

# Land of water



## Étang de Tyx D2

On the D 13, between St-Avit and Giat

The étang (lake) de Tyx is a magnificent stretch of water with a complex shape and many branches, islands and peninsulas, and this makes it an ideal refuge for large numbers of fauna in search of peace and tranquillity.

The peace that reigns around the lake also allows visitors to watch many species of birds that take advantage of the wide expanse of water and the quality of the site.

## Étang de la Ramade C4

On the D 13, between Giat and Fayat



Covering an area of 80 hectares, the Lake Ramade is an ideal spot to go carp fishing, its peaceful waters abound in a well-stocked supply of fauna.

In other respects, the presence of the muskrat, a small rodent from North America that builds huts on the water, makes this a novel site.

## Gour de Tazenat

On the D 19, between Manzat and Combraille

The sight of this perfectly round lake lying at the bottom of its volcanic crater is particularly gripping.

It has a depth that at some points reaches 60 metres and it is flanked by steep banks formed by volcanic ejections, which make it totally invisible until you get right close up to it.

In summer, it offers the added attraction of being a place to swim and even to cross by pedal or rowing boat.



## Gour Saillant waterfall B3

Walk from Saint-Priest-des-Champs

Before joining the Chalamont, the Auzeille forms a wonderful waterfall which can be reached by following the short yellow signposted footpath (20 min.) from St-Priest.

At the start of the route, an information board provides a wealth of information about this waterfall.



## Montfermy waterfall and meanders C3

From the village of Montfermy



The village of Montfermy (Mont Fermal) is, as its name (Closed Mound) indicates, enclosed within a loop of the River Sioule, at the top of a small promontory.

At this spot, the river meanders with astonishing beauty four times in succession.

The second of these meandering is cut by a small waterfall that can be reached on foot in 20 minutes from Montfermy by following the short distance footpath signposted in green.

## Queuille Meander C3

Access to the Paradis de Queuille from the village



Exceptionally beautiful scenery can be seen from the rocky promontory quite rightly named the "Paradis de Queuille". Here, right at one's feet, the Sioule winds magnificently at the bottom of the river's wooded, inaccessible gorges. The Queuille dam and hydroelectric power plant forms a reservoir which sets off the river's delicate curves.

## Saint-Cyr Peninsula B4

On the D 109 between Châteauneuf and Menat

Just after the Queuille dam, the Sioule, once again fast flowing and lively, winds into an almost closed loop to form the Saint-Cyr peninsula. It can be reached from Châteauneuf-les-Bains and then you are plunged into the heart of these deep, steep-sided gorges that make this part of the Sioule valley so attractive and full of character.



## Fades-Besserve Lake C3

From Les Ancres Camps on the D99 going to Pontamurat, the D62 to St Gervais or the D63 to St Jacques d'Ambar

The vast Fades-Besserve Lake has plenty of sports and tourist facilities. It is also a joy for people keen on swimming (supervised beaches at the pont du Bouchet, Confolent and la Chazotte), water sports (speedboat racing at the pont du Bouchet), and also line fishing. Because of its size and the extensive forests that surround it, the dam has kept an unspoiled nature. The Sioule and the Sioulet join together at the pont du Bouchet in an impressive setting.



*The abundance of water, mainly concentrated around the Sioule, as well as the region's almost self-sufficient way of life linked to its isolation, resulted in a remarkable number of mills being built. Today, many are in ruins but some have survived and their owners open them up to visitors. The bucolic charm of the setting in which they lie is a welcome invitation to stroll along the river in search of a dying craft.*

## Mills

### Moulin de l'Étang E2

at Bourg-Lastic

from Bourg-Lastic going to Messieux

Tel/ fax: 04 73 87 56 81

or 06 08 51 37 48.

Visit the mill, its wheel and the surrounds by appointment.

### Moulin de Villemonaix D3

at Bromont-Lamothe

On the D52 between Bromont Lamothe

and Cisternes la Forêt

Tel: 04 73 88 70 73. Admission charge.

### Moulin des Desniers C4

at Charbonnières-les-Vieilles

On the D16 between Charbonnières les

Vieilles and Saint Ange!

Tel: 04 73 86 54 32. Admission charge.

See a traditional, working mill - Bread School by appointment. Themed days. Exhibitions. Working models. Groups by appointment all year round.

### Moulin de la Roche B3

at Pionsat

From Lionsat on the D62 going to St

Fergéol, then r' left to Leval and then

Roncha.

Tel: 04 73 85 60 33. Visit by appointment.

### Moulin de Braynant B4

« from grain to bread »

at Châteauneuf-les-Bains

from Châteauneuf going to Pont de Menat

Tel: 04 73 86 68 40 ou 04 73 86 67 02.



Admission charge.

Demonstration of bread making techniques from harvesting the grain through to baking. Visit the bakehouse. All year round for groups by appointment.

### Moulin de Vilonne A4

at Durmignat

On the D98 between Lapeyrouse and

Echassières

Tel: 04 73 85 92 47. Visit a restored water mill by appointment. The miller talks about the different kinds of power used to operate this mill since it was

built: wooden paddle wheel, diesel engine turbine, and electricity. The successive stages of milling the wheat are described (millstones and rollers).

### Moulin Rome at Verghes B2

from Verghes, on the D49 going to

Auzances

Tel: 04 73 52 12 95. Guided tour of an old water mill by appointment only.

Admission free.

### Moulin Nény at Virlet B3

On the D79, between Virlet and Marcellat

en Combraille



Tel: 04 73 52 33 65 or 06 87 71 53 50.

Guided tour of the old mill by appointment.

