## DID YOU KNOW THAT...

The Départements, in charge of all the departmental roads, have set up boundary stones along them.

The boundary stone 0, marking the boundary between the Maine-et-Loire and Mayenne départements, indicates the beginning of the D212 in Maine-et-Loire. From that point, all kilometres are successively marked by 1, 2 etc.



There are approximately 4000 milestones in Maine-et-Loire for the departmental roads only!

Source: Regional Public Works Department and Departmental Council 49

### LA CROIX MALVAUX

La **croix Malvaux** was erected in 1821 marking the boundary line between Chazé-Henry and la Chapelle-Hullin. A story says that calves were decimated by an epidemic. As their prayers were granted, the farmers erected this cross to show their gratefulness.



The sign on the cross says:

If you want, traveller,
To travel safely and happily,
On the cross of the Lord
Deign to look up.

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# A LANDSCAPE SHAPED BY THE ARAIZE AND THE VERZÉE RIVERS



The landscape that may appear rather flat at first glance, is in fact quite hilly. The land is located in the Massif Armoricain created some 400 million years ago. The erosion resulted in the emergence of South-East / North-West

oriented crest lines separated by the small valleys of the **Araize** and the **Verzée**. The Araize runs along 31.5 km before flowing into the Oudon, its waters are used for drinkable water.



The **Verzée** starts in Villepot then after 52 km of which 44 in the Maine et Loire, it flows into the Oudon. The Verzée feeds Saint-Aubin lake in Pouancé, a bathing place in summer. For a long time, it was also used to drive local mills.

Source: Cahier du Pouancéen n°5 - June 2005 - A. Neau Rivières du département - 2010; SAGE Oudon

In case you notice any anomaly on your way through, please inform the Commune d'Ombrée d'Anjou. Your remarks will help us maintain all the trails in good condition.

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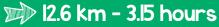
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# Sentier du Val d'Araize

Start: Church Square - La Chapelle-Hullin



Road markers

Walking alternately through agricultural landscapes and hollow lanes, this trail will take you from the North to the South side of the Val d'Araize.











#### Start: On your way to an observation point

Take the D180 and then the D212 to Renazé. After the bridge over the Araize, turn right. Keep walking on the road up to the "Moulin des Landes": view over the Val d'Araize.

#### I: Walking to the boundary stone 0...

Take the trail on your left, then turn right and left again. Keep walking straight on the trail. Cross the road where you will come across the boundary stone 0 and walk opposite. As the woods stop, turn left and then right. Keep walking up to the road.

#### 2: The Araize riverside

Turn left and take the road. After the "Touplinaie", turn right, walk along a field and then along the Araize. Cross the bridge on your left and walk up to the road.

Turn right on the road. At the crossroads, turn left and walk up to the "Friches", then keep walking on the trail up to la Croix Malvaux.

A Be cautious on the road!

#### 3: La Croix Malvaux: a legend?

Turn left and keep walking straight on up to the former farm "La Huardière".

#### A: Chazé-Henry connection

Take the 1st trail on your right, walk along the fence and then keep walking on the road to Chazé-Henry.

A Be cautious on the road!

#### 4: Hollow trail...

Turn left and walk down the hollow trail towards la Chapelle-Hullin. On the road, turn left, walk along the cemetery and then back to the church.

