

JOUSSELIN

For Your Information.....



Please refrain from using any breakables around the pool to avoid any problems with safety issues and pool maintenance.

The swimming pool is given at least one clean during your stay, normally early in the morning so as not to interfere with your holiday.

The catch basin behind the swimming pool is not for swimming in.

Please ensure children are watched at all times in the pool.

The fencing around the swimming pool is not structural, please ensure that children do not climb it for their own safety.

The pool alarm is re-activated automatically when the water is still and there is nobody in.

De-activation code: 1978

Please be aware that no sanitary products can be put down the toilets, the septic tanks here are very easily blocked because they are environmentally friendly.

For the same reason, please be careful with waste in the kitchen sink.

The main electricity cupboard can be located in the bedroom off the pool room if the power trips.

The fuse cupboard is behind the front door and behind the sitting room door if needed.

In case of emergency, the water mains are under the wooden panel next to the hose pipe in the courtyard.

Some previous guests have asked the question, so just to clear up any confusion, to turn on the cooker, the symbol with the straight line at the top and bottom is needed, either with or without the fan. To turn on the grill, please use the symbol with the wiggly line at the top, either with or without the fan.

There is a deep well in the back garden which has been suitably covered but should not be climbed for your own safety.

Bin day is Monday, please put them at the edge of the gravel that day, or the night before if more convenient.

There is a small green compost bin provided in the kitchen which can be emptied in the compost bin located by the back door.

There is also a recycling bin provided in the kitchen, the yellow compartment takes all plastic and tins which can then be emptied into the yellow recycling bin outside. Please be aware, the recycling will not be taken if there is glass or paper in it, and will have to be taken to the dump, therefore incurring charges.

Glass and cardboard/paper needs to be recycled at the recycling points which can be found in all villages.

From our experience with large numbers, using the glass rinse cycle for glasses and cups only, helps to make your stay more relaxed and the clearing up more manageable, everything else can be washed on the plate cycle.

No smoking in the house, if smoking outside please use ashtrays as the countryside is very dry.

Please do not use any of the log burners as they are not operational during the summer season.

L'hermanault is your closest village, which has a bakers, post office, cash point and a good mini supermarket 'Spar'.

Fontenay is your nearest town with all amenities, please be aware they all close around 7.30pm and do not open

Sundays. Some of the smaller shops may open Sunday morning.

We have left an album filled with fliers of local attractions for your information.

La Rochelle is roughly 45 minutes away and a beautiful tourist town on the coast with beaches and many wonderful restaurants and tourist attractions.

Il de Re is near La Rochelle and is also a beautiful place to visit with stunning beaches, shopping and restaurants.

Les Sables d'Olonne is a large town on the coast with a lot to offer. There are many attractions and activities on the beach for families.

La Tranche sur Mer is also another hotspot for tourists with enormous beaches and great watersports, with some fantastic restaurants to offer.

If you are looking for a good surfing beach, we recommend Longeville, Les Conches.

More locally, Mervent and Vouvant are definitely worth a visit. There is an adventure park (Pierre-brun), zip-wiring, cycling, and water sports on the river available in Mervent

(where one of our other houses is located) , a collection of art galleries and historical buildings in Vouvant, as well as lovely quaint restaurants (including creperies that our children love!) and stunning walks on your doorstep.

'Le Mangoustan' is on the river in Mervent, and great for a lunch/dinner e.g., steaks, burgers etc. If you need help booking for large numbers just let us know.

We can organise fishing in local lakes, within walking distance of our house, if pre-arranged.

There is a charming creperie called 'Le Pommier' in Pissotte (10 mins) which has a little park area for children and a pretty outside eating area next to the park.

We would recommend the restaurant 'Auberge de la Riviere' in Le Poire sur Velluire for a special occasion (20 mins). They have a fantastic menu but be prepared to take your time!

'Auberge du Donjon' is also a lovely local restaurant in Bazoges en Pareds (20 mins).

'Le Chat Botte' is a Michelin recommended restaurant in Ars-en-Re on the Il-de-Re where the food is superb.

In La Rochelle, we would recommend 'Andre's' in the port for an amazing fruit-de-mer experience, or 'Les Quatre Sergents' which is also just off the port and is a beautiful restaurant in an Orangerie, both guarantee a great gastronomic evening!

If you are after an unforgettable restaurant, there is a Michelin star restaurant on the front in La Rochelle called Restaurant Christopher Coutanceau.

Oceanile is the nearest waterpark towards Noirmoitier, roughly 2 hours away.

Futuroscope is in Poitiers, roughly an hour away and is the nearest adventure park.

'Puy de Fou' is an historical theme park just over an hour away, boasting the largest evening show in the world, having won the 'Worlds Best Theme Park' in 2012, incredible experience for all the family.

Fontenay le Comte has a market every Saturday morning in the centre of the town.

Niort has a market every day except Monday and is a lovely town to visit, being only 40 mins away.

The automatic petrol pumps often refuse foreign cards, therefore you will need to get diesel/petrol within the supermarket opening times which can take a little getting used to!

The wifi box can be located in the pool room. This server is registered under the name of FREEBOX_EMILY_1X.

There are also boosters in the kitchen and above the sitting room which is registered under the name of FREEBOX_EMILY_1EXT and 2EXT

To ensure the best wifi possible, we advise changing between the three depending on where you are.

We are advised to drink bottled water.

There is a key box provided by the front door for your own convenience. The code is 1978.

At the end of your stay, please could you leave the keys either with the caretakers or in the key box.

Please could you strip the beds at the end of your stay as we are very restricted with the time between parties.

Please could you leave the house in the same condition as you found it.

Hope you have a fantastic holiday, Matt & Emily!

Useful numbers:

Fire brigade: 18

Ambulance: 15

Matts mobile: 0033 782657752

Emilys mobile: 0033 624104582

Email: matt@biginfrance.com
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Wifi code: Jousselin85570

Address

La Charre

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Vendee

If you come off the motorway A83 at junction 7.1, head for the D148 towards St Hermine, after travelling along this road for a couple of minutes, when you get to the roundabout, go right towards the village of L'Hermenault. Go through the village, over the bridge, start going up the hill, then opposite the old peoples home on the right at the end of the village, turn left next to the statue of Jesus. Continue on this road for a few minutes and just before a big farm with red shutters, take a left signposted La Charre. The house is at the end of this lane at the top of a hill.