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A legendary land where reality and fairytales combine to create magical moments, it also has plenty of surprises in store for you.

We can promise you a soak in nature amongst the remarkable trees, a gentle, green break along the rivers or by the lakes, a serene interlude away from everyday

We promise you a real journey back in time, where all you have to do is stroll through our villages of character and look up to dream of other times.

We promise you unforgettable encounters with passionate artists and craftspeople who will open the doors to their creative minds.

We promise you an awakening of the senses, a firework display of emotions and incredible adventures on water or land.



□□ BECAUSE ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE **HERE, AND YOUR HEART NEEDS IT, LET'S MAKE YOUR MOST BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY MEMORIES** TOGETHER. "





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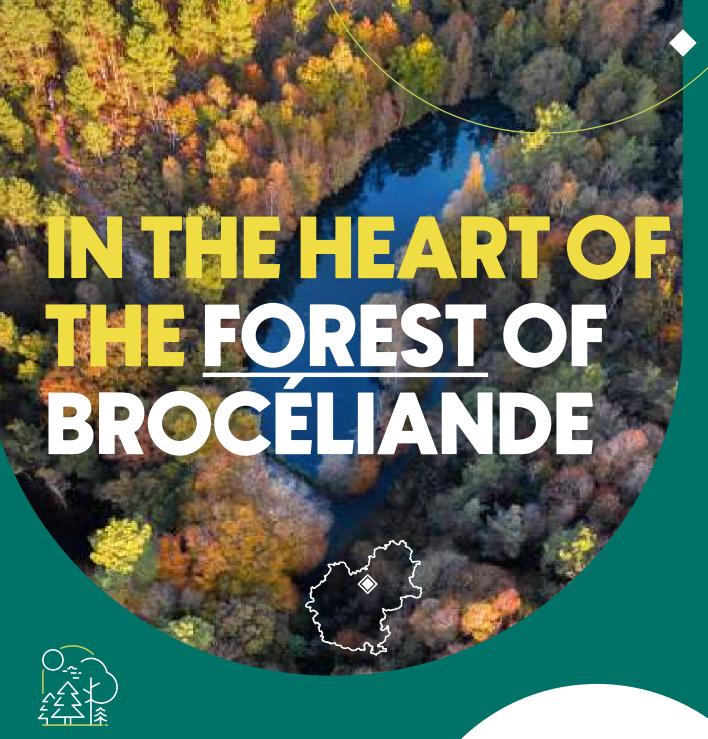
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Undoubtedly the fusion between the beauty of natural elements, Arthurian magic and Breton legends. So, as you stroll through the heart of nature, get to know this multifaceted forest.



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Tales in the forest Tales at Comper Castle

BECAUSE EVERY CORNER OF THE FOREST

IS UNIQUE,



Whether they are nature guides or storytellers, locals or artisans, the women and men of Brocéliande are messengers who will passionately share with you the real or imaginary stories hidden behind a tree, a stone or even a pond.



 The Forest of Brocéliande



- Delve into the imagination by pushing open the Door of Secrets in Paimpont
- ♦ Join the knights around the Round Table in Néant-sur-Yvel
- Drink in the words of our storytellers by Barenton fountain
- Search for hidden symbols in the stained glass windows of the Grail Church
- Walk the paths of the Aff Valley in the footsteps of Lancelot
- Become an expert on Arthurian legends by visiting the Comper Castle
- Admire the different species of trees and find "yours"



- ◆ BROCÉLIANDE BIODIVERSITY FESTIVAL From 5 April to 1 May
- ◆ BELTAINE From 29 to 31 May
- ◆ IRON FESTIVAL IN PAIMPONT 12 and 13 July
- ◆ STEAMPUNK DAYS IN BROCÉLIANDE 19 and 20 July
- ◆ PENDRAGON, MEDIEVAL FANTASY FESTIVAL IN BROCÉLIANDE 2 and 3 August
- ◆ SAMHAIN FESTIVAL From 24 to 31 October

