

## **Bec d'Andaine**

This route has 2 parts.

The first part goes to Genets after which you can turn back inland back to the campsite. There is however a recommended extension to St Leonard and its peninsular which is recommended.

Heading south, you'll head along the west coast from Saint-Jean-le-Thomas to Genêts, which passes through Obrey and Launay and close to the Manoir de Brion, where during the 12th century, many pilgrims stayed before crossing to the Mont. Running between the D911 and the coast, this route has beautiful views over the marshes and the dunes across the bay, with plenty of small tracks en route for detours.

At Vains-Saint-Léonard, you can visit the Maison de la Pêche à Pied (Cockling and Winkling Museum), where an exhibition of paintings, photos, tools and machinery shows the different techniques used in the bay for this type of fishing. (During research for this holiday, I'm not sure this is still here) During the era of religious pilgrimages, this tiny village on the edge of the bay received plenty of visitors. From Bec d'Andaine, the faithful would set off across the sands to reach Mont St-Michel. The six-kilometre crossing was often dangerous owing to the speed of the flood tide and the quicksands. Whilst serious accidents are now rare, you should always take an experienced guide when venturing onto the bay on foot.

**Distance**     38.9km / 24 miles , 49km / 33 miles with extension

### **Places of Interest**

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#### **1) Bec d'Andaine**

Lovely view of Mont St Michel from here

There is a fine sanded beach with dunes

#### **2) Genets**

Solid granite 12-14<sup>th</sup> century church

### **Places to eat**

#### **1) 6.9km Jullouville**

#### **2) 13.3km La Gare**

#### **3) 21.2km Genets,**

#### **4) 28.8km Sartilly**

On the added piece there is a bar near St Leonard, but can't guarantee it will be open. May be best to take a picnic with you

**Route Description**

<b>Bec d'Andaine – SHORT RIDE- Thursday 6th. June 2012</b>			
<b>Inst.</b>	<b>Miles</b>		<b>Notes</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Stage</b>	
0	0.0	0.0	0.0km Exit from the back of the campsite
1	0.2	0.2	200metres at the D road TR at TJ, no SP, by the cross heading towards Leudrie
2	0.5	0.3	600metres TL at TJ, SP Jullouville along D21
3	1.7	1.2	2.5km TR, SP Jullouville 2.5, along D109. This will take you to Jullouville which is a long strip next to the beach. At the D911 you will need to head left and south parallel to the beach
4	3.2	1.5	4.9km You've reached the D911 in Jullouville, head left, there is a better beach at Carolles, we will be following the D911 for some time now as it goes close to the coast. (If you lie here is a more minor road that parallels the D911, closer to the shore, but there is probably little advantage in taking this)
5	4.2	1.0	6.5km Carolles-plage RHS. (This is one of the nicer beaches) Carry on along D911
6	5.2	1.0	8.1km. Carry on along the D911, SP Sartilly (8 till huit LHS) Then bear right SP Sartilly, then shortly afterwards bear right again SP St Jean le T, Avranches, Cabane Auban (Sartilly is signed to the left here.)
7	6.2	1.1	9.8km Bear right SP St Jean le TH 3, Avranches 20 along D911
8	7.1	0.9	11.3km Bear right SP St Jean le TH 1.5, along D911. There is a bar here Cap a L'ouest - coffee stop. The next turn is just after this so watch out
9	7.3	0.1	11.5km The road has borne right and just as it starts going left, take the narrower right turn, no SP and descend. It's one way, but please don't go too fast as there is a wall at the bottom
10	7.6	0.4	12.1 km TR at TJ, no SP, low wall and houses opposite, head for Plage de St-Michel, then follow the coast road
11	9.3	1.7	14.8km Bear left and then right (Don't take the D143 back uphill,) just follow the coast
12	10.8	1.5	17.7km Le Bec d'Andaine RHS, the road bears left along D35E, SP Genets 1.8
13	12.0	1.1	19.1km You have 4 choices here 1) TR at TJ, SP Vains Avranches along D911 and enter Genets. Picnic, look at the village etc 2) Return back to the campsite the way you came if you like the coast 3) TL at TJ, SP Dragey, Jullouville for a return the inland way. The description will continue assuming this 4) There is a 10km side route to St Leonard and back, which is recommended. The route description is written after this route
14	12.2	0.3	19.5km TR SP Champcey 6, Sartilly 8 along D35. You'll take this road all the way to Sartilly
15	15.2	3.0	SO at XR, SP Santilly 2.5
16	16.8	1.5	26.8km In Santilly TL along Rue de Haras (One way) If you reach the D973 (main road) you've gone just too far
17	16.9	0.1	27km TR at TJ SP Granville, Avranche, then shortly afterwards TL, along D261 (there are recycling bins on the right side of the road and a small right turn just after this junction)
18	18.9	2.1	30.3km TR at TJ, SP St Pierre-Langers 3, Carolles 6, along D143, then shortly afterwards TL, SP St Michel les Loups 2.5, Carolles 6, along D61
19	20.6	#REF!	33km In St Michel-des-Loups TR at TJ to head north along D21 (Le St Michel bar LHS, church RHS at junction)
20	21.3	0.7	34.1 TR SP Vaumoisson (sign on other side to your view) along Route de la Pierre du Diable. This is a more minor road and there is a lone menhir close to the fence LHS after 200 metres.
21	21.6	0.4	34.7km Take the next left at the XR
22	22.2	0.6	35.3km TR at TJ, no SP (almost an XR - other road is to the left) You are now on the road you came out on follow this back to the campsite 38.9km FINISH

## SIDE ROUTE – RECOMMENDED FROM GENETS

Leg	Distance	Ascent	Comments
0			From the centre of Genets, head east along D911
1	194 m	1 m	100metres TR SP Maison de la Baie, along D35 E2
2	204 m	0 m	400metres Bear left, SP Avranches, Jououville, along D35E2/rue de Granges (Maison de la Baie RHS)
3	298 m	1 m	700metres TR at XR, SP St Leonard. Stade (D911 is S/O here)
4	1.92 km	10 m	2.6km SO at XR, SP St Leonard, crossing D41
5	984 m	17 m	3.6km In St Leonard TR at XR, SP Maison de la Baie, Le Grouin de Sud, head for the coast
6	317 m	0 m	3.9km TR at TJ (bar RHS) SP SP Maison de la Baie, Le Grouin de Sud, along C7
7	1.32 km	15 m	5.2km Pic-nic spot right on the edge of the peninsular
8	1.21 km	7 m	6.5km TL, SP St Leonard, then at the XR in St-Leonard, SO at XR, SP Genetes (at 7.2km) and follow the route you took back to Genets
9	3.6km		10.1km FINISH, back in Genets