



Gourgé 79200, France
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HOUSE GUIDE

The main house at Le Parc has been partially refreshed with some parts still unfinished but offering a good basic standard of accommodation. The main house has 6 x bedrooms, 4 x bathrooms (3 en-suite, 1 shared) and is largely accessible for our guests. Anything that's locked is yet to be refurbished and made safe for visitors, or is currently being used to store equipment.

The guest house (Le Pavillon) has recently been completely renovated and contains 2 x further bedrooms (one with en suite), a separate bathroom and a games room/summer kitchen with pool table, table football and various board games.

The new 5 x 12m saltwater pool was installed in 2024, as previously mentioned the pool is unheated.

We attend the property Wednesday mornings for pool/grounds maintenance which we try to do as discreetly as possible.

CHECK IN

- Check-in is from 16:00
- Map with exact house location - <https://goo.gl/maps/7FjRH52EP24HtWm7>
- Le Parc is one of only two houses on the road 'Le Parc' just outside Gourgé.
- There's private parking spaces for 5 cars inside the property. It's also possible to park outside on the lane.
- Keys are kept in a wall-mounted lockbox, beside the side door to the garage. Lockbox location and directions below on page 4. The lockbox contains 2 x keys to the **back** door, 2 x keys to the gate chain-lock and 2 x keys for the guest house (Le Pavillon). We recommend larger groups leave a set of keys in the lockbox if you go out.
- The code to the lockbox is currently 1979. Please do not leave any codes visible.

CHECK OUT

- Check out is 10.00, including all baggage.
- Please bolt the front door and door to the pool area from the **inside** and then leave via the dining room door (the only door which locks from the outside)
- Please put the door keys back in the wall-mounted lockbox and check the lockbox is closed and locked before leaving.
- Please leave Le Parc as you found it. Please strip the beds and leave any used towels in the bathrooms.

Transport and neighbourhood

- ✈️ - nearest airport is in Poitiers - 50 minutes drive.. Nantes, Tours and La Rochelle are also served by Ryanair and are 90 minutes drive..
- 🚢 - Calais is 6 hours drive.. Saint Malo and the Normandy ferries are approx 4 hours..
- 🚆 - Poitiers has hi-speed train connections with Paris in just over 1 hour. .
- 🚗 - taxi services are available in Parthenay and can be booked online here - www.montransport.com/en/directory/taxi-minivan/deux-sevres/parthenay/index.html

Shopping, markets and restaurants

- Airvault is a 12 minute drive and has an Intermarché supermarket. Parthenay is 15 minutes away and has a range of hypermarchés including E Leclerc, Lidl and Hyper U.
- It's possible to arrange grocery deliveries from all the main supermarkets via the following links -
 - o Intermarché - <https://www.intermarche.com/magasins/09764/Airvault-79600/infos-pratiques>
 - o Hyper U - <https://www.coursesu.com/drive-hyperu-parthenay>
 - o Leclerc - <https://www.leclercdrive.fr/>
- Bakeries -
 - o [Boulangerie La Romaine](#) - excellent bakery in Airvault.
 - o [La Carte](#) - large boulangerie and chocolatier just outside Parthenay. Huge ranges of breads and pastries.
- There are weekly markets in the area including Wednesday mornings in Parthenay, Saturdays in Airvault and Sundays in Saint Loup and Thénézay, details here - www.marketsinfrance.com/french-market-day/79-market-day-deux-sevres.php
- You can also find details of local flea-market (vide-greniers) here - www.vide-greniers.org/79-Deux-Sevres
- Eating out – some recommendations:
 - o [La Petite Marmite](#) - local restaurant, bar & bread depot in Gourgé, just 10 mins walk from Le Parc!
 - o [Beun'aise](#) - outdoor “guinguette” bar and restaurant serving a range of excellent tapas-style dishes and local wines and beers.
 - o [Le 12 Restaurant](#) - stylish restaurant in Airvault with a focus on local produce.
 - o [Le Bistrot Du Vieux Relais](#) - bar and restaurant in Airvault.
 - o [Pizzeria L'Espresso](#) - pizzeria in Saint Loup, gets very busy so best to book!
 - o [Le Sentier Des Saveurs](#) - excellent French restaurant in Parthenay.
 - o [La Citadelle](#) - casual restaurant in Parthenay
 - o [Hakuna Matata](#)- pizzeria in nearby Lhoumois, open Thurs-Sun for takeaway.

