

De cache en cache,  
testez votre sens de l'orientation



Découvrez la ville autrement  
avec le **GEOCACHING**

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## What is Geocaching?

**Geocaching** is a modern-day treasure hunt. This completely FREE activity emerged in the United States in the 2000s.

The idea is simple. People have hidden various objects in containers known as “**caches**” and your aim is to find them with the help of a **GPS**!

There are now more than 2.6 million caches all over the world and over 5 million **geocachers**.



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## How do we play?

1. Sign up on [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)
2. Arm yourself with a **GPS or smartphone** and, on the device, download a dedicated **application** such as “geocaching” in AppStore (the free version should suffice) or “c:geo” (for Android only).
3. Before you go in search of adventure, make sure you have a **pencil** with you! It'll come in handy when you make your discovery.
4. **Choose a cache** that's nearby and let the GPS guide you.
5. While searching for the cache, make sure you **keep a low profile**.
6. If the cache contains **any objects**, you may take one (and only one) if you leave in exchange one of your own items of equivalent or higher value. If this is your first time, avoid taking the objects marked “Trackable at geocaching.com”. These belong to the game and have certain rules attached to their use, so please do not keep them.
7. Don't forget to indicate your visit in the **logbook**, in which you'll enter your name and the date.
8. Last but not least, **share your experience** on [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

## What should we bring?

- GPS or smartphone
- Pencil
- Logbook to note down clues
- Small objects to swap, postcards
- Camera
- Bottle of water, suncream, sunhat, depending on the weather... you'll be walking!

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# CHOLET



# NATURE TRAIL

The 13.5 km **nature trail** proposed by the Tourist Office is numbered from **1** to **30**



**Traditional cache** The GPS coordinates simply indicate the position of the cache



**Multi-cache**  
At the first cache you'll find an indication as to the location of the second cache, and so on until you obtain the GPS coordinates of the final cache.



**Letter-box**  
A cache containing a stamp and ink pad which stay in the box so that others can use them to record their visit.



## The geocache

GC CODE: "Geocache Code"



Each cache has its own unique code so that it can be identified among the millions of caches that exist. There are different types of cache, three of which are used in Cholet.

Don't be surprised to find that the caches generally contain only very small items with no real value.

CACHE DIFFICULTY LEVEL(marked D in the table)

- 1 - **Easy**: easily found in just a few minutes
- 2 - **Average**: generally found within half an hour
- 3 - **Difficult**: may take at least an hour to find

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TERRAIN DIFFICULTY LEVEL(marked T in the table)



































- 1 - Flat terrain and **easy access**
- 2 - **Fairly easy** trail or path, with no long steep slopes

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SIZE

- Micro**: no bigger than a photo film container
- Small**: size of a small "Tupperware"-type plastic container
- Normal**: shoebox size
- Large**: bigger than a 20L tin of paint



