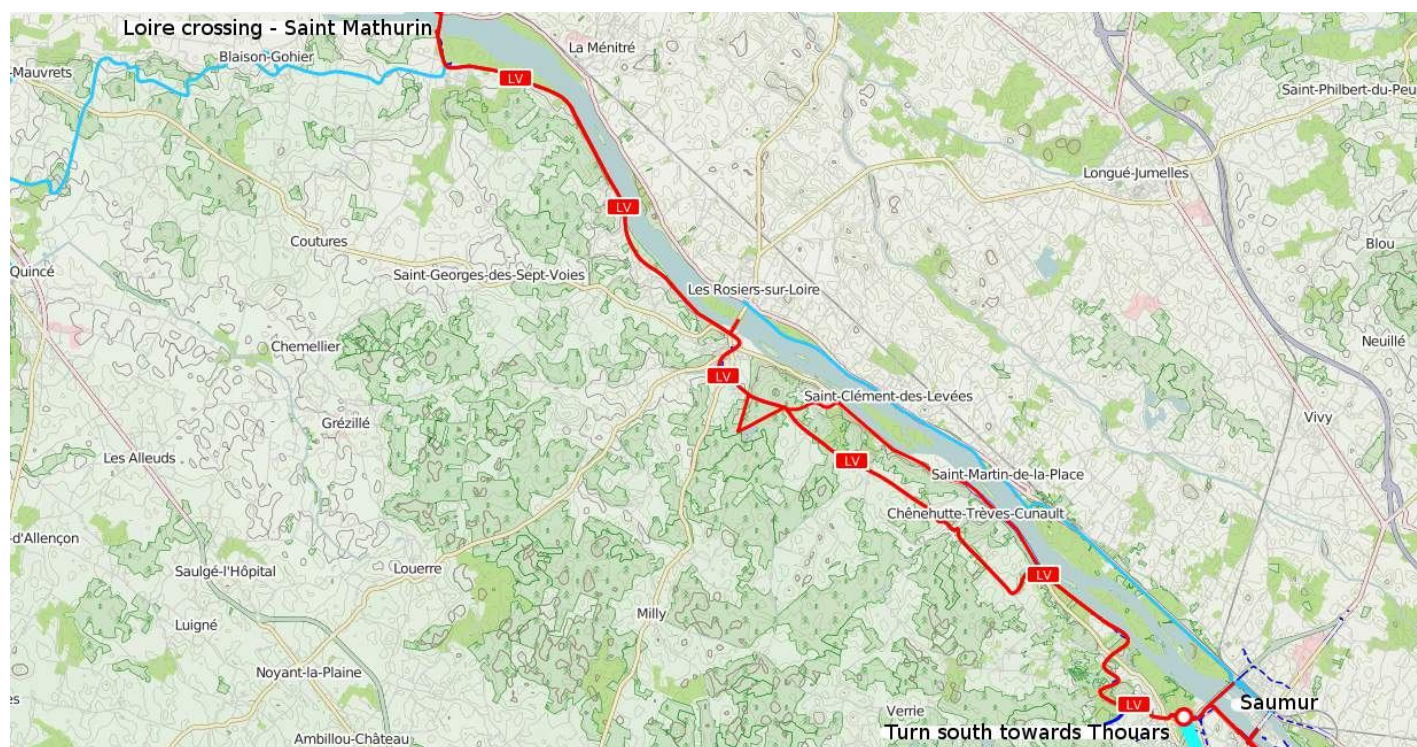
The maps used in this document are extracted from the cycle-routes maps layer on the open-source mapping site Openstreetmap.org. They have been updated 2015 using the latest information available on French regional and cycling websites.

