

A child's perspective from inside a yellow water slide. The slide's interior is a bright yellow, and the child is looking out at a pool of blue water. The text is overlaid on the slide's interior.

Vendée Fun

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

BE SPONTANEOUS

Welcome to La Baudonnière in Pays de la Loire, France. We offer camping, Bed and Breakfast, and self-catering cottage accommodations in the lovely Vendée area.

In addition to our guest facilities with swimming pool, playground, and games room, the Vendee has quite a number of suitable activities for our youngest guests to offer. Puy De Fou, the world-renowned medieval theme park is a nearby favorite, but there's loads more!

We'd like to introduce you to a few fun things to do with your children or grandchildren. The selection we made will satisfy the adventurous spirit in the whole family.

We wish you safe travels. Above all: have a cracking good time!

The Bannigans

Photo La Baudonnière by Brenda Valcke



M E D I E V A L T H E M E P A R K

PUY DU FOU

Located just 25km south of La Baudonniere, is Puy du Fou, a medieval theme park that has been consistently deemed the best in the world, and in awards is only surpassed by Disney. In celebration of its 40th anniversary, the 2017 *Cinéscénie* evening spectacle is said to be even more epic than usual. With 2000 actors, their 24,000 costumes and a scene of 23 hectares with as a backdrop a chateau ruin, it is the largest show in the world. [Directions](#)

- Many restaurants
- Dining may be expensive – plan ahead
- Sandwiches and snack carts available
- Picnic spots
- Free parking
- Take sunscreen
- Wear walking shoes
- Any age!

Puy du Fou is loved by everyone and highly recommended by our family. To see all of the depictions of medieval life, it will take two days. Lots of walking, hilly territory, stairs (venues.) Tickets are available at SuperU or the PdF website.

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W A T E R P A R K

SWIMMING

Three water parks and included is info to each. The largest and most popular is **O'Gliss**. Some details:

- Cool slides and swimming pools for all ages
- Add day family fun
- Plan ahead (food, sunscreen etc)
- Restaurants and picnic areas
- Buy tickets online ahead of time (it sells out!)
- Website
- Expensive!
- Prepare for little shade and long queues

O'Gliss Park is located Route de la Tranche sur Mer- Lieu dit Le Pont Rouge, 85560 Le Bernard. [Website](#). [Directions](#). (1hr or 64km)

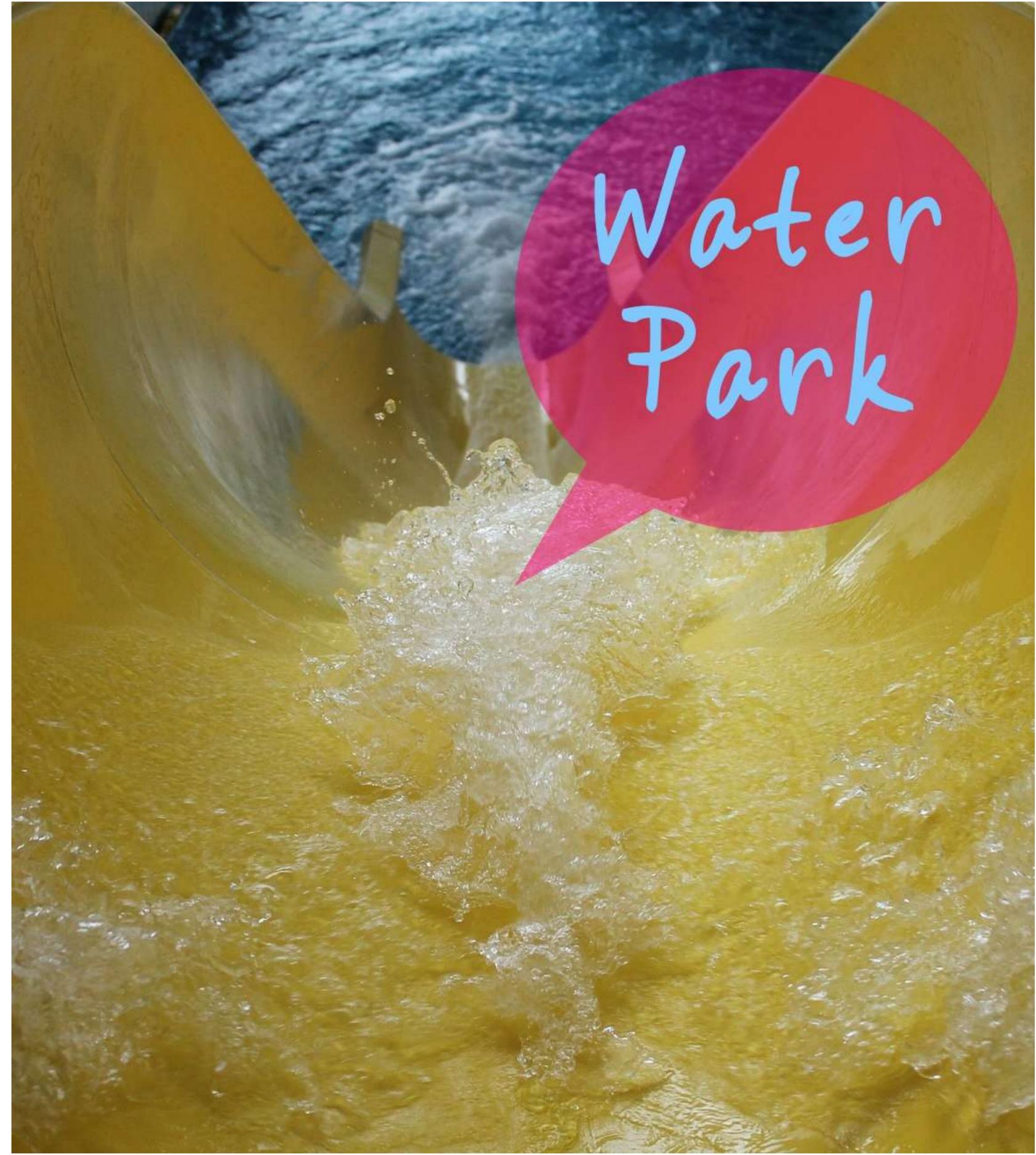
Atlantic Toboggan 42 Avenue des Becs, 85270 Saint-Hilaire-de-Riez. [Website](#). [Directions](#). (smaller-1h30 or 102km)