#	GC	Type	Name	Coordinates	Level of difficulty of cache and terrain	Size	Hint
1	GC55M49		CHOLET-1 La Moine	N 47° 03.356 W 000° 52.679	D2 / T1.5		Panel
2	GC55M4Y		CHOLET-2 Le Parc de Moine	N 47° 03.133 W 000° 52.504	D2 / T1.5		Below
2 bis	GC5DAWN		CHOLET- 2 bis Le Parc de Moine	N 47° 03.338 W 000° 52.611	D2.5/ T2		X
Stage 1:	<b>CAR PARK ENTRANCE</b>			N 47° 03.338 W 000° 52.611			
	Number of seats - Number of No-entry signs = A					A=.....	
Stage 2:	<b>THE CHILD-FRIENDLY TOWN</b>			N 47° 03.184 W 000° 52.502			
	Number of wheels on the drawing = B. [remember how many footbridges]					B=.....	
Stage 3:	<b>THE BOULES PITCH</b>			N 47° 03.286 W 000° 52.590			
	Number of seats + Number of footbridges in the park = C					C=.....	
Stage 4:	<b>THE GARDENS OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS</b>			N 47° 03.286 W 000° 52.590			
	On the panel with a black penguin: number at the bottom - number at the top = D					D=.....	
Stage 5:	<b>THE INSECT HOTEL</b>			N 47° 03.158 W 000° 52.553			
	The number of the bee and solitary wasp = E					E=.....	
Stage 6:	<b>THE PETIT THEATRE</b>			N 47° 03.117 W 000° 52.486			
	Number of beams - (Number of windows + Number of doors) = F					F=.....	
Stage 7:	<b>THE POLLEN INDICATOR</b>			N 47° 03.081 W 000° 52.476			
	1 <sup>st</sup> month in which pollen is released by the mugwort ( <i>artemisia vulgaris</i> ) - allergy risk factor of the common wild oat ( <i>avena fatua</i> )					G=.....	
Stage 8:	<b>STADIUM ENTRANCE</b>			N 47° 03.040 W 000° 52.465			
	Number of circular panels = H					H=.....	
Stage 9:	<b>BEFORE PASSAGE CHOLET</b>			N 47° 03.002 W 000° 52.436			
	Number of letters in the first line on the sign = I					I=.....	
Stage 10:	<b>THE JARDIN CHAMPETRE</b>			N 47° 02.994 W 000° 52.397			
	Number of tools in the picture = J					J=.....	
Final cache	GPS coordinates: N47°AB.CDE W000°FG.HIJ						
3	GC557E7		CHOLET-3 Le long de la Moine	N 47° 02.908 W 000° 52.281	D1.5 / T1.5		Exotic fruit
4	GC5TXN4		CHOLET-4 Un beau chêne	N 47° 02.775 W 000° 51.833	D1.5 / T1.5		Hazlenut tree
5	GC5TXT4		CHOLET-5 Une carte en chemin	N 47° 02.594 W 000° 51.853	D1 / T1.5		In the hollow
6	GC5T2G4		CHOLET-6 Ville sportive	N 47° 02.505 W 000° 51.804	D1.5 / T1.5		must have got lost
7	GC557EP		CHOLET-7 Crue record	N 47° 02.402 W 000° 51.768	D2 / T1.5		Panel
8	GC557EW		CHOLET-8 Uranus	N 47° 02.259 W 000° 51.710	D2 / T1		Magnet
9	GC5XAFY		CHOLET-9 Bambous	N 47° 02.151 W 000° 51.603	D2.5 / T2		1.8 metres away
10	GC5XAG9		CHOLET-10 Carrefour VTT-piétons	N 47° 02.004 W 000° 51.386	D1.5 / T1.5		Panel
11	GC5XC5Y		CHOLET-11 Haie plessée	N 47° 01.977 W 000° 51.156	D2.5 / T1.5		Panel + Before leaving, please replace at least 7 beads on each side.