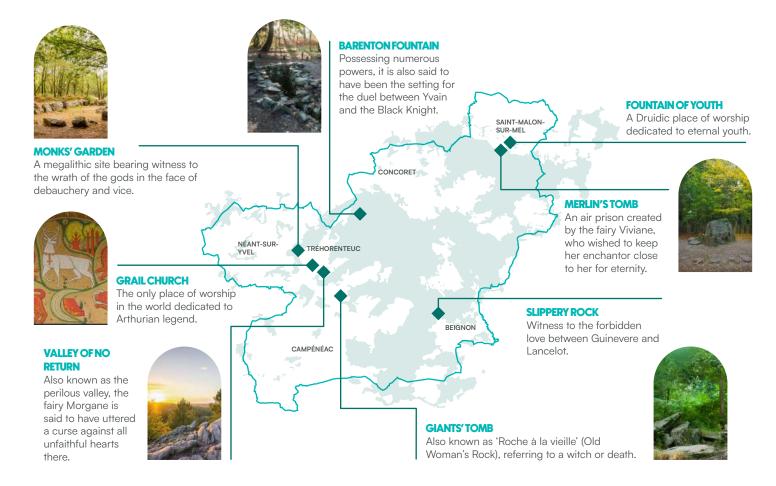


LEGENDS CALES

To discover all the treasures of the forest, you will need good shoes and more than a day! We also advise you to be well accompanied, not only to avoid the traps of the korrigans, but also and above all to enter the magical world of Brocéliande. To do this, our storytellers will guide you between legend and reality, to the point where you sometimes no longer know where the boundary between the two lies. And just like that, in the blink of an eye, the thousands of korrigan tears turn into streams and the blood of the fairies gives the forest floor its purple colour. If that's not magic, what is?



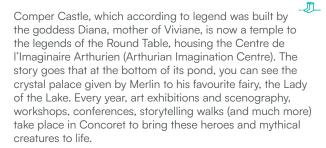
LEGENDARY SITES



JOURNEY TO THE LEGEND



The Arthurian Fantasy Center



For more than 35 years, the storytellers and artists of the Arthurian Fantasy Center have been making you laugh, dream and sometimes even shiver with their unbridled passion.

◆ Information: +33 (0)2 97 22 79 96 centre-arthurien-broceliande.com



The New Knights of the Round Table

In Néant-sur-Yvel, sculptor Michaël Thomazo has brought King Arthur and his valiant companions on the quest for the Holy Grail to life around an impressive life-size Round Table. The work is still in progress, with the artist adding new knights each year. Yvain will take his place at the beginning of summer alongside the other knights: Gawain, Keu, Perceval, Girflet, Galahad and King Arthur.





BROCÉLIANDE, THE GATEWAY TO SECRETS

For the perfect introduction before setting off on the trails of Brocéliande, push open the Door of Secrets and enter this poetic scenographic journey to listen to the legends and history of Brocéliande. An essential part of your holiday, a magical sensory immersion into the world of the Forest of Brocéliande awaits you in the heart of the village of Paimpont.

♦ Information: +33 (0)2 99 07 84 23 Booking is strongly recommended during school holidays and public holidays at tourisme-broceliande.bzh



HIGHLIGHTS

◆ EXCALIBUR FESTIVAL

Immerse yourself in Arthurian legends through three fantastic shows! The forest is celebrating! Merlin, Viviane, the fairy Morgane and King Arthur await you for great adventures, including epic pranks and equestrian demonstrations. Each adventure will bring you closer to Excalibur and the heroes of the Round Table.

From 14 July to 24 August in Néant-sur-Yvel Information: +33 (0)7 83 81 15 40 - festival-excalibur.fr







Before being an enchanting place, our beautiful forest is above all a remarkable natural space, offering a veritable mosaic of landscapes shaped by human activity! The numerous ponds that dot it, for example, were dug for metallurgical activities, of which the Paimpont forges are a legacy. The high

forest, moors, ponds and peat bogs are all varied spaces that have allowed the development of an incredible biodiversity, which is recognised and protected.

In the forest, there is a balance between the many activities. In agreement with the forest owners, access is open to walkers during spring and summer but is restricted in autumn and winter to facilitate forestry operations.

