

Orléans canal

Let's rediscover Orléans canal

The State downgraded Orléans canal in 1954 because of a weak traffic yet it was one of the most important canals among the French waterways since its creation in 1976. The canal's seventy six kilometers, currently owned by the Loiret council, are being rehabilitated in order to reopen this way to river traffic which used to connect the Seine River and Bourgogne canal. A cycle track was recently created, linking up to Montargis canal via Lorris and enabling cycle touring amateurs to discover the canal. For those willing to discover it on foot, footpaths were specially developed by the Loiret council to make the move from Orléans to Lorris possible.

A preserved area

Mainly passing by Orléans, Chécy, Fay-aux-Loges, Lorris and Chailli-en-Gâtinais, Orléans canal managed to keep its wild aspect, due to the Loire River. Through the discovery of towns in Loiret, it is likely to find a fauna and a flora much diversified, to take advantage of it to wander along the towpaths, still functional nowadays. In Orléans, the quays between George Vth Bridge and Thinat Bridge were completely renovated, respecting the original methodology. Shops will accommodate this part, respecting environment and making Orléans a dynamic and a welcoming city.

Infinite possibilities

Orléans canal also offers the possibility to discover an exceptional setting, carefully rehabilitated in order the environment protection as to the discovery of a particular area, and of its wildlife by as much people as possible.

