

Thiron-Gardais / Nogent-le-Rotrou

Veloscenic : Paris to Mont-Saint-Michel cycle route

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Départ
Thiron-Gardais

Arrivée
Nogent-le-Rotrou

Durée
1 h 16 min

Distance
18,52 Km

Niveau
I cycle often

You'll need to find a final burst of energy at the end of this stage, arriving at Nogent-le-Rotrou, historic capital of the counts of Perche, to reach its château dominating the Huisne Valley. Along the rest of the stage, there are other splendid viewing points, plus typical villages. In addition, lovely winding roads lead you through the heart of the Parc Naturel Régional du Perche. Along the way, you may spot some beautiful Percheron draft horses.

□ Stage description and details:

From Thiron-Gardais, our cycle route follows a variety of picturesque little roads. You'll note the slopes along this stage, requiring some effort, in particular on two occasions, riding up the slope after the hamlet of La Gaudaine, and then a few kilometres before Nogent-le-Rotrou. You enter this town via a modern development, before riding up to the highest point in town, where the Château des Comtes du Perche dominates the scene, then you descend into the historic centre.

□ Don't miss:

- **Abbaye de Thiron-Gardais**, a medieval gem in this historic village.
- **Thiron-Gardais Royal and Military College** and its formal French gardens, bought and restored by celebrity French cultural figure and TV presenter, Stéphane Bern, and where, on many days, you can enjoy a drink in the shade of the orangery.
- **The Domaine de l'Abbaye de Thiron-Gardais** and its themed gardens, offering a colourful breath of fresh air. The Domaine, open year-round, also organizes escape games.
- **The Château des Comtes du Perche**, a medieval castle looking across the hills of the Perche area, while inside, a museum recalls the adventures of the lords of the Perche through history.

□ Food and drink en route:

- **Thiron-Gardais** : nombreux commerces, restaurants et établissements servant des en-câs ou des boissons notamment plusieurs salons de thé et un snack installé sur une barge flottante sur le plan d'eau.
- **La Gaudaine** : pause agréable auprès de l'ancien lavoir.
- **Nogent-le-Rotrou** : nombreux commerces de bouche et marché le samedi matin sur la place Saint-Pol.
- **Margon** : boulangerie à proximité de l'étang de Margon au nord de la ville, très agréable pour une pause pique-nique.

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□ Repair Service:

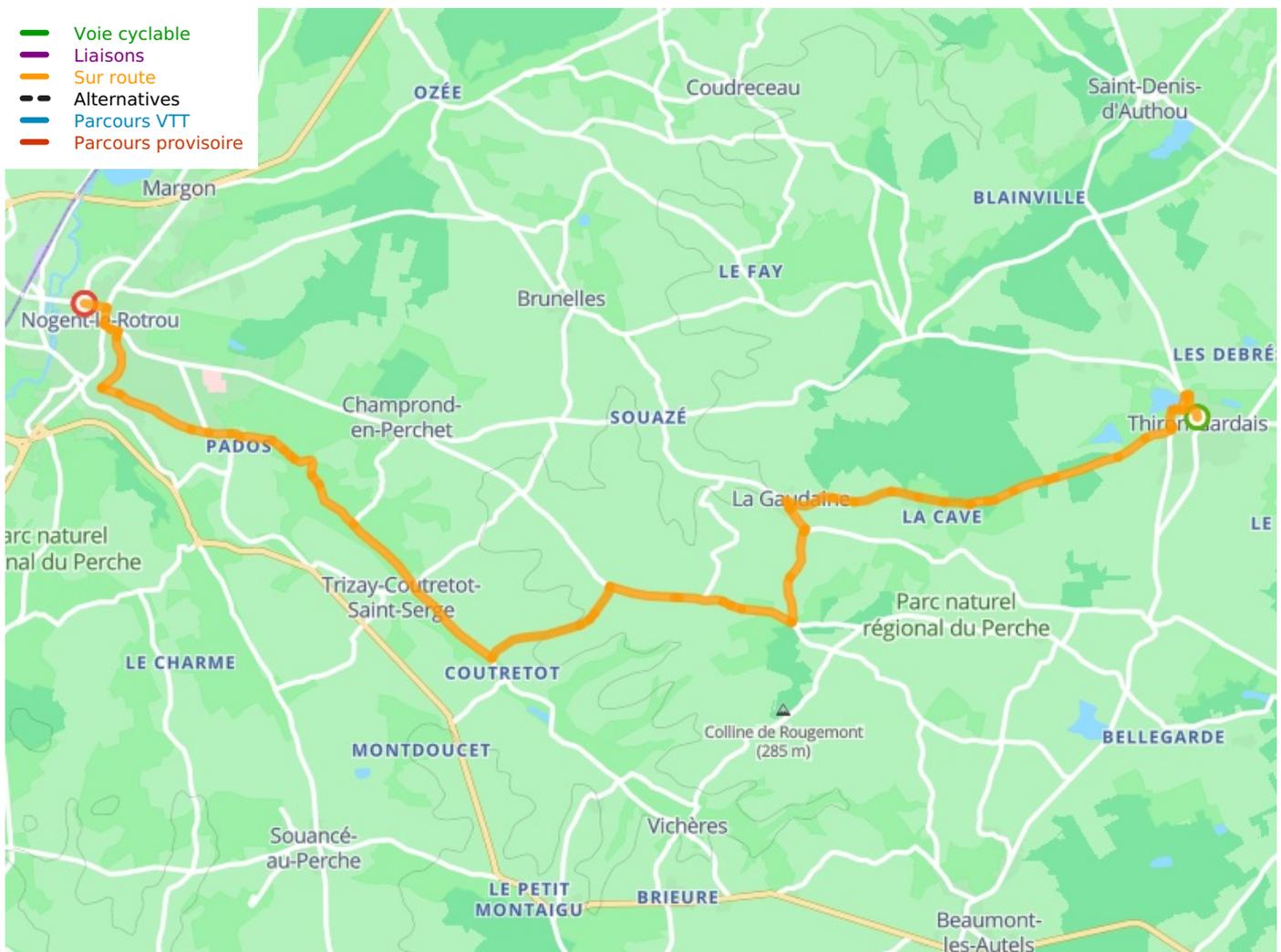
Consult [the list of all the bike repairers](#) along or near the route.

□ **Train stations nearby:**

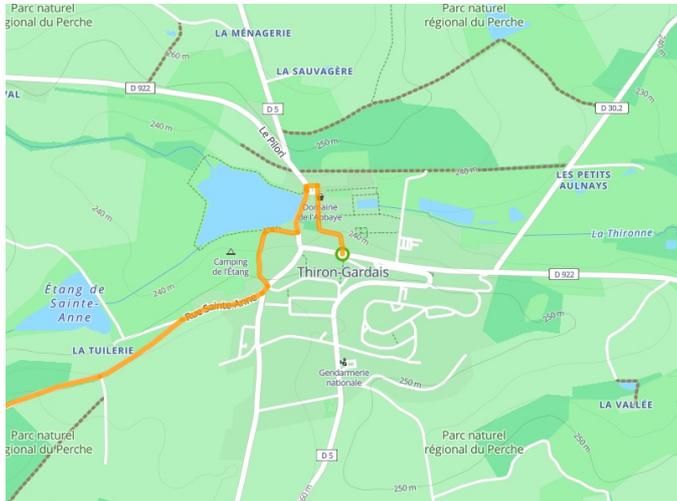
- **Gare de Nogent-le-Rotrou**

□ *Also see our section on [reaching the veloscenic cycle route](#), including conditions for taking a bicycle on board trains.*

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