#	GC	Type	Name	Coordinates	Level of difficulty of cache and terrain	Size	Hint
12	GC5Y4RM		CHOLET-12 En chemin vers le lac	N 47° 01.884 W 000° 51.032	D2 / T1.5		Stone
13	GC5Y4T4		CHOLET-13 Bientôt au lac	N 47° 01.854 W 000° 50.877	D2 / T1.5		at the foot
14	GC5XC79		CHOLET-14 Souche et prairie	N 47° 01.768 W 000° 50.831	D1.5 / T1.5		Stump
15	GC5XC7M		CHOLET-15 Centre équestre	N 47° 01.596 W 000° 50.866	D2 / T1		Gate
16	GC5XC7V		CHOLET-16 Le barrage de Ribou	N 47° 01.501 W 000° 50.892	D2 / T2		Log
17	GC5Y183		CHOLET-17 Ferme fortifiée de Ribou	N 47° 01.878 W 000° 50.706	D2 / T1.5		At the foot of the tree
18	GC5XC9N		CHOLET-18 En chemin	N 47° 01.972 W 000° 50.564	D2 / T1.5		Between the lake and the wind turbine
19	GC5XCB6		CHOLET-19 Coin sauvage	N 47° 02.143 W 000° 50.345	D2 / T2		At eye level... that is, my eye level :)
20	GC5M3PX		CHOLET-20 Le chêne de la Goubaudière	N 47° 02.347 W 000° 50.172	D1.5 / T1.5		At the foot of another tree
21	GC5XCC6		CHOLET-21 Le long du camping	N 47° 02.063 W 000° 50.525	D1 / T1.5		at an adult's eye level
22	GC5XHHX		CHOLET-22 L'allée des châtaigniers	N 47° 02.151 W 000° 50.697	D1.5 / T1.5		Magnet
23	GC5XHJE		CHOLET-23 Simple multi	Departure point: N 47° 02.262' W 000° 50.742' A plant species is mentioned on one of the panels. How many vowels does it have? = A The final coordinates are: N47 02.(Ax100 + AxAx30 + 3xA) W00 50.(500 + Ax100 + Ax6x7)	D1.5 / T1.5		Magnet
24	GC5XHJX		CHOLET-24 Dans le bocage	N 47° 02.411 W 000° 50.987	D1.5 / T1.5		Stump + find the right one
25	GC5XHNG		CHOLET-25 Parc du menhir et jardins familiaux	N 47° 02.639 W 000° 51.035	D2 / T1.5		At 1.5 metres
26	GC5XHNT		CHOLET-26 Le Parc du Menhir	N 47° 02.637 W 000° 51.288	D2 / T2		Hands up!
27	GC5XHNZ		CHOLET-27 Un classique	N 47° 02.829 W 000° 51.414	D1.5 / T1		Compulsory route for pedestrians
28	GC5XHP6		CHOLET-28 Rue des Ecureuils	N 47° 02.850 W 000° 51.655	D2 / T1		Panel
29	GC5XHPH		CHOLET-29 L'Université	N 47° 02.937 W 000° 51.867	D1 / T1.5		Tree





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# LA RIBOU'CLE

The 11 km **Ribou'cle** proposed by the Tourist Office is numbered from 1 to 29

To go around the lake, complete with the 8 nature trail caches (CHOLET - from 14 to 21).



**Traditional cache**

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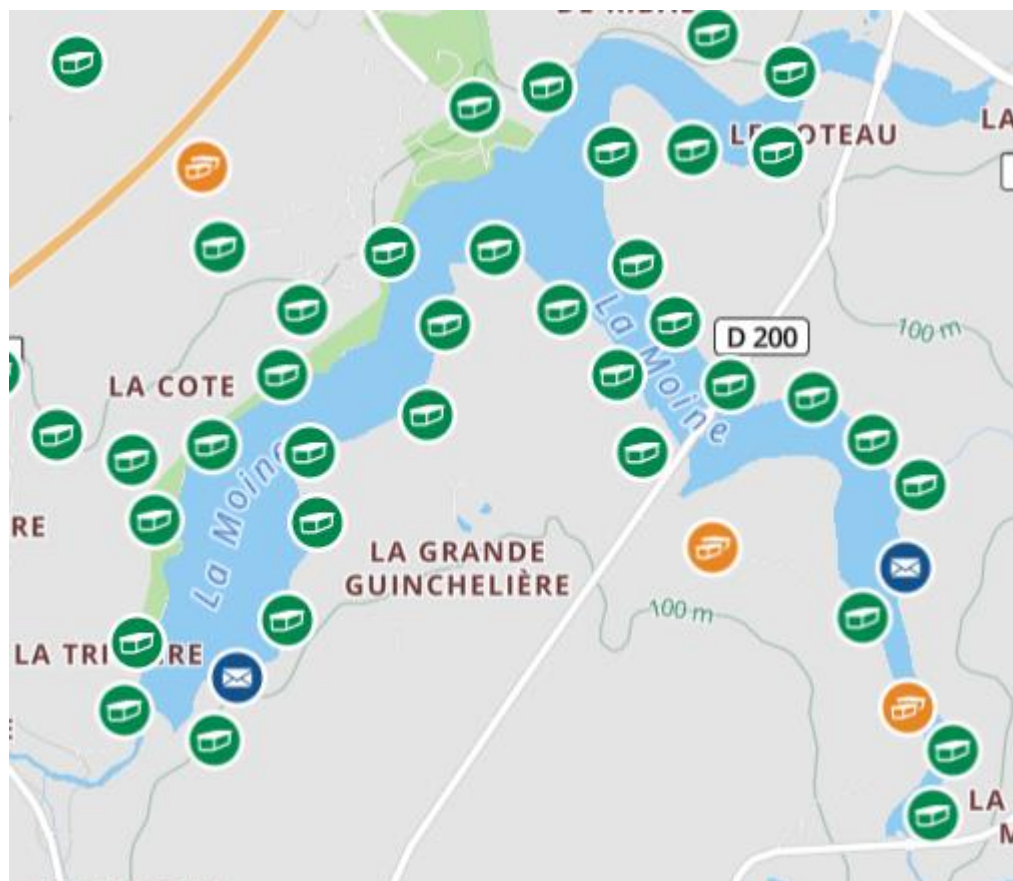
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**Letter-box**

