

Rambouillet / Épernon

Veloscenic: Paris to Mont-Saint-Michel cycle route



Départ Rambouillet Arrivée Épernon

Durée 1 h 06 min Distance 16.64 Km

Niveau I cycle often

This is the last, really delightful stage before you leave the greater Paris region of Ile-de-France for the département (French county) of Eure-et-Loir. Having explored the English-style gardens at the Domaine de Rambouillet, follow the Guéville Valley to the little town of Epernon, perched above the confluence of three rivers and designated a Petite Cité de caractère® for its historical attractions.

□ Stage description and details:

This stage leads you through the grounds of the Château de Rambouillet, then along rural tracks and peaceful little roads.

☐ Crossing the Chateau de Rambouillet's grounds: in the direction Paris - Mt Saint-Michel, the Rondeau entrance gate has specific opening times: 10am - 5pm in low season and 8am - 9pm in summer. Beyond those times, you can enter via the northeast gate, which is always open. Cross the heart of town and enter the grounds via the route de Gueville where you'll soon spot signposts directing you to our cycle route. We advise against cycling along the D906 road which is often very busy.

□ Don't miss:

- The Château de Rambouillet, a former French royal residence, proposes a tour of the queen's dairy, a shell-decorated thatched cottage and the French- and English-style gardens.
- Epernon, designated a Petite Cité de Caractère®, a little town that proves a delight to wander around, exploring the historic centre and area around the church. Plus, will you solve the mystery of the mummy?

□ Food and drink en route:

• Rambouillet: many food and drinks stores and markets on Wednesday and Saturday mornings on Place de la Libération

Epernon: with many food and drinks stores and a market on Tuesday mornings on Place de la Mairie.

☐ Bring up Accueil Velo accredited restaurants by clicking on the [] icon on the map. De-select "only show accueil velo accredited services" to view further possibilities.

☐ Repair Service:

Consult the list of all the bike repairers along or near the route.

☐ Train stations nearby:

- Gare de Rambouillet
- Gare d'Épernon

Also see our section on <u>reaching the veloscenic</u> cycle route, including conditions for taking a bicycle on board trains.