In order to preserve this balance, it is essential to respect the area and follow the rules. We invite you to visit our tourist offices to find out more about the advice and best practices to ensure you have a fantastic visit.



◆ <u>HERE:</u> tips for hikers and best practices!



REMARKABLE TREES



Entering the Forest of Brocéliande means encountering its trees and the magical atmosphere they create. Looking up, you will see that many of them have made remarkable efforts to grow, sometimes twisting in all directions! Among the hundreds of thousands of trees you will encounter during your walk in the Forest

of Brocéliande, some are even more 'remarkable' due to their size, age or history, such as the Guillotin Oak, the Pas aux Biches Chestnut Tree and the Hindrés Oak.

One of the most surprising, in terms of its symbolism, is undoubtedly the Golden Tree. A work of art created by François Davin in 1991, it stands at the entrance of the Valley of no Return in Tréhorenteuc as a reminder of a terrible fire that devastated more than 400 hectares of moorland. There is no magic here, but a beautiful metaphor: rebirth from the ashes.









Paimpont Forest or the Forest of Brocéliande? Both names are correct! Texts from Arthurian legend have helped to locate the Forest of Brocéliande in the Paimpont massif.

In short, we could say that the Forest of Paimpont is the 'real' forest, while the Forest of Brocéliande is the 'imaginary' forest!

THE AFF VALLEY



At the edge of this mysterious forest, in Beignon, flows the peaceful Aff River. In this valley, nature reigns supreme and legend is never far away. Before discovering the stories hidden along the Lancelot trail, let's immerse ourselves in this lush natural environment where you will discover the Affollettes garden, among other things. Designed by an enthusiast, exploring it will be full of surprises and a change of scenery. Let yourself be carried away by the scent of hundreds of rhododendrons and try to guess the faces drawn in the rock.



NATURE WALKS



The guides at the Permanent Centre for Environmental Initiatives in Brocéliande will accompany you and share their knowledge during free nature outings, storytelling walks and conferences. In Concoret, take the time to explore the Chemin Buissonnier trail they have created to discover the local flora and fauna.

To experience Brocéliande's rich and living culture, don't miss the Biodiversity Festival, held from 5 April to 1 May on the theme "Health and Biodiversity." It will be followed by the traditional local produce and craft market on 1 May, where over 150 artisans, producers and associations will showcase the region's creativity and commitment.

◆ Permanent Centre for Environmental Initiatives +33 (0)2 97 22 74 62 - cpie-broceliande fr



FOCUS ON NATURA 2000



Paimpont is part of the European programme for the preservation of biodiversity. So, when you visit the forest, take the opportunity to observe this incredible biodiversity, recognised and protected by the NATURA 2000 network.

We all know the animals of the forest: deer, foxes, wild boars! But others, more discreet, are also worth seeing! Bats, for example, could be the emblematic mammal of Brocéliande! There are six species in the forest. Other species also thrive in this area, including the crested newt, the stag beetle and the great capricorn beetle, all of which are recognised as being of European interest.

◆ Information: foret-de-paimpont.n2000.fr

 Hibernation of the lesser horseshoe bat



OF STONES AND STORIES

Brocéliande is a crossroads open to the world, a place where ancient paths converge and human activity has long been present. Several buildings bear witness to this rich past. Discovering them means discovering many stories within the greater history of the Forest.





THE PAIMPONT FORGES

'Practice makes perfect.' But how does this saying apply to Paimpont? It's quite logical: a subsoil rich in ore, trees to produce charcoal, water to power the machines... and that's how metallurgy left its mark on the forest. The Paimpont Forges built the reputation of Brocéliande iron.

Today, the owners put their heart and soul into their work to bring these three centuries of hard labour, inherited from their ancestors, back to life.

During a guided tour, or while taking part in one of the two treasure hunts, take a moment to listen and imagine the sounds of the past as you explore the old rolling mill and blast furnace.

