

MC017 Domaine Les Ranchisses  
Largentière



*"This is a fabulous campsite in a beautiful region! It is the best site we have stayed at and we have been travelling to France for the past 12 years!"* The Geisler Family

Campsite Contact Details:

Domaine Les Ranchisses  
Route de Rocher  
07110 Largentière  
France

Tel: 0033 475 883 197

## Arrival Procedure

Eurocamp Independent customers should go straight to the campsite reception on arrival where they will be required to fill in a registration form. Reception, where English is spoken, is open from 9am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 6pm in low season and 9am to 7.30pm in high season. Customers unavoidably delayed, arriving after the barrier is down (11.30pm to 6.30am) should leave the car outside the site and go to the main campsite reception to speak to security or to the bar to find a member of staff. We advise that you ring ahead to warn the campsite if you expect to arrive late.

As Eurocamp couriers (on site from 25th April to 19th September) will be unaware of your arrival, we recommend that you visit their reception area as soon as you have settled in.

Please note – if you have booked an overnight stop in a mobile home or ready erected tent please see the special arrival procedures on your accommodation voucher.



Don't forget we're on the end of the phone if you need us  
Call 0044 1606 787 666

our office hours are:  
Monday- Friday  
Saturdays  
Sundays & Bank Holidays

9.00 am - 5.30 pm  
10.00 am - 2.00 pm  
closed

# Life On Site

This beautiful campsite is close to the quaint hillside town of Largentière and the area abounds in outdoor activities such as kayaking, rock climbing and paragliding. This fantastic site is set in the south of the Ardèche region, in the wooded grounds of an old farm and on the banks of the River Ligne.

## Useful Information

- **Swimming pool:** There are two swimming pools in total on the campsite. The first is an outdoor pool which is heated, open from mid April until mid September and suitable for all the family. This pool has an adjoining jacuzzi with massage jet beds, a two lane waterslide and a single lane water chute. The second is a children's pool which is also heated, open from mid April until mid September and suitable for toddlers. The swimming pool complex is surrounded by towering forested hills and has beautiful views. Sunloungers are provided around the pools and pretty flower pots line the water's edge. There is also a spa on the campsite which is called NaturSpa and which is open from mid April until mid September. Massages, facials and beauty treatments can be booked at the spa, and there is also a hammam, a sauna and a hydrotherapy bath. French regulations stipulate that traditional swimming trunks and not shorts must be worn in the pool.
- **Washblocks:** There are two sanitary blocks on the campsite which are both unisex. Please note that most campsites do not provide toilet paper in the wash blocks, and some campsite sanitary blocks do not have toilet seats.
- **Barbecues:** Gas and electric barbecues only are allowed on your pitch.
- **Internet access:** This is available in the campsite bar and WiFi access is available all over the site.
- **Gas bottles:** These cannot be exchanged on site.
- **Motorhome service point:** There is a motorhome service point on site.
- **Fridge hire:** Fridge hire is available on site. We would be happy to book this for you. Please contact us for more details.
- **Electricity:** There will be a 10 amp either 2 pin (a continental adapter will be required and these cannot be hired on site) or 3 pin standard European electricity connection 10m away from your pitch.
- **Dogs:** Dogs are allowed on site, but they must be kept on a lead. If you require any up to date information on taking your dog abroad, please get in touch. We would be happy to book any necessary vets appointments on your behalf.

## Campsite Activities and Entertainment

We have picked out a few things to do on site that may be of interest to you. For a full list of campsite activities, please refer to our brochure or website.

### During the day

A **gym** is available throughout the season for adults and children aged 16 years and over. Comprising rowing machines, treadmills, cross trainers and weight equipment, it is housed indoors with large arched glass windows looking out to the pool complex and surrounding hills.

**Three play areas** on the campsite comprise swings, slides, see-saws, climbing frames, bouncy castles and a skate park.

**Canoe hire** is available on the campsite from early May until mid September on the site pond. Equipment can be hired free of charge. Please note that this activity is not supervised.

**Fishing** for carp and roach is available in the river which runs through the campsite. This activity is free of charge but a permit is required and this can be purchased from the Tourist Information Office in the town of Largentière.

