

Directions to La Pierre Blanche

6 route de la Fontaine

L'Epinoux

17510 Néré

From the South (Bordeaux)

Exit the A10 at Junction 34, St. Jean D'Angely/Cognac.

Follow the signs to Cognac/Angoulême at the first roundabout.

Go straight ahead at the next two roundabouts.

Approx 7km from the A10 you will cross the river Boutonne viaduct.

At the large roundabout, go north on the D950, direction Aulnay and Poitiers.

After approx 17km and just before reaching Aulnay, leave the D950 at a roundabout, taking the exit marked Néré. Follow the signs to Néré, eventually taking the D133 out of Aulnay.

From the North (Nantes)

Directions from A10;

Exit the A10 at junction 33 and head towards Niort.

After 2.5 kms take the N150 south in the direction of Saintes.

In Beauvoir sur Niort turn left on the D1 towards Chizé.

After passing through Chizé, turn right on the D106 immediately after crossing the river Boutonne, signed Aulnay. Watch out -hidden junction, so easy to miss necessitating emergency stop and kids ending up stuck to windscreen!

At Villedieu, turn right at the lights towards Aulnay on the D950.

Pass the church on your left.. At the next roundabout, take the exit marked Néré. Follow the signs to Néré, eventually taking the D133 out of Aulnay.

From the North (Poitiers)

Exit the A10 at junction 30 and head SE towards the N10.

Take the N10 south.

Take the the D611 on the right towards Niort, Saintes, Coulombiers and Lusignan.

At Lusignan, take the D150 towards Saintes.

The D150 becomes the D950 passing through Chenay, Chey, Melle and Brioux sur Boutonne.

Pass Aulnay church on your left. At the next roundabout, take the exit marked Néré. Follow the signs to Néré, eventually taking the D133 out of Aulnay.

From the West (La Rochelle)

Head south on the La Rochelle ring road (rocade).

Take the exit marked Surgères. Take the D939 in the direction of La Jarne and Surgères.

At Surgères, take the D115 to Aulnay-de-Saintonge.

Arriving in Aulnay, turn right on the D950 opposite the church. At the next roundabout, take the exit marked Néré. Follow the signs to Néré, eventually taking the D133 out of Aulnay in the direction of Néré.

The following local directions assume you are on the D133 heading from Aulnay towards Néré.

Local Directions

From Aulnay on the D133

From the roundabout at the edge of Aulnay where you turn right towards Néré, drive straight ahead for approx 7km (4 miles). Then turn right onto a minor road signposted in blue to Lepinoux (easy to miss – sign small). As an aid, electricity cables cross the road here.

If you miss the turn and end up in Nere, retrace your path back. You will see a large sign in white to Lepinoux from the other direction (that's typically French!).

Head up the hill. On entering the village the road curves to the left then right.

Where the road divides, turn left (signposted Le Pre Patin).

La Pierre Blanche is 100m further on the right. Look for the black railings and large stone gate pillars with star motifs atop. If your cottage is La Maison Blanche you need to drive on a few metres to the next driveway on the right and park there – otherwise turn in through the gateway (beware – narrow entrance if driving large 4x4 or people carrier!). Park in the courtyard to assist with unloading your luggage (long term parking is to the rear).

Final direction – Relax! You are now in the Charente Maritime so after unpacking open up a bottle of wine, sit back and chill out!

IMPORTANT

In order that our gite managers Andy and Jo can be there to greet you and show you to your cottage, please call them on 00 33 7700 27159 when you are approximately 1 hour away. If you are using a French mobile or SIM, call 07700 27159.

If you are planning to arrive late in the evening, please call or e-mail them (andymiller.fr@gmail.com) in advance of setting off from the UK with your anticipated arrival time.

PS. For your journey down, if you have a satnav please don't use the 17510 postcode *on its own* as your destination as it refers to our commune of Néré not our street address - or you'll end up in a field miles from us. If using TomTom, "L'Epinoux, Néré 17510" will get you to within a few metres.