



## PIROGUES TRAIL (CIRCUIT DES PIROGUES) Drefféac - Sainte-Anne-sur-Brivet



 12 km  3 hours

 Crôle Bridge

### Access

as you leave Drefféac, on the D773 towards Pont-Château, turn left towards La Jubauderie. Pass under the railway tracks and then turn right to reach the Brivet.

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### THE TRADITIONAL PIROGUES

52 pirogues (dug-out canoes) were found in the mud of the Brivet. Nowhere else have archaeologists encountered such a large amount of historic waterway transport. In all likelihood, the pirogues were for a long time used mainly for fishing, which was what the local population relied on to make a living. They were then used to transport goods and agricultural products, but also to transport people from one side of the river to the other. It was rare to cross the water in this area with dry feet. The narrow width and, for the most part, the flat bottom of these boats, and their size, adapted to the dimensions of the river, made it easy to get around through the marshland.

This itinerary will take you to the heart of Brivet Valley, with some magnificent viewpoints along the way, perfect for observing the particularly rich fauna and flora. You will then be exploring the Drefféac countryside, where the restored bread ovens remind us of traditional and festive baking.

 With the departure sign on your left, follow the path and take the 2nd path on your right. Once on the road, go left and follow the road to the bridge over the railway tracks.

- 1 Go under the bridge, turn right and then right again, towards the village of Branducas. Cross the bridge over the railway tracks and go through the village. At the junction, turn right and then a few metres further on, turn left. Cross the road and go along the farm track. At the end of the track, turn right to get back onto the road.
- 2 At the end of the road, turn right towards the village of Catiho. Go through the village, keeping to the left. When you leave the village, turn right onto a farm track. Further on, turn right.
- 3 At the junction, turn right onto a grassy track. Take the footbridge over the Brivet. You are now in the commune of Sainte-Anne-sur-Brivet. After the footbridge, turn right to go along the path that runs alongside the Brivet.
- 4 Leave the Brivet behind you and take the small path that leads up to a meadow. Cross the meadow and turn right on the way out. Follow this path for 2.4 km.
- 5 At the end of the path, turn right and go over a small metal footbridge to reach the banks of the Brivet. Go over the bridge on your left to get back to the car park.

### TO GO FURTHER...

You can your exploration further with the following routes:

- Circuit du Haut-Brivet (10 km)
- Circuit des Marais (17 km)
- Circuit des Landes de Bilais (4 km)





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