A **site run children's club** is available 3 – 5 times a week from mid June until late August for children aged 5 to 12 years of age. Activities typically include drawing and painting, arts and crafts, treasure hunts, sports competitions, face painting, cookery workshops and theatre productions.

For more comprehensive information about the campsite or local area **before you travel**, please feel free to contact us. We are always happy to help. Further information can also be found on our website.

call: 08448 440 440

click: [www.eurocampindependent.co.uk](http://www.eurocampindependent.co.uk)

Please be aware that in the early and late season, the complete range of activities may not be available. Any opening times are for guidance only, as these may vary and are subject to change by the campsite owner. Please check at reception on arrival.

## Food and Drink

Stone clad outbuildings with climbing rose bushes house the two beautiful restaurants on the campsite which are called Auberge Les Ranchisses and La Braserade. Auberge Les Ranchisses is open from mid April until mid September and serves local dishes in a lovely rustic setting with an authentic vaulted ceiling. La Braserade is open from early June until mid September and is a grill restaurant serving fresh meat and fish. This restaurant has a cosy bricked terrace which is gently shaded by old lime trees. Both restaurants have à la carte and children's menus available. There is also a take-away on the campsite which is open from mid April until mid September and which serves homemade wood fired pizzas, chips, salads, roast chicken, toasties and pies. The bar on site is open from mid April until mid September and is located next to the campsite reception. With an outdoor terrace overlooking the swimming pool complex and adjacent hills, it serves local and internationally branded drinks and there is a television showing local TV channels.

## Shopping

There is a reasonably sized shop on the campsite which is open from mid April until mid September and which sells supplies including milk, alcohol, sweets, juice, tinned goods, toys, toiletries, fruit and vegetables, frozen foods and fresh bread and pastries. Stamps and phone cards are also available to buy from reception and there is also a wine cellar on the campsite. The nearby town of Largentière also has a pharmacy, a post office, a petrol station, a tabac (English newspapers available) and a Carrefour supermarket.



### During the evening

Entertainment is organised six times a week from early July to late August and typically includes quiz nights, cabaret evenings, magic shows, live music and karaoke competitions. The entertainment is held in the campsite bar and is presented in both French and English. Children's discos are also held once a week during this period.

### Excursions

The campsite arranges a canoe descent of the River Ardèche three times a week from early July until late August, with transport there and back included in the price. Please ask at reception for further details. In addition, the campsite can also book climbing, canyoning, potholing and horse riding excursions for customers with local agents in the area.

## European Drivers' Kit

It's compulsory to carry certain items when driving in Europe, so we've gathered together some of the essentials you'll need in this handy pack for just £24.99 inc P&P.

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# Around & About

An elevated region in south central France, the Massif Central is geographically the oldest area in France and is a scenic landscape of beautiful lakes, extinct volcanoes and towering mountains. With fast flowing rivers cutting through limestone plateaux, the dramatic result is stupendous gorges which are popular with walking, wildlife and watersports enthusiasts.

## While you're here try...

### TRUFFADE

This thick pancake is made with thinly sliced potatoes which have been slow cooked in goose fat. Fresh Cantal cheese is then added and as the mixture is stirred it creates a thick pastry, which is finished off with a fresh parsley garnish.

### POTEE AUVERGNATE

This wintry casserole is probably the most famous dish of the region and is prepared with cabbage, carrots, potatoes, streaky bacon, pork loin and sausages. Garnished with parsley and bay leaves, it is served on its own and complemented with a light French red wine.

### ROQUEFORT

This well known cheese can only be called by its famous name, if produced in the village of Roquefort sur Souzlon in the Aveyron département. Made from sheeps milk, the cheese has blue mold running through it and is aged in warm damp caves above the town itself.

## Beaches

The campsite has direct access to a beach along the River Ligne which runs through the campsite. This beach is sandy, has a grassy hillside bank and the gently flowing river is safe for swimming.

