

We, Frances and Dave, are delighted that you have chosen Manzac for your holiday. We hope you will come to love this site and area as we do, and that your stay with us will be a relaxing and comfortable one.

To make your stay and the stay of others as comfortable as possible, we would like to provide you with the following information, which sets out some guidelines for the site, and provides you with information on various aspects of the camp-ground. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us!

ON SITE

We hope that you have chosen Manzac for its peaceful, rural location by the river and that you will soon discover that for the majority of the day & night there is little or no noise. We therefore ask you to show respect and consideration for others if you have to come and go when others may be asleep. We fully understand that sometimes guests get together for a drink or meal or both but we respectfully ask that consideration be given to others and noise levels kept to a minimum particularly after 23.00. Please also avoid using your 'loud speaker' on mobile devices.

PAYMENT

Any payment for extras should ideally be paid in cash (Euros). If you have not already paid in full for your stay then payment should be made on arrival or shortly thereafter.

FOSSE SEPTIC

The drainage system is via a fosse septic (septic tank). It is **very important** that you ensure that you **ONLY** use chemicals or additives in your waste (both grey and black/foul) systems that are **fosse septic friendly**. For example Thetford (green bio) or BlueBio products are perfect.

Please do **NOT** put any baby wipes, cotton wool, kitchen rolls, sanitary pads, panty liners, incontinent pads or even ground coffee granules into either your on-board loo or in the toilets as they **WILL** block the system.

Only human waste and toilet paper should be put down the toilets. Also after emptying your on board loo into our dump point, please hose it down to keep it clean.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING.

Please use the bins provided as marked, they are just by the entrance gate. We have Cardboard, Plastic, Glass and General waste bins and we respectfully ask you to take a little time to sort your waste.

POWER

The 6 amp power supply to each individual feed is circuit breaker protected. We have adaptors if necessary. The optional 6 amps is approx 1.5 kilo-watts total power. More than this will trip the circuit.



WATER

The supply to the hot taps (thermostatically controlled in the showers) comes from a central tank, **BE VERY CAREFUL** when using the sink taps as the hot water is **VERY HOT**. Due to the cost of water (which is metered) we ask that you be economical with its use.

For anyone car washing there is also a charge of €5.

SHOWERS & TOILETS

These are cleaned at least twice per day and should be in the condition you would wish to find them. After use of the showers please use the squeegee provided to dry down the floor as a courtesy to others. If however you happen to find them in an unsatisfactory condition please bring the matter to our attention as soon as possible.

In the Wash Room area the lights **ARE NOT** on a timer, so please remember to switch off when you have finished.

IN HUMID CONDITIONS PLEASE TAKE CARE AS THE FLOORS CAN BE WET AND SLIPPERY.

WASH-UP

Please wipe down the sink and draining board after use as a courtesy to other guests who come after you.

LAUNDRY FACILITIES

The washing-up sink is primarily for dishes. We understand that you may from time to time need to do small amounts of hand washing. However for a washing machine load we offer laundry facilities for an additional charge. Wash & dry on our line outside - weather permitting €5 or wash + tumble dry €8. Please speak to one of us for this service. There are also laundry facilities at Super U in Nontron.

INTERNET ACCESS

We are pleased to be able to offer you a free wireless connection across the site, which you can connect to using your laptop or other internet device. Due to our rural location, the speed is limited to around 1mbit so can be slow, but this should suffice for most of your needs. To connect, find the "manzacferme" network, and enter the pass code "**manzacferme**". We would also ask that when you are not using your device, to switch off the Wi-Fi so that the connection is not slowed down too much for others. Thank you for your understanding.

BARBECUES and SMOKING

As Manzac Ferme is in a very densely wooded area and in the Parc Naturel, **ONLY** gas barbecues are allowed by law. Smoking is not permitted within or around the Wash Room area to comply with French law and respect for others. Please dispose of all cigarette ends in the bin. **IN DRY CONDITIONS PLEASE TAKE EXTRA CARE WITH MATCHES AND CIGARETTES.**



SHOPS & MARKETS

Excellent Boulangeries can be found in Abjat-sur-Bandiât and Augignac which *should* be open 6 days including Sunday mornings closed Mondays.