Emergencies and contact info

- You should find all the information you need on this page. If you need any additional info or in case of an emergency you can reach me on +33 7 49 64 90 82

Wifi and utilities

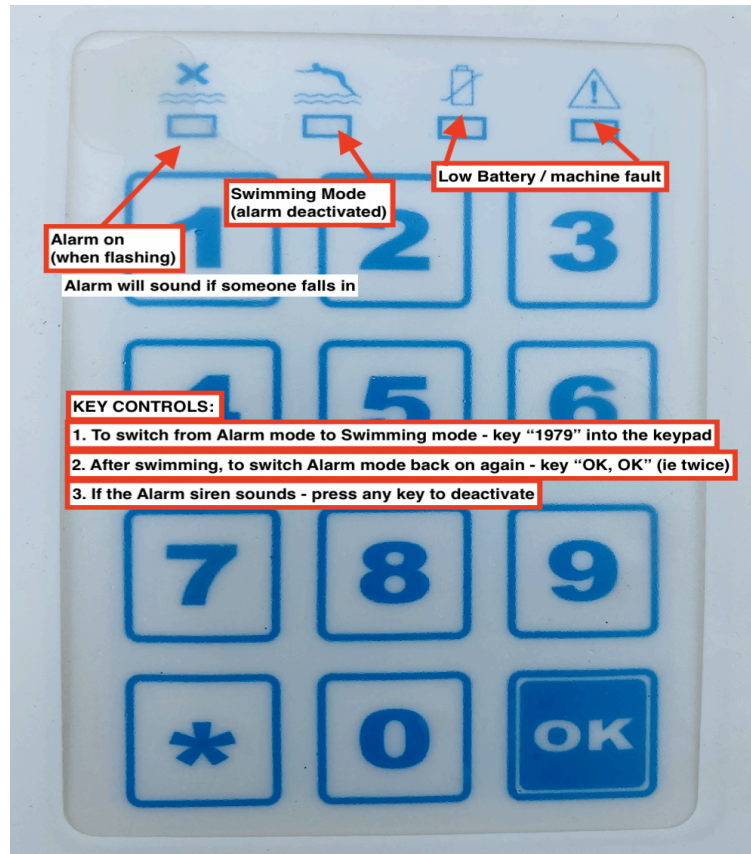
- There are 3 Wifi networks around the property, they all have the same password - **LeParc2026**
- Heating & hot water –
 - o Hot water runs constantly, please take care when using it as it can get very hot, especially from the kitchen tap!
 - o The central heating is currently switched off for the summer.

- The wood burners in the living and dining rooms aren't currently safe to use.
- Waste water notes – both houses are connected to a septic tank. Please **do not flush anything other than waste paper down the toilet.**
- Washing machine notes: the machine is in the utility area off the downstairs living room. Select the desired programme and press start. The water in the area is quite hard, so we've provided fabric softeners for our guest's use. There's a washing line between the pool and stables area.
- TV instructions: there's a large Samsung smart TV in the upstairs living room with Netflix, Disney + etc and French channels.
- Coffee machine instructions: please feel free to use our Sage Barista coffee machine in the kitchen. Before you use it make sure the water tank to the rear is full and that there are beans in the grinder. If there are beans in the fridge feel free to use them -
 - Coffee machine operating instruction video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAIG3ByKN5c> (watch from 2:15 onwards)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSpA8Ojp-qU> more in-depth!
 - The manual can be found here - <https://www.sageappliances.com/content/dam/breville/uk/assets/miscellaneous/instruction-on-manual/espresso/BES990-instruction-manual.pdf>
 - To clean milk from the steamer please first soak the nozzle in a jug of hot water then wipe off, please don't try to use steel wool etc.
- Dishwasher instructions: there are tablets in the cupboard next to the dishwasher.. Put a tablet into the dispenser on the inner door and close the dispenser and the door.