◆ Information: +33 (0)2 99 61 85 48 - forgesdepaimpont.fr

TRÉCESSON CASTLE

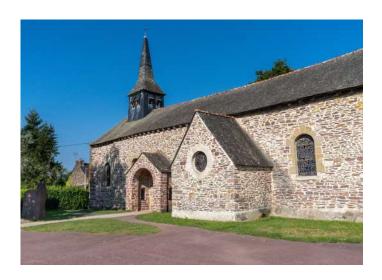
Surrounded by a mirror of water and built of red schist, Trécesson Castle is the jewel of Brocéliande. Its medieval appearance and enchanting reflection on the water make it very photogenic and a real selfie spot.

For those who have always dreamed of life in a castle, it's possible to stay in one of the farm's charming holiday cottages.

And every summer, the castle opens its doors for self-guided or guided tours and a virtual animation called 'Defermon', which traces the history of this character who hid in Trécesson during the Reign of Terror. The castle is also a very lively place with shows and entertainment: jousting tournaments and educational activities on falconry.

◆ New for 2025: a national Behourd tournament (medieval combat sport) on 7 June, an art exhibition, a giant game of Cluedo and a treasure map. Information: trecesson.fr





THE GRAIL CHURCH

The Forest of Brocéliande is home to the only church in the world dedicated to the legend of the Holy Grail. Simple and unadorned, clad in purple schist, it brings together, through the determination of an extraordinary priest, Abbé Gillard, who restored it in 1942, the memory of the Celts, the Christian religion and tales of chivalry. In the heart of the village of Tréhorenteuc, it offers a truly exceptional mythical and mystical experience. Passing through the door of this sanctuary is like stepping into the real adventure that Brocéliande has to offer, but will you be able to decipher all these symbols?

Self-guided or guided tours available upon reservation.



DID YOU KNOW?

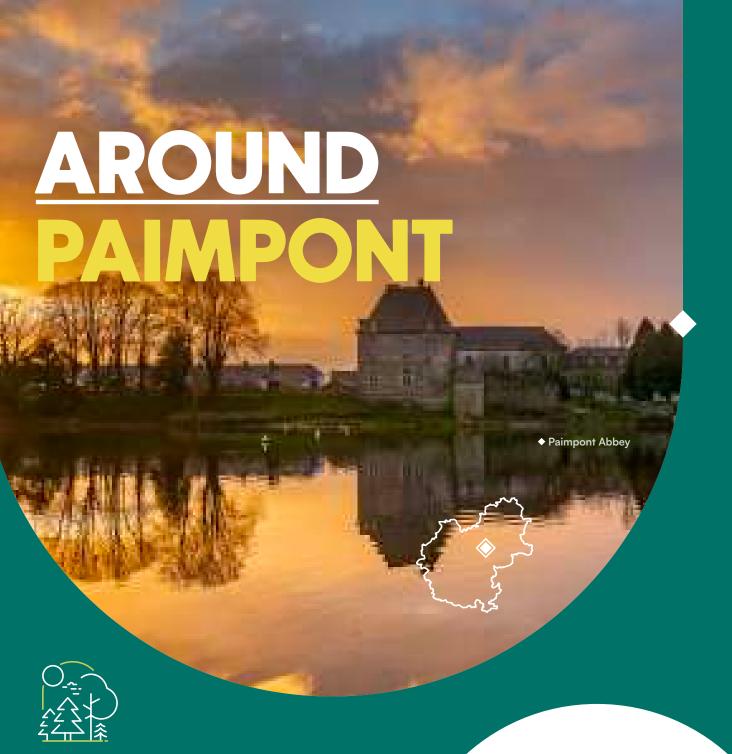
You can see it in Paimpont and Tréhorenteuc, but also in Concoret, Campénéac, Plélan-le-Grand and Saint-Péran. It's everywhere! What is it? Purple schist! This red stone, emblematic of the Brocéliande forest, is omnipresent. On houses, castles, churches and village walls, it is a true hallmark of Brocéliande!