## Where to Shop

- **Largentière.** This small town is the closest to the campsite (2km away) and has a pharmacy, a post office, a petrol station, a tabac (English newspapers available) and a Carrefour supermarket.
- **Ruoms.** A little further from the campsite (16km away), this town has an increased number of facilities including several banks (with cash points accepting most card types), a butchers, a patisserie, a boulangerie and a Super U supermarket.
- **Privas.** This capital of the Ardèche department (45km away) is famed for its chestnut production and Crème de Marrons (a chestnut spread) and Marrons Glacés (candied chestnuts) are just a couple of the specialities of the town. A local market sells chestnut flavoured pasta, bread and alcohol and there is a large chestnut roasting oven on the cobbled streets in the centre of the town.

**Local market days** (usually mornings only) are as follows:

**Monday** - Montelimar

**Tuesday** - Largentière

**Wednesday** - Joyeuse

**Thursday** - Vallon Pont d'Arc

**Friday** - Ruoms

**Saturday** - Aubenas

**Sunday** - Valaurie



Pont d'Arc and Les Gorges de l'Ardèche

Please note: Eurocamp Independent has not vetted any off site activities. Customers should undertake their own safety checks.

## Sporting Activities

- **Canyoning, rock climbing and white water rafting** – can be booked with Face Sud (Boulevard Peschaire) in Vallon Pont d'Arc to be carried out in the nearby Ardèche Gorges. Half and full day excursions are available. [www.face-sud.com](http://www.face-sud.com)
- **Horse and pony riding** – are available at the Equitation Chavetourte in St Alban sur Auriolles. Adults and children aged ten years and above can participate in half day, full day or river trekking excursions. [www.equitation-ardeche.fr](http://www.equitation-ardeche.fr)
- **Golf** – 18 hole golf course and driving range at Golf du Château de Bournet (Ferme de Bournet) in Grospièrres. No handicap required but insurance is necessary. [www.golfardeche.com](http://www.golfardeche.com)
- **Paragliding** – can be booked and carried out every day of the week with the Ecole Ardéchoise de Parapente in Les Vans. [www.ecole-parapente-france.fr](http://www.ecole-parapente-france.fr)

## Must Sees and Dos

Please see your European Guide for additional information about your local area.

### Château of Largentière – 2km

The château of Largentière is built half way up a hillside and dominates the medieval village below. It has had many uses over the years and is now owned by the City Largentière which has invested in a large renovation programme over recent years, meaning that many of the rooms inside are now open to the public throughout the summer. The village itself is charming and pretty, with narrow winding streets and alleyways with cosy cafes and bistros. [www.ardeche.com/ville-village/largentiere](http://www.ardeche.com/ville-village/largentiere)

### Balazuc – 13km

Perched high on a cliff face above the River Ardèche, this fascinating medieval village has a maze of winding streets and arched passages and an old fortress belonging to the former Lords of Balazuc. It dates back to the 9th Century and within the village there are restaurants, craft shops, gift stalls and cafes set down by the river which have terraces overlooking the valley. There is also a beach along the banks of the river here, and canoes can be hired to travel downstream to Ruoms and Vallon Pont d'Arc. [www.les-plus-beaux-villages-de-france.org/balazuc](http://www.les-plus-beaux-villages-de-france.org/balazuc)

### Ruoms – 16km

This walled medieval village dates back to the 10th Century and lies at the confluence of three rivers. Known for its wine production, the Vinimage is an interactive museum devoted to wine, local vineyards and producers and there are a number of wine cellars in the region around the town which offer guided tours and tastings. [www.ot-pays-roumois.com](http://www.ot-pays-roumois.com)

### Château of Montlaur – 19km

Set in the heart of the hillside town of Aubenas, this historical monument was inhabited from the 12th Century until the French Revolution in 1789. It now houses a wide collection of paintings, sculptured and etchings and has preserved many of its original features including the keep, the watchtowers and a Renaissance style courtyard. [www.aubenas-vals.com/chateau-daubenas](http://www.aubenas-vals.com/chateau-daubenas)

### Pont d'Arc - 21km

The Pont d'Arc is an impressive natural limestone arch which spans the width of the River Ardèche, at the entrance to the Ardèche Gorges. A popular tourist attraction, there is a sandy beach here and an ice cream shop, and it is often frequented with bathers and canoeists. The Chauvet cave which is near to the Pont d'Arc has wall paintings dating back 30,000 years and is a UNESCO world heritage site. [www.vallon-pont-darc.com](http://www.vallon-pont-darc.com)