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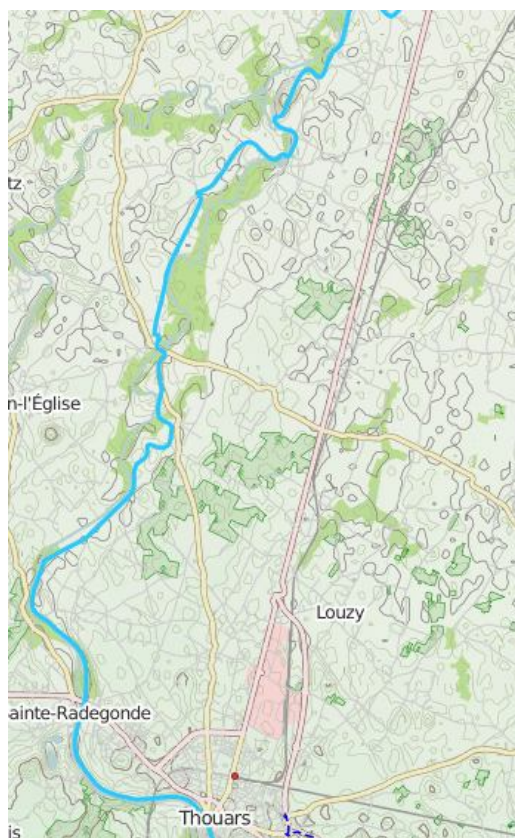
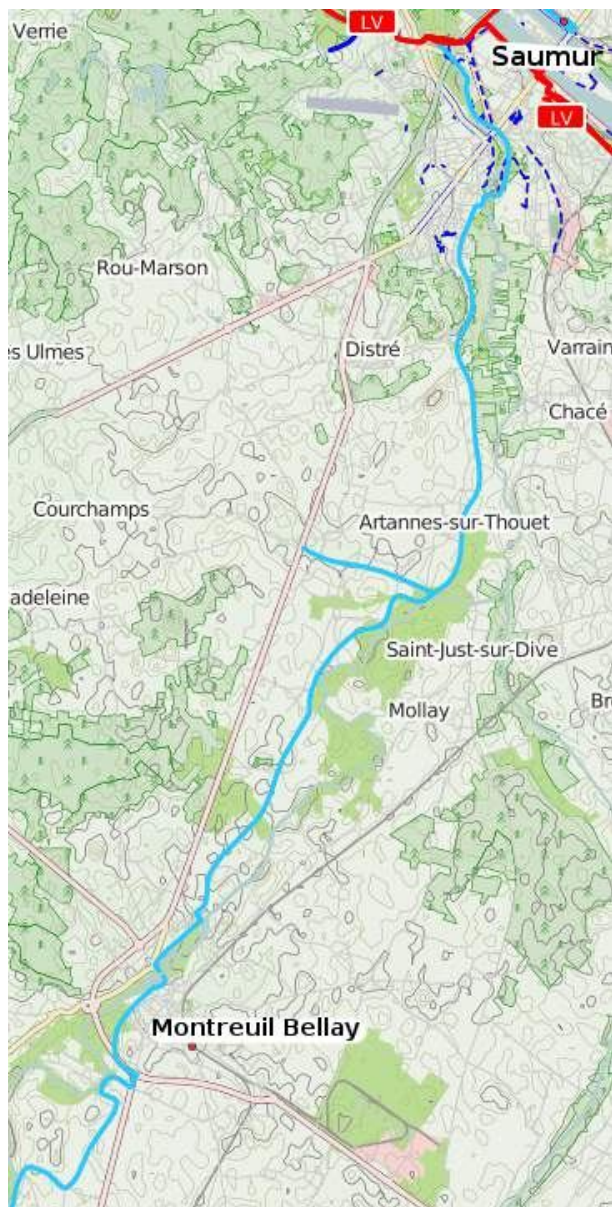
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Zoom on Angers - Exit Angers on one of the two cycleways linking to the Loire Valley cycleway (LV - EV6) . The route south to Bouchemaine is easier to follow, as it is dedicated cycleway beside the river Maine. Then head EAST in the direction of Saumur



As you enter **Saumur**, just after the Loire Veloroute crosses the river Thouet, leave the LV heading south on the **Thouet valley veloroute**, which will take you as far as **Parthenay**, via **Thouars**. This is a marked cycleway, a mix between dedicated cycle tracks and small byroads.