PAIMPONT ABBEY

According to legend, the first religious community was founded in the 7th century by Saint Judicaël. Today, the abbey is one of the most imposing religious buildings in the Brocéliande region... Step inside this place steeped in history and spirituality. Admire its wooden beams, statues, pulpits and altarpieces; wood is omnipresent. Its presence bears witness to the abbey's past. It is the wood that makes the abbey a unique place... It is open to visitors all year round. And during the summer, you can admire the abbey's magnificent treasure!





AT THE GATES OF THE FOREST OF BROCÉLIANDE, PAIMPONT REVEALS ITS SECRETS TO YOU.

Located in the heart of the Forest of Brocéliande, the village of Paimpont is home to many natural and historical sites: a must-see for tourists!



TOURIST OFFICE of Brocéliande in Paimpont +33 (0)2 99 07 84 23





◆ Brocéliande, The Gate of Secrets

♦ The King Arthur Festival



◆ The Oak Tree of Hindrés



A PERFECT DAY IN PAIMPONT & SURROUNDINGS

- 9:30 AM Discover Brocéliande, The Gate of Secrets in Paimpont, a theatrical trail that transports you to the wonderful world of the Forest of Brocéliande
- ◆ 11:00 AM Continue your journey in Brocéliande and admire a remarkable oak tree several hundred years old as you stroll along the 'Hindrés Loop' trail in the Paimpont national forest
- ◆ **12:30PM** Enjoy a meal at one of the region's gourmet restaurants
- 2:30 PM Hunt for a unique creation or souvenir in the shops of Paimpont or Plélan-le-Grand
- 5:00 PM To end the day, have fun testing your five senses in the dark! At SENSAS Rennes, in Bréal-sous-Montfort

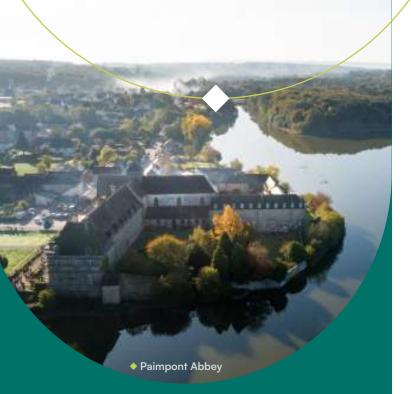


BREATHE, SAVOUR, DISCONNECT...

Between Bréal-sous-Montfort and Paimpont, this area, the gateway to Brocéliande, is brimming with treasures. Here, you can take your time: stroll through villages with red stone houses, immerse yourself in the world of Brocéliande and let yourself unwind... Between woods and countryside, vibrant festivals, local flavours and fascinating heritage, there's something for everyone. Storytelling walks, barefoot strolls, farm-made ice cream, shows and craft beers will punctuate your stay. Leave with a light heart and a head full of memories to savour!

LAND OF FESTIVALS

- ◆ NATURE ON STAGE
 From 19 to 25 May, let's celebrate biodiversity in Brocéliande
- ◆ STOP YOUR CIRCUS FESTIVAL 23, 24 and 25 May in Paimpont
- ◆ GALLESIA IN CELEBRATION
 28 and 29 June in Monterfil
- ◆ LE FESTIVAL ET DIRE ET OUÏSSANCE
 27 June to 6 July throughout the Brocéliande
 Community
- ◆ THE BROCELIANDE GARDENS SUMMER FESTIVAL
 13 July to 17 August in Bréal-sous-Montfort
- ◆ THE KING ARTHUR FESTIVAL
 22, 23 and 24 August in Bréal-sous-Montfort
- ◆ THE FESTIVAL OF BURNING THISTLES
- 19, 20 and 21 September in Plélan-le-Grand



PAIMPONT

Surrounded by the Forest of Brocéliande, the village of Paimpont is remarkable for its heritage: the 13th-century abbey on the edge of the lake, its typical houses built of red schist stone, a sign of the presence of iron in Brocéliande. It has a very special atmosphere, combining charm and authenticity.

Around the lake, a poetic stroll in the heart of nature awaits you. We recommend taking this walk at sunrise when the mist lifts to reveal the colours of nature.

After visiting 'Brocéliande, The Gate of Secrets', discover the many shops in Paimpont and meet the artists and craftspeople who draw their inspiration from the forest.