### Aven d'Orgnac cave – 36km

The Orgnac cave extends over an area of 20 hectares and has a ceiling of over 55m making it the equivalent in height to the Niagra Falls. Open from February to November, the cave boasts impressive crystallizations and enormous stalagmites and guided tours are available. The Cité de La Préhistoire centre also tells an interactive story of the journey through 350,000 years of prehistoric life. [www.orgnac.com](http://www.orgnac.com)

### Ardèche Gorges – 37km

This 30km long canyon runs from Vallon Pont d'Arc to St Martin d'Ardèche. Attracting over one million visitors per year, this is a richly historical and archeological site which is protected and governed by the Réserve Naturelle Gorges de L'Ardèche. Much of the canyon is inaccessible except by water and so canoeing and kayaking are popular sports on the river. [www.ardeche.com/sites-naturels/gorges-ardeche](http://www.ardeche.com/sites-naturels/gorges-ardeche)

### Crocodile Farm in Pierrelatte – 65km

Open throughout the year, this 8000m<sup>2</sup> greenhouse is home to 500 crocodiles of varying species which originate in the subtropical regions of America, Africa, Australia and Asia. There are also a magnificent group of giant tortoises here which originate from the Seychelle Islands, as well as exotic birds and unusual vegetation. [www.lafermeauxcrocodiles.com](http://www.lafermeauxcrocodiles.com)

# Getting To Your Site

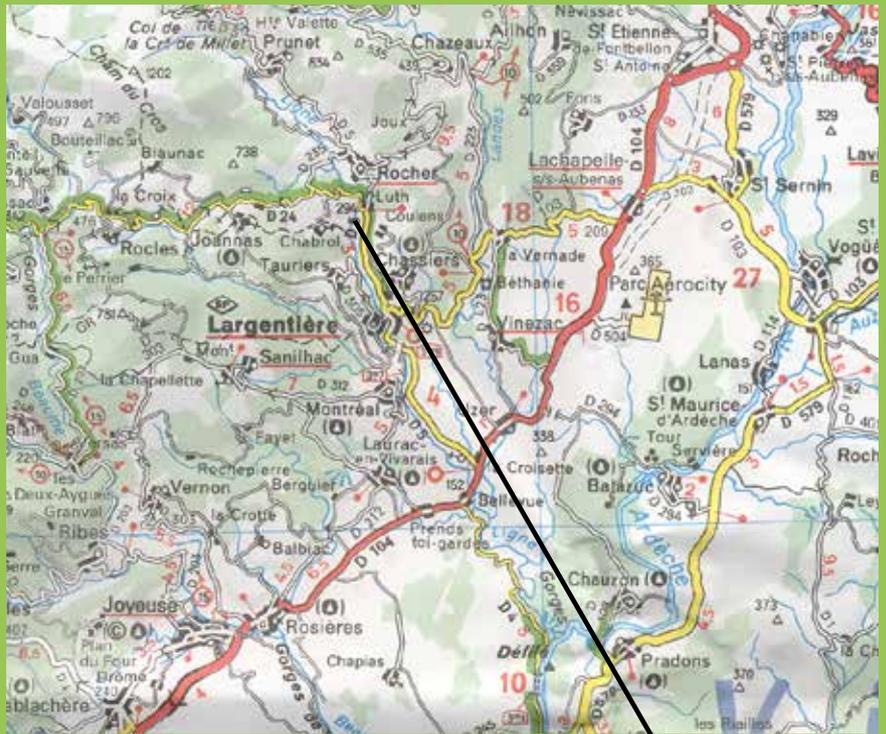
**Location** Domaine Les Ranchisses is located along the D5, 23km south west of Aubenas, 27km north west of Vallon Pont d'Arc and 37km away from the Réserve Naturelle des Gorges de L'Ardèche.