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	GC	Type	Nom	Coordonnées	Difficulté de la cache et du Terrain	Taille	Indice (Hint)
1	GC8JH8V		#01 - Ribou'cle - Barrage de Ribou	N 47° 01.460 W 000° 50.706	D1.5 / T1.5		Do not fall it
2	GC8JH8Z		#02 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 01.546 W 000° 50.661	D1.5 / T2		Strain
3	GC8JH94		#03 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 01.628 W 000° 50.557	D1.5 / T1.5		At the foot of the post
4	GC8JH9A		#04 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 01.766 W 000° 50.492	D1.5 / T1.5		Barrier, 30 cm from the ground
5	GC8JHAY		#05 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 01.862 W 000° 50.511	D1.5 / T1.5		Markup
6	GC8JHAZ		#06 - Ribou'cle Les Guinchelières	N 47° 01.915 W 000° 50.269	D1.5 / T1.5		At the foot of the oak
7	GC8JHB3		#07 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 02.042 W 000° 50.231	D1.5 / T2		Railway tie
8	GC8JHB9		#08 - Ribou'cle Les zones humides	N 47° 02.147 W 000° 50.129	D1.5 / T1.5		Below
9	GC8JHBJ		#09 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 02.062 W 000° 49.987	D1.5 / T1.5		Barrier + Before leaving again, please replace at least 12 balls on each side.