POETIC STROLL AROUND THE ABBEY POND

Throughout the seasons, stroll along a 2 or 4 km trail created by the Ille-et-Vilaine department, between water and forest, observe the abbey through the mist caressing the water, look for the 'little inhabitants' of the gnarled tree stumps, venture onto the Japanese stepping stones crossing the bog, a rare and sensitive area. A short detour to the Notre-Dame-de-Paimpont Cave and its water gardens is a must to enjoy a moment of serenity.

NATURE WALK

By horse-drawn carriage or on horseback, what could be more natural than exploring the Forest of Brocéliande at the pace set by our equine friends! It's a wonderful way to get close to nature, take the time to explore and listen to your surroundings.

◆ The Carriages of Barenton - Information: +33 (0)6 64 92 90 70



NAUTICAL BASE

Canoeing, kayaking and pedalos on Paimpont Lake: enjoy a moment away from the hustle and bustle, surrounded by water, sky and forest, with one of the most beautiful views of the abbey! A unique opportunity to spend time with family and friends on a lake classified as a sensitive natural area.

◆ Rental available on site Information: +33(0)7 43 34 04 52 blob.broceliande@gmail.com





GEM!

Herbalists make elixirs from witch herbs, medicinal plants, essential oils, and more. Discover the mystical shop, L'Hermine et l'Ajonc, which also offers walks to learn how to recognise edible plants!

◆ Information: +33 (0)6 63 76 67 21 herboristerie-broceliande.com





'Holiday basket': order on Clic ta Bérouette and do your farm-to-table shopping! Pick up your order at The Hôtié Farm in Paimpont.

◆ Information: <u>clictaberouette.com</u>

EXHIBITION SIDE



Brocéliande, The Gate of Secrets organises seasonal exhibitions in its gallery, which is open all year round: illustrators inspired by the magic and wonder of Brocéliande, photographers who capture the different colours of the forest and the fleeting moments of the animals that live there... All artistic testimonies to the resources of our region.

◆ Exhibition hall 'Brocéliande, The Gate of Secrets' at the Brocéliande tourist office, Paimpont Information: +33 (0)2 99 07 84 23 - tourisme-broceliande.bzh

In July and August, Paimpont Abbey hosts exhibitions in the library gallery in partnership with the ARTBRO association.

◆ Information: +33 (0)6 43 92 71 21



ZOOM IN SAINT-PÉRAN

A welcoming destination for hikers with its authentic and inviting village square, this village is also worth a visit to discover its 18th-century church. It hosts concerts throughout the year with the association 'Du Bruit dans le Bourg'.

◆ Information: dbdb-saintperan.fr/





TUESDAYS: MEET UP AT MAXENT!

TOWNS!

Every Tuesday evening during the summer, bring your cutlery, cups and your desire to dance, taste and enjoy the warm atmosphere of a village festival: Maxent-Fête Tuesdays feature local produce to eat, crêpes to taste and the opportunity to fill up your gourmet basket. Children can run around safely in the playground next door and, above all, dance wildly to the sound of concerts featuring music from here and elsewhere.

♦ Information: marche.bzh/Les-Mardis-de-Maxent-Fete

To continue your exploration of the village, step inside the church. This church has not always looked the way it does today. Designed in a Roman-Byzantine style by architect Arthur Regnault, it was built to replace the old church. Its unusual architecture is particularly highlighted by the presence of a Gothic vaulted ceiling, which makes it truly unique... On certain Tuesdays during Maxent-Fête, the church is the starting point for storytelling walks organised by the association to discover the tales of Maxent.