Intermarche, SuperU & Lidl can be found in Nontron – opening times on the notice board. There is also a Bio Co-Op.

Street markets can be found (mornings) in Piegut-Pluviers on Wednesdays (the largest in the locality) Brantôme on Fridays, Nontron on Saturday and a small Sunday morning market in Marval. See the full list on the notice board in the information area.

BOOKS

We have a selection of books and magazines in the information area. If you would like to take a book with you at the end of your stay, we would ask that you leave one in return if possible. We would also be delighted to accept your finished books or magazines for other guests to enjoy.

DOGS/VET

Well behaved dogs are very welcome here. When on site please ensure they are kept on a lead at all times for the comfort of our other guests. No dogs in the Wash Room area. Also, please pick up any deposits they may leave.

VET: Nontron – No appointment needed – Surgery details/times on notice board or talk to us.

FORGOT SOMETHING?

We have a small supply of wine and milk should you run short.

COVID19:

We should all remain vigilant and we ask that before you switch on the light and enter the communal wash room area **PLEASE** use the hand sanitiser at the entrance. We will continue to clean thoroughly and check frequently during the day.



AREA INFORMATION:

There is a variety of leaflets on the notice board in the wash-up area. Please also see our website for additional information, including a map of the surrounding area – www.manzac-ferme.com

Walks:

There is a large map on the main noticeboard on which we have marked 6 local walks all starting from the campsite. None are difficult and all are a mixture of quiet lanes and woodland tracks. It is possible to combine one or more walks, if you plan to do this please take both sets of directions to help you along the way. Also for the keen walkers amongst you it is possible to walk the whole perimeter of the combined walks. We have a separate map and directions for this walk, please ask one of us. Please feel free to take a leaflet for your walk BUT please don't forget to **RETURN** it for others to use. We also have maps of a few walks starting from other local villages Please ask us if you are interested in a walk further afield!

As Manzac Ferme is in the northern most part of the Dordogne, it makes an ideal base from where to conveniently visit a wealth of locations, not only in the Dordogne, but also in the Limousin and Poitou-Charente.

In no particular order or preference here are a few places easily reached and no more than an hour's drive maximum from here:

Abjat-sur-Bandiat:

4.5kms. A pretty little village, turn right out of the gate, at the T-junction turn left onto the D87. Left at the next T-junction down into the village. An excellent bakery is just on the left as you go down into the village, opposite the 30km sign and speed bump. It is open on a Sunday morning and closed on Mondays. (opening times on notice board) There is a Crêperie, bar, post office, church and tourist office (syndicat d'initiative). We have a circular walk from the campsite of around 12km - stop at Abjat for refreshments.

Nontron:

7kms. Turn left out of the gate then sharp left again at the X roads (signed vers D675). Follow the narrow winding road until you meet the main road, then turn left and follow into the town. Coming back to Manzac from town, turn right immediately after the zebra crossing signed to La Tavernerie and other places. It is a lovely town well known for its knife manufacturing. This can be viewed at the workshop at the southern end of the town, not far from the tourist information office. A street market takes place on a Saturday morning and the centre is alive with locals and visitors. It is also home to the largest supermarkets in the surrounding area, as well as a very informative tourist information centre. Marche Des Producteurs - Thursday evenings July & August.



St. Estephe:

7kms. If you fancy a fresh water lake swim there is a beautiful lake here with a small beach and canoes etc. all free! There is also a nice flat walk around the lake (3.5km). There is also a lakeside restaurant as well as a small bar in the village centre. During July & August there is a Marche des Producteurs on a Monday evening from 18.30. Local specialities are cooked to order and tables and benches are laid out, plates, cutlery etc all provided. It is very popular with the French locals as well as holidaymakers. A lovely way to spend a summer's evening.

Grand Etang De Saint Saud:

13kms. (an enjoyable cycle) This is another beautiful lake used by locals during the high summer as it is quieter. It has a small beach and snack bar and a path around the lake. There is also a restaurant 'La Paillote' above the lake.

Moulin de Lapeyre:

8kms. This working museum is a restored mill which gives an excellent insight into how the millers and blacksmiths of days gone by carried out their crafts. It is approximately 1km from St Estephe. As well as the various demonstrations of flour and walnut oil production, there is a blacksmith who demonstrates his craft. There is a lovely lake where you can walk and maybe have a picnic in a shady spot. Dogs are welcome and parking is free. There is also a small shop and cafe. Open in the afternoons from 2pm until 7pm in July and August everyday except Monday. Open in June Saturdays only.