- Waste/recycling: There are two wheelie bins outside the property which are collected every two weeks from the end of the road (near our neighbours house)
 - Yellow (recycling bins) - use for paper, cardboard, tins, plastic bottles, cartons
 - Black (General Waste) - in black bags (located in the kitchen cupboard)
- Glass is not currently collected by the recycling team, but there's a glass recycling area in Gourgé (map at the bottom)
- **Le Pavillon -**
 - Le Pavillon is a recently renovated 18th century guest house, around 30 metres behind the main house. We've retained many of the original doors, some of which are smaller than normal door height - taller people should pls take care when entering the downstairs bedroom/bathroom area or upstairs Snug!
 - It contains 2 x further bedrooms (1 x en suite), a small snug/upstairs living room, a family bathroom and a summer kitchen and games room with an outdoor wooden deck and picnic bench.
 - Keys for the guest house are in the lockbox, please take care not to lose these or the glass door keys.
- **Swimming pool:** new saltwater pool was installed in Spring 2024-
 - The pool is 5 x 12m and is unheated
 - It has a shallow end of 1.2m which then slopes down to 2.2m in the deep end.
 - Please use the decking area for sunbathing and entering/exiting the pool.

- o It has an alarm fitted to the side of the pool, the alarm will sound if anyone falls into the pool. Diagram with instructions below. Guests are responsible for activating/deactivating the alarm.
- o Please enter the pool from the wooden decking and take care not to bring mud/stones into the pool which can risk tearing the liner.
- o Similarly, no footwear is allowed in the pool and please don't bring glasses/bottles near the pool area.
- o Pool jets, skimmers and the pool lights remain on.
- o Please help us keep the pool clean by using the net to remove any leaves or floating debris.
- o Please notify us immediately if there are any issues with the pool.

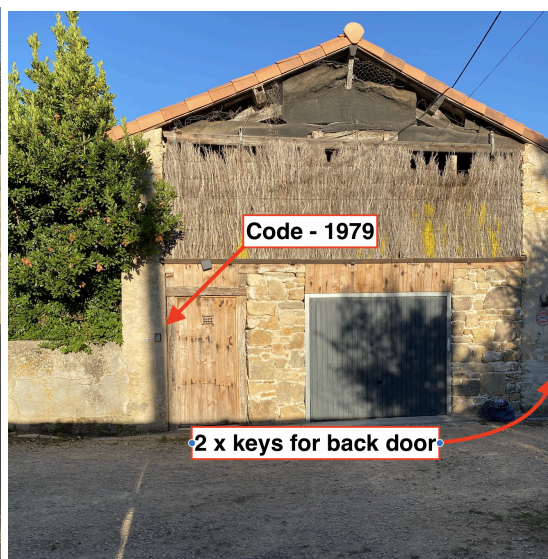


- Kids
 - o Travel cot and highchair are available and can be left out on request.
 - o Kids plates/cutlery located in a sealed plastic container in the back kitchen cupboard.
 - o Please take care with children exploring the outbuildings and stables and - these buildings are un-renovated.
- Pets
 - o Dog bowls are located in the kitchen cupboard.
 - o Please clean up after your dog and keep them off furniture.
 - o There are working farms in the area as well as deer, cats and grass snakes in the woodland, so please take care when walking your dog.
- Garden & grounds -
 - o There's an outdoor lounge, dining and BBQ set-up at the rear of the property. There's a large table with seating for up to 16.
 - o In addition there is a large round table with 8 chairs set up for dining on the front terrace. We also have a picnic bench with seating for 12 next to the main pool area.
 - o We have a gas BBQ which guests are welcome to use, please clean after use. Please do not use disposable coal BBQs anywhere on the property due to fire risk.
 - o Please also feel free to use the hammock, badminton set and ping-pong table which are set up around the grounds.
 - o There's a small pond at the front of the property home to frogs and some coypu - please take care with children and dogs around here.
 - o Please take care around the wood store and stables - these are largely only in use in the winter months, there's currently loose wood, timber and building materials stored here.
 - o Please only smoke outside and clean up your cigarette butts.

- General Rules
 - Please respect the quiet hours 11pm-7am. We're not licensed to host parties or events.
 - Please do not enter the locked/unrenovated parts of the main house or out buildings.
 - Please don't light fires or fireworks on the land at any time, including disposable BBQs etc.
 - Keep dogs under control at all times when you're out and about – on leads where appropriate. Farmers don't take kindly to dogs frightening livestock. Le Parc is fenced and safe for dogs.

USEFUL INFO

Lockbox location



BINS & RECYCLING