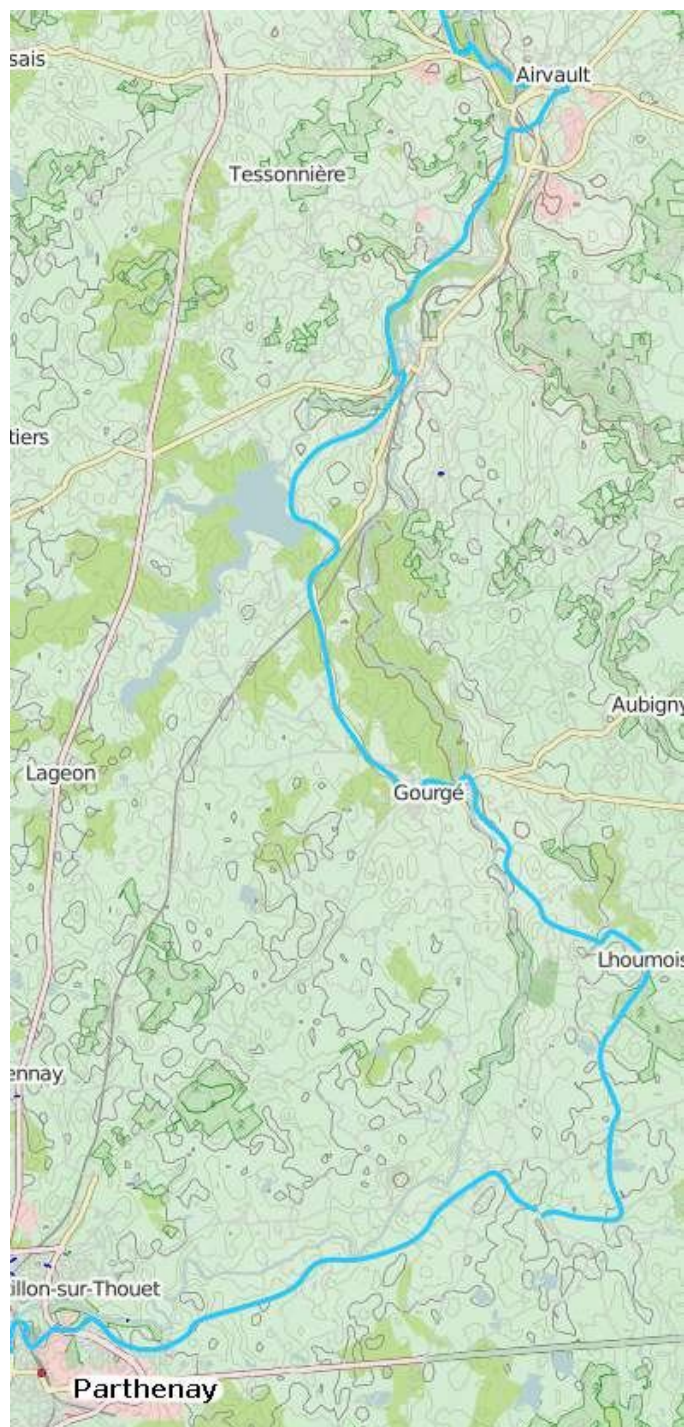


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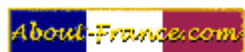
Airvault - Parthenay - Niort



Marked cycleway all the way as far as **Niort** - mostly using small byways. **Pale blue**: Thouet valley cycleway, **dark blue** Deux-Sèvres cycleway, Parthenay to Niort.

► After Niort:

The Cycleway exits **Niort** on the banks of the **Sèvre Niortaise** river. From **Magné** to Irleau it follows small roads or tracks. At Irleau you rejoin the river, which is followed as far as **Marans**, where the V43 meets the Atlantic coastal cycleway, EV1, for a short final leg southwards to **La Rochelle**



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