Piegut-Pluviers:

4kms north of Augignac, turn left from the D675 into the village. It's well worth a visit, there is a medieval tower built by King Richard the Lionheart, several bars and restaurants and on Wednesday mornings there is one of the largest and most popular street markets in the area.

La Rochefoucauld:

42kms. Dominated by a renaissance château this town is reached from Montbron by the D6. There are many pretty little shops just off the main road.

Rochechouart:

37kms. North on the D675 through St. Mathieu. Astronomers and geologists will know why this place is famous. It is the site where a 6,000 million tonne meteorite crashed to earth, 200 million years ago, forming a 21 mile wide crater. As a result of this cosmic pile up many of the buildings are built from the blackened rock. There is also a fabulous museum all about this.

Cassinomagus at Chassenon:

45km. About 10 minutes from Rochechouart and is well worth a visit if you are interested in archaeology. It was an important Roman town built on the Agrippa road (road between Saintes and Lyon) It comprised a collection of public buildings, hot baths, (best preserved in France), theatre, temples and an aqueduct. It was an important Gallo-Roman sanctuary in the 2nd century. Visit the stacked 3-level buildings that link a network of aqueducts, boiler rooms, swimming pools, brick ovens, etc. The majority of the buildings are constructed from the meteorite rock. The majority of the nearby village of Chassenon is built from it too.



Manzac Ferme, Peace and Tranquillity by the River Bandiat

Brantôme:

30kms. Just a short drive south of Nontron on the D675 is one of the best tourist spots in France. This picturesque town stands on the banks of the river Dronne. The large Benedictine Abbey, founded by Charlemagne stands by the riverside. With its small streets and plentiful restaurants it is the perfect place for a day out, perhaps with a drink or meal at one of the riverside restaurants. Friday is market day, very busy but a wonderful experience.

Oradour-sur-Glane:

64kms. The village of Oradour-sur-Glane in Haute-Vienne in Nazi occupied France was destroyed on 10 June 1944, when 642 of its inhabitants, including women and children, were massacred by a German Waffen-SS company. A new village was built after the war on a nearby site, but on the orders of the then French President Charles de Gaulle, the original has been maintained as a permanent memorial and museum.

St Jean de Cole:

25kms. An absolute must visit; St Jean de Cole is widely regarded as the village with the most beautiful rooftops in France. The whole village is particularly captivating and there are three restaurants, La Perla, Le St Jean, and Le Temps Des Mets all serve excellent food. (Check with us for days they may be closed) It is worth visiting as part of a day trip, perhaps also incorporating the caves of Villars, Chateau Puyguilhem or the town of Brantôme.

Villar Caves:

23kms. Situated a couple of kms off the D707 which is the road to St Jean de Cole, the Grotte de Villars is well worth a visit. Discovered in 1953, it is the largest underground network in the Perigord with more than 13km explored to date. There are only 650m open to the public but on the guided tour (also in English) you will see impressive flows of calcite deposits, delicate stalactites, unusual calcite formations, transparent curtains and original prehistoric cave paintings. In addition to the cave there is an informative video and exhibitions as well as a 'prehistoric' garden. There is a cafe and free parking on site. For further details brochures are on the info rack.

Bourdeilles:

38kms. Bourdeilles is a lovely village which sits on the edge of the river Dronne and boasts a chateau, a moulin (mill), a medieval centre and a panoramic viewpoint. Its main feature is its chateau which is actually two castles. There is a fortress dating back to the 13th and 14th centuries and which has defensive walls and an octagonal donjon 35 meters tall. Lovely view from the top! Within the walls there is also a second chateau built in the Renaissance style during the 16th century. A very pretty village with a couple of restaurants. Could also be combined with a visit to the town of Brantôme

These are just some of the options for activities in the local area. We have more ideas on our website, or do just come and see us for more ideas for days out and activities! Have a look also at the brochures in the wash-up area for lots of other ideas of things to do or see.

We will be pleased to help you locate any activity or location you may wish to visit.