	GC	Type	Nom	Coordonnées	Difficulté de la cache et du Terrain	Taille	Indice (Hint)
10	GC8JHBQ		#10 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 01.973 W 000° 49.874	D1.5 / T1.5		below, 2nd board
11	GC8JHC0		#11 - Ribou'cle Parking de la Tortière	N 47° 01.862 W 000° 49.823	D1.5 / T1.5		Symmetry
12	GC8JHC6		#12 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 01.729 W 000° 49.683	D1.5 / T1.5		Stage 1: Absolute defense / Final: magnetic
Stage 1	Stage N 47° 01.729 W 000° 49.683 What is the number shown under "Absolute Defense" ? The number = A  A=.....						
Final Stage	The final coordinates are : N 47° 1.A06 W 0° 49.5A0						
13	GC8JHCA		#13 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 01.633 W 000° 49.371	D1.5 / T1.5		Stump at the foot of the tree in Y
14	GC8JHCE		#14 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 01.506 W 000° 49.281	D2 / T2		At the foot
Etape 1	Stage N 47° 01.506 W 000° 49.281 Which piece do you play following the score? If it is about Bateau sur l'eau, so A=3, Au clair de la Lune, so A= 5, Vive le vent so A = 7.  A=.....						
Cache finale	The final coordinates are: N 47° 1.(Ax2+500)' W 000° 49.(274+A)						
15	GC8JHCJ		#15 - Ribou'cle Menhir de la Grande Moinie	N 47° 01.355 W 000° 49.225	D1.5 / T2		Upside down
16	GC8JHCW		#16 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 01.445 W 000° 49.187	D1.5 / T1.5		Capped at the people
17	GC8JHCY		#17 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 01.702 W 000° 49.283	D2 / T2		Below, at the 20 <sup>th</sup> plank, water side
18	GC8JHCZ		#18 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 01.819 W 000° 49.251	D1.5 / T1.5		Vertical post, 70 cm high
19	GC8JHD1		#19 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 01.880 W 000° 49.353	D1.5 / T1.5		Log
20	GC8JHD4		#20 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 01.942 W 000° 49.477	D1.5 / T2		At the foot of the oak, "Une souris verte..."
21	GC8JHD6		#21 - Ribou'cle La Moine	N 47° 01.959 W 000° 49.645	D1.5 / T1.5		At the foot, "Petit Poucet"
22	GC8JHDB		#22 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 02.045 W 000° 49.757	D1.5 / T2		In the tree
23	GC8JHDH		#23 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 02.126 W 000° 49.835	D2 / T2		In the hollow, go up, 681
24	GC8JHDQ		#24 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 02.284 W 000° 49.887	D1.5 / T2		Prohibited, magnetic
25	GC8K6JE		#25 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 02.288 W 000° 49.722	D1.5 / T1.5		In back
26	GC8K6JN		#26 - Ribou'cle - Eco-pâturage	N 47° 02.285 W 000° 49.545	D1.5 / T1.5		Below
27	GC8JHEE		#27 - Ribou'cle Viaduc	N 47° 02.397 W 000° 49.521	D2 / T1.5		S on the ground, ... versa
28	GC8JHED		#28 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 02.450 W 000° 49.683	D1.5 / T1.5		Barrier, think
29	GC8V68F		#29 - Ribou'cle	N 47° 02.376 W 000° 50.022	D1.5 / T2		Rusty bracket

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## CITY CIRCUIT

The **city circuit** is proposed by the Tourist Office.

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 **Multi-cache**

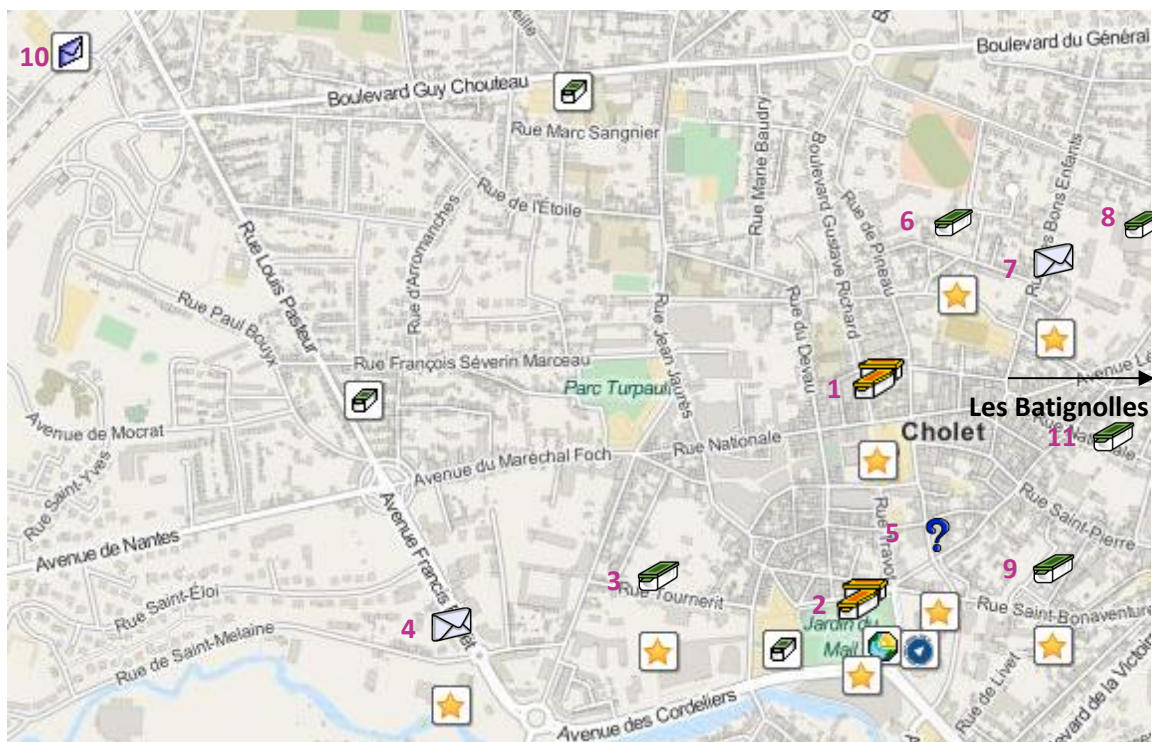
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