## Directions

From Lyon: Head south on the A7 toll road, and take exit 16 towards Privas / Loriol sur Drôme/ Livron sur Drôme / La Voulte sur Rhône. Continue onto the D104, pass over one roundabout and after 1.5km turn right onto Quai René Revollat / D86. Continue to follow the D86, and at the roundabout take the first exit onto Avenue Marcel Nicolas / D104. Continue to follow the D104 for 25km, and then turn left to stay on the D104. Pass over five roundabouts, and after 28km at the roundabout, take the first exit onto La Croisette / D5. The campsite is along this road after approximately 7km. From Largentière: Take the Route de Valgorge (D5) and Domaine Les Ranchisses is the first campsite on the left hand side.

## New Law re Breathalysers in France

Please be aware that a new law came in to force from 1st July 2012 that makes it COMPULSORY for all motorists in FRANCE to carry a single use breathalyser. We advise that if you are travelling to (or through) France you should carry at least two disposable breathalysers in order to comply with this new law. The breathalysers you purchase must comply to French regulations and will carry the 'French certification mark' 'NF'. These should be purchased prior to departure in the UK but can also be purchased on the ferry, in most French supermarkets, service/petrol stations or chemists. You could receive an on-the-spot fine if you cannot produce this product when asked.



**GPS co ordinates:**  
**44.561273 / 4.286191 (lat./long.)**

Campsite location

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the GPS coordinates provided, we strongly advise you cross-reference your end destination with the map above and the campsite address before you commence your journey.



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## Key Dates

### French Public (Bank) Holidays 2015

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday (Vendredi Saint)  
Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday (Pâques)  
Monday 6th April - Easter Monday (Lundi de Pâques)  
Friday 1st May - Labour Day (Fête du Travail)  
Friday 8th May - Victory Day (Fête de La Victoire)  
Thursday 14th May - Ascension Day (Ascension Catholique)  
Sunday 24th May - Whit Sunday (Pentecôte)  
Monday 25th May - Whit Monday (Lundi de Pentecôte)  
Tuesday 14th July - Bastille Day (Fête Nationale)  
Saturday 15th August - Assumption of Mary (Assomption)

French organisations and businesses close on public holidays. Although some shopping centres and grocers open for part of the day, the majority of shops do not. Police stations and hospitals do not close. When a public holiday falls on a Thursday or Tuesday, it is common practice to "make the bridge" (faire le pont) by taking off the Friday or Monday so creating a very long weekend.

## Handy Hints and Tips

**Shop Opening & Closing** - The classic French shopping days are Monday to Saturday, with shops generally open from 9 a.m. to Midday, and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Stores generally close on Sundays.

Please Note - Although some larger stores or those in popular tourist areas may remain open at lunchtimes and Sundays, this is optional and not guaranteed.

**Dialling Codes** - If dialling the UK use 00 44 and drop the first 0 from the dialling code If dialling The Republic of Ireland use 00 353 and drop the first 0 from the dialling code

## Tourist Information Office

Office de Tourisme, 8 Rue Camille Vielfaure, 07110, Largentière.  
Tel: 0033 475 893 330.

Every effort has been made to ensure the information provided in this guide, to the best of our knowledge, is both helpful and correct at the time of going to press.

## Important Information

**Car breakdown** - Please note that in the event of breakdown all customers insured through Eurocamp Independent should consult their Insurance Terms and Conditions booklet. Couriers on site will have information of local garages.

Due to recent European legislation it is now a requirement when driving in Europe that all cars need to carry a reflective jacket at all times. These reflective jackets can be purchased almost everywhere in Europe for approx 8 to 15 Euros each.

**Personal Injury** The chances of you and your family either having an accident or becoming the victims of crime whilst on holiday are extremely low. However, you should encourage the members of your party to take the same sensible precautions that they would do at home.

Try to avoid walking alone at night, and keep to well-lit main roads where possible. You should try to avoid short cuts like alleyways, waste ground and wooded, bushy areas. Stay alert: be aware of what's going on around you.

It is always worth letting someone know where you are going, the route you intend to take and when you expect to return.

We want you to have a safe holiday - please read campsite notices carefully and ensure all members of your party understand the rules and regulations as they are there for your own safety.

## Emergency Information

**Emergencies.** In the event of an emergency please contact the main campsite reception for details of local emergency services.

Doctors	Largentière	0033 475 391 212
Dentist	Largentière	0033 475 391 083
Hospital	Aubenas	0033 475 356 060
Vet	Rosières	0033 475 891 740