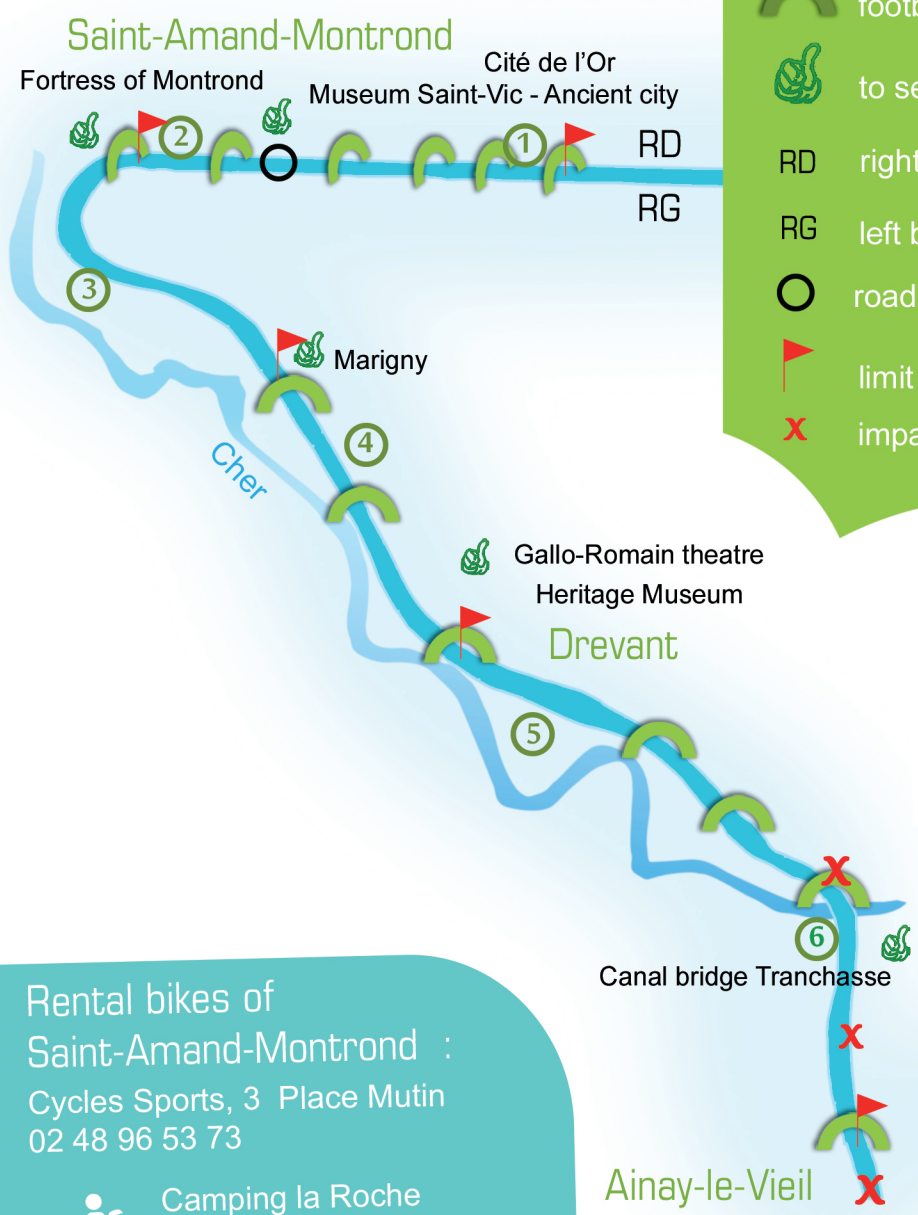




Saint-Vic Museum
Saint-Amand-Montrond



Key

- ① section
- ⌒ footbridge
- 👉 to see
- RD right bank
- RG left bank
- roadabout
- 🚩 limit of section
- ✗ impassable road



Walks on the shores of the Canal de Berry



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From the lock of Clairins to Ainay-le-Vieil

Fuelling the forges North of the Berry in ores and coal, the Canal de Berry is put into service in 1839. He knows its peak in 1860 with nearly 1000 boats annually. With the Industrial Revolution and the arrival of the train, it becomes unprofitable and is decommissioned in 1955.

The banks of the Canal de Berry around the town of Saint-Amand-Montrond have been transformed to become hiking trails and cycling paths. Starting from the lock of Clairins, you can reach the villages of Drevant and Ainay-le-Vieil and cross the Canal bridge of Tranchasse.



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Walking and mountain biking 22 miles round trip :

(accessible partially to people with reduced mobility)



1 - From Clairins to Montluçon road

Often used, this shady walkway (RD) is accessible for all. Views of the Cité de l'Or (City of Gold) from Clairins.

RD : possibility to visit the Museum Saint-Vic and to discover the ancient city, follow Marceau street (10 min to walk).



2 - From the Montluçon street to Croix Flambard bridge

City street, served by urban shuttle Pepita, possibility of free parking.



3 - From Croix Flambard bridge to Marigny bridge

Path without difficulty, accessible for all, arrival at a restored wooden drawbridge.

RD : Possibility to follow a trail towards the Cher, on your right at the level of the weir: (+ 25 min).



4 - From the Marigny bridge to Drevant

Quiet course, without difficulty; at Drevant, opportunity to visit the Gallo-Roman theatre, the Museum of heritage, the Romanesque church; panels in the village indicate the location of the ancient baths and the Gallo-Roman sanctuary.

RG : Rental of electric boots : 0033/(0)2 48 96 80 61 / 0033(0)6 44 13 37 94



5 - From Drevant to the canal-bridge Tranchasse

Walk in the Berry countryside, quiet and relaxing paths.

RG : on your way follow the sign "Gallo-Roman aqueduct" on your left and discover in height the remains of this aqueduct (approximately 100 m of the canal).



6 - From the canal-bridge Tranchasse to Ainay-le-Vieil

This canal-bridge is listed by historical monuments (96 m length and equipped with 8 arches). Don't miss to go down on your right to the edge of the Cher to discover the panorama. Come back towards the canal, cross the bridge on the right side and continue the path. Arrival at the bridge of Ainay-le-Vieil, turn right towards the village and discover the Castle and gardens of the "small Carcassonne" of Berry.