 **Mystery cache**



To find it, you'll have to solve the enigmas to work out the GPS coordinates.



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1	GC66MZ		CHOLET- Promenade urbaine	N 47° 03.505 W 000° 52.848	D1.5 / T1		Post
Stage 1:	<b>ART &amp; HISTORY MUSEUM (1993)</b> N 47° 03.505 W 000° 52.848 Daniel Buren is the creator of the glass roof of the Art & History Museum. Count the blue squares. This gives you the number for A					 A=.....	
Stage 2:	<b>FORMER RUE DU COMMERCE (18th century)</b> N 47° 03.625 W 000° 52.890 What can you see on the ground outside the house at number 21? Feathers B = 0 - Buttons B = 1 - Handkerchiefs B = 2					 B=.....	
Stage 3:	<b>WEATHER VANE TREE</b> N 47° 03.626 W 000° 52.957 In what year did Roland Garros win the Anjou circuit? This gives you the number for C.					 C=.....	
Stage 4:	<b>HOTEL URBAIN GUY (18th century)</b> N 47° 03.653 W 000° 53.017 Like most of Cholet's 18th-century private mansions, this one was built beyond the walls. How many metres were there between the door and the square named Place Bretonnaise? This gives you the number for D.					 D=.....	
Stage 5:	<b>HOTEL THARREAU / SUBPREFECTURE (1815)</b> N 47° 03.684 W 000° 53.072 Between 1796 and 1808, several Cholet merchants formed an association which obtained a loan from the Directoire in order to relaunch the textile business in the aftermath of the Revolution. What was the name of that society? The number in the answer is equivalent to E.					 E=.....	
Stage 6:	<b>TURPAULT PARK</b> N 47° 03.765 W 000° 53.201 Sit on the seat. On the ancient tree on the left, count the branches that are less than 3 metres above the ground. This gives you the number for F.					 F=.....	
Final cache	<b>N 47° (B+2) . (Ax100 + Ax10 + D/4)</b> <b>O 000° [(Sum of the numbers in answer C) + D + 20] . (Bx100 + Fx10 + 2xE + A)</b> Coordinates: N 47° .....O000° .....						



