

and further a field...

Le Terril
Abbaretz



Loire-Atlantique
Pays de Châteaubriant



2h00



Nearby...

Lac de Vioreau (15 km in the direction of La Meilleraye-de-Bretagne). A 200-hectare lake, with bathing facilities, supervised in summer; walks round the lake, sailing. Info. Nature Sport Vioreau Tel: 06 83 41 61 5

Treffieux Golf Club (11 km, head towards Treffieux, then St-Vincent des Landes). Driving range, with 9 and 18 hole courses. Club house and bar. Open daily all year round. Tel: 02 40 55 32 83 - www.golfdetreffieux.com



Bathing in the lac de Vioreau.

Musée Agri-Rétro at Abbaretz. A unique collection of 200 farming machines: tractor, combine harvester, steam machine. Open from 15 April to 15 October. Tel: 02 40 55 19 71

A walk to the heart of Nozay (7 km, heading for Nozay). Explore the old town and its shale-built architectural heritage. You can also visit the church. Info. Nozay Tourist Office.

Useful Addresses

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Pays de Châteaubriant

www.aupaysdechateaubriant.com

A mountain to climb...

The trail first takes us through woodland, crosses a few footbridges, and then winds under great oaks along the steep banks of the lake.



le Terril / The slagheap

Suddenly, the Terril, the slagheap, appears, rising like a volcano, its 121 metres towering above the forest. Its chiselled sides fill the horizon with a white light and visitors find themselves in an almost lunar landscape.

There are two walks to be explored: "round the lake", starting out from the village, and "the mine site", setting off from the slagheap itself.

To find out about other walks or make a suggestion about the itinerary, contact the **Comité Départemental du Tourisme** :

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Explore

The old tin mine...

Getting to the starting point

From the village hall / salle polyvalente car park.

- From Nantes (45 km): heading towards Rennes, take the Puceul / Abbaretz exit (D35). In the village, turn left at the stop sign, and you will come to the starting point.
- From Rennes (50 km): heading towards Nantes, take the Nozay exit (D2) and then carry on towards Abbaretz. Go past the slagheap, and in the village turn right to reach the starting point.

Accessibility

The trail is accessible all year round, with some slippery areas in wet weather.

Signposting

Yellow

Recommendations

Take care when crossing the roads (D2).

The Pluses

- The climb of the slagheap (121 m high, 205 steps) and the panoramic view over the surrounding countryside.
- Picnic area beside the lake, toilets
- Introduction to water-skiing from April to October. Tel: 02 40 87 00 13 (Town Hall)
- Shopping in the village centre.

The remains of a major quarry

This was a working open cast mine until 1958. It was one of the most important sources of tin in the ancient world, and supplied the "tin road" to the Mediterranean.

The slagheap was formed by the accumulation of waste taken out of the mine, and the mining operations formed a deep hole 900 metres long, which has now become a superb lake.



Along your walk

Start : from the carpark, go past the village hall on your right, and then turn immediately right onto the path round the lake. Then follow the footpath signs.

- 1 Go up to the right, cross the carpark and the road (D2) and you will come to the slagheap. Walk round the slagheap keeping it to your right, and staying on the surrounding path. You can also climb the slagheap.
- 2 Go to the man-made lake and turn right to find another stretch of water.
- 3 Turn right towards the village to get back to the starting point.