Océanile Route de Noirmoutier, 85740 Noirmoutier-en-l'Île [Website](#). [Directions](#). Combine this with exploring the Vendéen Island of Noirmoutier. (1h45 or 129km)

Water Fun Avenue Porte des Îles, 85360 La Tranche-sur-Mer For more spectacular adventures tubing (etc) in the Atlantic Ocean. [Website](#). [Directions](#).

PLEASE RESEARCH to determine the most appropriate park for your family and budget. Read reviews.

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KAYAKING & MORE

These are some of the highest rated canoe/ paddle boat venues in the Vendee.

Embarcadere de la Venise verte

Rue du Port, 85420 Le Mazeau

Head in the direction of La Rochelle for a day exploring the Green Venice, as the Marais de Poitevin is often called. Kayaking, guided tours, bicycling and more. Spectacularly green and lush, the marshes have the appeal of adventure in fairy-tale-like surroundings. (1hr or 72km)

[Website](#). [Directions](#).

- Plan ahead
- Make reservations
- Parking fee. (Car parks near embarkation port)
- Picnic spots
- Eel is the local delicacy
- Family fun

Club de Canoe Kayak Clisson

Moulin de Plessard, 85610 Cugand

Direction Nantes. (1hr or 53km) [Website](#) [Directions](#)

Canoë Vendée

Rue de la Justice, 85220 La Chaize-Giraud

Direction La-Roche-sur-Yon (1hr or 53km) [Website](#)

[Directions](#)

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Kayak

MOTORSPORTS

KARTING

These are three of the highest rated karting venues nearby. We have included a few details, info for further research, and directions.

Boca Speed Moncoutant

Rue Petit Château, 79320 Moutiers-Sous-Chantemerle

Website. Directions (35mins or 36km)

- Open daily
- Outdoor circuit of 880 meters
- Karts: Rx7 de Sodikart. Starts age 12
- Restaurant on site, also a bar

Karting Fontenay Pôle 85

La Michetterie, 85200 Fontenay-le-Comte

Website Directions (44min or 43km)

- Check opening times here
- Pilot school
- Outdoor circuit of 1083 meters
- Karts: misc. age groups. Starts age 7

Karting.79

141 Rue des Guillees, 79180 Niort Chauray

Website Directions (1hr6 or 95km)

- Driving courses
- Check opening times here
- Outdoor circuit of 850 meters
- Karts: misc. age groups. Starts age 7

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THEME PARK

FUTUROSCOPE

Enjoy a day with the family at Futuroscope, the TripAdvisor® Travellers' Choice award for 2016 for "one of the best Amusement Parks". Choose from many venues, experiences and shows. We highly recommend "Journey into the Dark" where a blind guide leads you through complete darkness. Nothing is more eye-opening than exploring how a blind person experiences the world, from city to nature to the challenges of daily life.

1 Avenue René Monory, 86360 Chasseneuil-du-Poitou
[Website](#) [Directions](#)

- 1hr35 from La Baudonnière or 162km (via toll roads)
- Plan ahead online – including restaurant reservations
- 7 theme restaurants (all price ranges from gourmet to fast food and molecular)
- Misc. takeaways throughout
- Picnic spots
- Wheelchair hire and pet boarding
- Family fun
- Parking fee
- Security checks

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F U N C O M P E T I T I O N

BOWLING, LASER & CINEMA

These are three of the best rated bowling and laser venues. One is located just 20 minutes from La Baudonnière.

Fun Bowling 85 / Fun Laser 85

Zone de la Tibourgère, 24 Avenue du Bocage,
85500 Les Herbiers

Website. Directions (20mins or 21km)

201 Forest Avenue

201 Avenue de la Forêt, 85270 Saint-Hilaire-de-Riez
Combine with coastal visit.

Website Directions (1hr20 or 94km)

The best English language cinema with up-to-date releases is located in Nantes. Combine cinema visit with city walk, chateau visit or shopping in this beautiful French city. Ample parking though we do NOT recommend using the underground parking by the cinema. Use one of the open air car parks instead.