#	GC	Type	Name	Coordinates	Level of difficulty of cache and terrain	Size	Hint
1	GC66MMD		CHOLET- Promenade urbaine itinéraire bis	N 47° 03.696 W 000° 52.827	D1.5 / T1		Look at the opening times.
Stage 1	<b>FORMER MUNICIPAL THEATRE (1884-1886)</b>			N 47° 03.696 W 000° 52.827			
	The sculptures on the wings of the facade were inspired by great names in French drama. Count the letters of the famous character on the far left-hand side. This gives you the number for V.  V=.....						
Stage 2	<b>PLACE ROUGÉ (18th century)- ARCADES ROUGE LIBRARY</b>			N 47° 03.690 W 000° 52.882			
	Count the shelves in the 4th column from the left (the narrowest). This gives you the number for W.  W=.....						
Stage 3	<b>"GRENIER A SEL" (SALT STORE) TOWER (16th century)</b>			N 47° 03.637 W 000° 52.843			
	In which year did the Marquis of Cholet, René François de Broon, live here? This gives you the number for X.  X=.....						
Stage 4	<b>JARDIN DU MAIL GATE</b>			N 47° 03.572 W 000° 52.880			
	At the end of which century did the Lebreton family trade in textiles? This gives you the number for Y.  Y=.....						
Stage 5	<b>MENHIR DE LA GARDE JARDIN DU MAIL</b>			N 47° 03.533 W 000° 52.816			
	Where can you see the pig's snout? On the menhir, Z=1, On the gargoyle plant container, Z=0.  Z=.....						
Final cache	N47°0(W-Y) . (V x W + 323) W 000°(42 + Y + Z - V) . (X - 892) Coordinates: N°47.....O000..... The code to the combination lock is ZZV						
2	GC66MMP		CHOLET- Théâtre Saint Louis	N 47° 03.466' W 000° 53.095	D1.5 / T2		Cepex
3	GC5M3R3		CHOLET- Théâtre Régional des Pays de la Loire	N 47° 03.480 W 000° 53.377	D1.5 / T1		Cholet Tourist Office
4	GC66MNV		Commune du Maine et Loire : CHOLET	N 47° 03.562 W 000° 52.748	D1.5 / T1.5		The tallest to the left of the pink door.
5	GC6BJCK		CHOLET : Vue sur les églises de Notre Dame et Saint Pierre	N 47° 03.841 W 000° 52.723	D1.5 / T1		In the wall, near the holly
6	GC557G8		CHOLET - Docteur Coignard	N 47° 0.810 W 000° 52.596	D1.5 / T1		Twenty/ The key is underneath
7	GC6RM62		CHOLET - Eglise Saint-Pierre	N 47° 03.669 W 000° 52.462	D1.5 / T1.5		White trapdoor
8	GC6AADE		CHOLET- Maison des tisserands	N 47° 03.532 W 000° 52.600	D1.5 / T1.5		Green shutter
9	GC6GF52		CHOLET- Musée du Textile et de la Mode	N 47° 04.054 W 000° 53.869	D1 / T1.5		The key is in the adjacent post
10	GC557G1		CHOLET - Les Batignolles	N 47° 03.504 W 000° 51.460	D1.5 / T1.5		Behind the red container Code: 550
11	GC7PTJZ		CHOLET - Coup de pompe au Pôle cycliste	N 47° 03.517 W 000° 53.941	D1.5 / T1.5		Use the accessory
Stage 1	<b>Look for the filler</b>			N 47° 03.517 W 000° 53.966			
Stage 2	<b>The little bicycle is hiding</b>			N ..° . . . . W ...° . . . .			
Final stage	<b>Sudden fatigue!</b>			N ..° . . . . W ...° . . . .			

#	GC	Type	Name	Coordinates	Level of difficulty of cache and terrain	Size	Hint
12	GC82RHW		La boîte à bonheur... XXL	N 47° 04.460 W 000° 50.110	D1.5 / T2		No clues

## Tips:

- When you find a cache, please be discreet so as not to reveal its location. Sometimes caches are moved, broken or taken away by people who know nothing about geocaching. To avoid this happening, you may sometimes have to postpone your search until a little later.
- Whether you're in a public space, private property or natural site, please behave responsibly and leave everything in an appropriate state of cleanliness.
- Do not move the cache.
- Do not place any dangerous objects or perishable items in the cache.



## You can also play...

...all over the Cholet Conurbation region.  
Find out more on [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)!



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