PLÉLAN-LE-GRAND

This dynamic Village-étape® (stopover village), located near Paimpont, invites you to take a break and explore during your stay in Brocéliande. This charming, flower-filled town with its red-roofed houses, typical of the region, offers a wide range of activities to make your holiday perfect. Reasons to visit:

- Its wide range of high-quality shops
- Its colourful Sunday morning market, the largest in Ille-et-Vilaine. A feast for the eyes and a pleasure to stroll around! You'll soon be drawn to the high-quality products offered by the merchants, displayed before your eyes
- ♦ Its loop no. 150, 'Plélan, autrefois' (Plélan, in the past), which allows you to discover the historical heritage of the town. The Béniguet wash house, the Motte dite de Salomon, the hamlet of Le Gué, the old market halls of Plélan-le-Grand... so many heritage sites to punctuate your walk. 3.5km walk / 1½ hours
- The Trégu lake, the perfect place for a break in nature or an impromptu picnic!
- Its outdoor swimming pool is perfect for cooling off (open in July and August)

NOTE THE BIG UNPACKING 5 and 6 July. This highlight marks the start of the tourist season in Brocéliande. Discover the craft market and the many activities organised by local businesses!



EXPLORE BY BICYCLE

Explore the countryside as you venture into the forest with Brocéliande Bike's electric bikes. With the help of a small motor, you can travel along the roads and visit legendary sites, with the wind in your hair and without breaking a sweat! A fun and eco-friendly compromise between hiking and travelling by car!

◆ Brocéliande Bike in Paimpont

Information: +33 (0)6 45 41 59 88 - broceliande.bike



To maintain and repair your bicycle, do not hesitate to entrust your trusty steed to Fred's expert hands!

◆ Dzumac in Plélan-le-Grand

Information: +33 (0)2 99 61 28 33 - dzumac.com

Cycle routes: It is possible to cycle between the towns of Plélan-le-Grand, Saint-Péran and Treffendel, as well as between Saint-Thurial and Bréal-sous-Montfort!

◆ Information: <u>cc-broceliande.bzh</u>



The 'Terroir et Compagnie' farm shop in Plélan-le-Grand welcomes you and offers fresh, organic and local produce.

◆ Information: +33 (0)9 71 38 63 75 2 ter rue de Montfort



GEM!

The Clef des Mondes café and bookshop welcomes you into its cosy atmosphere. Morgane and Annegret, our two bookseller co-operators, prepare hot chocolate, coffee, tea and homemade cakes. You can also take advantage of their advice on comics and graphic novels about nature, society and travel.

◆ Information: +33 (0)9 52 05 82 67 14 Place de la République, Plélan-le-Grand



THE MORE THE MERRIER!



THE BROCÉLIANDE GARDENS

Take time out in a place where all your senses come alive: the Brocéliande Gardens! If you love the great outdoors, enjoy 24 hectares where you can run barefoot, listen, breathe... A model of sustainable development, the gardens promote the integration of people with disabilities. Discover English, Asian and local floral worlds. Lilacs, roses, irises, dahlias... Climb up into the trees for a canopy hike. Enjoy cultural events, exhibitions and street art with your family!

◆ Information: +33 (0)2 99 60 08 04_- Bréal-sous-Montfort jardinsdebroceliande.fr



SENSAS RENNES



Enjoy an immersive experience with SENSAS Rennes, the escape game that puts your five senses to the test! Explore, touch, listen, smell and taste your way through a series of sensory challenges. Each amulet you earn is donated to a charity that helps people with disabilities. Combine fun with solidarity!

♦ Information: +33 (0)7 48 11 23 43 - Bréal-sous-Montfort rennes.sensas.top



With a holiday schedule that is often packed full, it is essential to take a break to relax and enjoy some culture! Recommended for all ages! Here are some perfect activities for when it rains in Brocéliande:



Relais de Brocéliande Spa

Adjacent to the hotel-restaurant in the centre of Paimpont, relax and unwind after a pleasant walk in this wellness area! Hammam, jacuzzi, relaxation area, exfoliation room and body and facial treatments. Enjoy a wonderful enchanted break during your holiday.

◆ Information: +33 (0)2 99 07 84 94 - spa-broceliande.fr

Cinemas

Two cinemas offer arthouse films, films for young audiences and themed evenings throughout the year to entertain you with this popular art form:

- ◆ L'hermine in Plélan-le-Grand <u>cinema-hermine.fr</u>
- ◆ La Bobine in Bréal-sous-Montfort cinelabobine 35.fr





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