English Cinema – Gaumont Nantes

12 Place du Commerce, 44000 Nantes

Website Directions (1hr6 or 82km)

No restrooms available until after you're allowed into the theater.

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A N I M A L S

ZOO DES SABLES

Known for its conservation of species and the environment, the Zoo des Sables offers great opportunity for fun and learning. Check the park's 'feature days' to help in the protection of rare local and exotic species. Discover nature with local fauna and flora. Activities for adults and children.

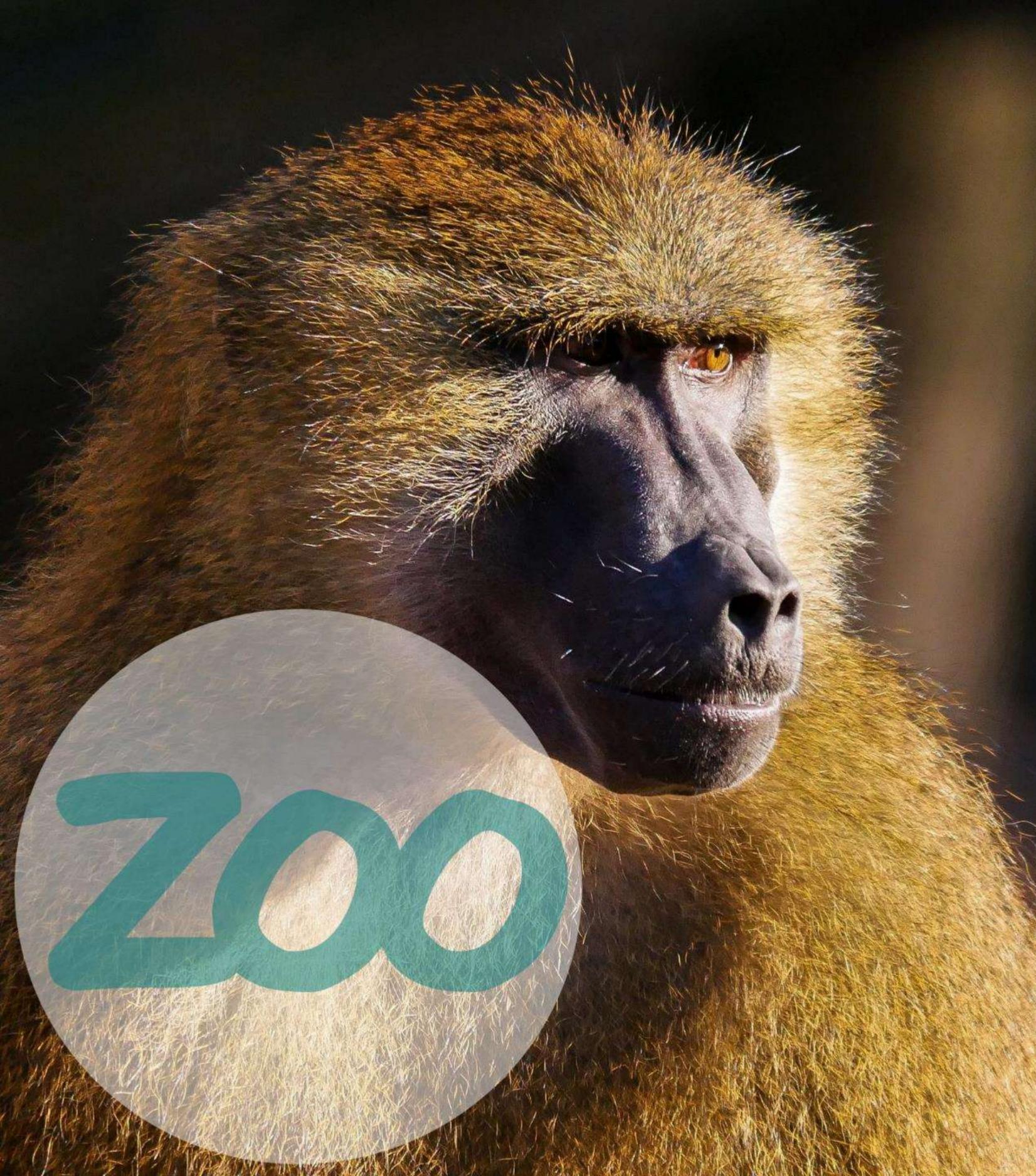
Address:

Route du Tour de France, 85100 Les Sables-d'Olonne

[Website](#) [Directions](#)

- 1hr5 from La Baudonnière or 86km (via toll roads)
- Open daily from February to November 2017 and this includes Sundays and holidays
- Plan ahead (sunscreen etc)
- Check further schedule details [here](#)
- Family fun for all ages
- Have a meal in a natural setting (with monkeys!)
- Free parking

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