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CYCLING ROUTE

The greenway from Aix-les-Bains to Le Bourget-du-Lac

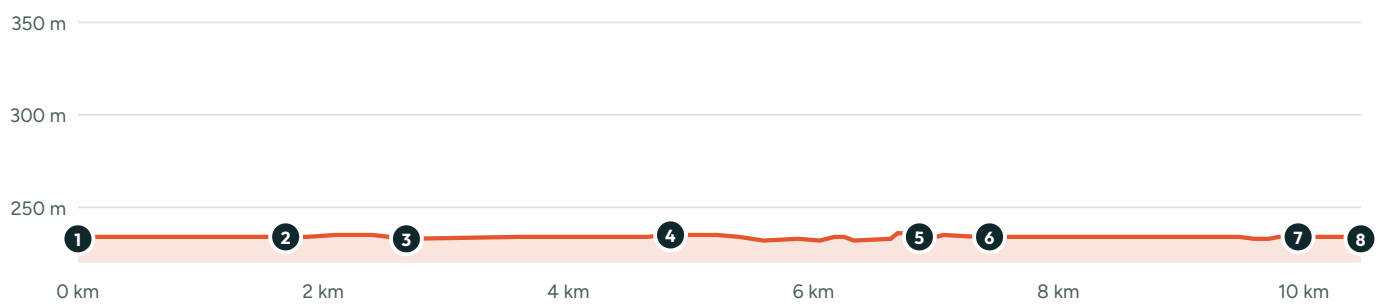
From the Grand Port to the big beach at Le Bourget-du-Lac, the greenway follows the east shore of the lake for about 11 km, with almost no climbing and nearly always away from cars. It is the ideal family ride, with three beaches along the way that have lifeguards in summer. You come back the same way.

11 km	+5 m	45 min	Easy difficulty
one way	total climb	riding time, without breaks	



S: start · F: finish · 1, 2, 3: steps · route

Elevation profile



Why we love it

- An almost flat greenway right by the water, away from traffic
- The Mont du Chat and the Dent du Chat facing you, across the lake
- Three beaches with lifeguards in summer along the way: Rowing, Lido and Le Bourget-du-Lac
- The start is 11 min by bike from Le Patio, no car needed

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STEP BY STEP

1. **The Grand Port** km 0
   Start in front of the Compagnie des Bateaux landing stage. Ride south along the port on the lakeside path, past the Takamaka shop: this is the start of the cycle path towards the Petit Port.

2. **The Esplanade and the Petit Port** km 1.7
   The path, shared with walkers, follows the water along the Esplanade to the Petit Port (km 1.7). Ride at walking pace: in summer, the area around the town beach is very busy.

3. **The start of the greenway, at the Rowing** km 2.7
   Go round the town beach via avenue Pierre de Coubertin, a short shared zone, then join the Rowing beach (km 2.6). The Voie Verte du Lac du Bourget heads south from there, by the water and away from the boulevard.

4. **The Lido beach, in Tresserve** km 4.8
   The first stop recommended by the tourist office (km 4.9): the view opens onto the whole south of the lake and the Mont du Chat. Free beach with lifeguards in summer, toilets and showers.

5. **The hamlet of Terre-Nue** km 6.9
   In Viviers-du-Lac (km 6.9), the greenway goes through the hamlet of Terre-Nue along its street for about 200 m: you share the road with cars. The little port of Terre-Nue is on your right.

6. **Les Mottets leisure area** km 7.4
   You ride past Les Mottets leisure area and the Quatre Chemins port (km 7.7). Les Mottets beach is 300 m away on the right. The cycle path then heads west, protected between the road and the forest.

7. **The footbridge over the Leysse** km 9.9
   As you enter Le Bourget-du-Lac, leave the Avenue verte nord, which heads off to Chambéry, and cross the Leysse on the footbridge (km 10). Just after it, turn right towards the beach.

8. **Le Bourget-du-Lac beach** km 10.5
   You arrive at the town beach (km 10.5): sand, a park with trees, water games for children, food. There is a charge from 13 June to 30 August 2026. Come back the same way, or head for Chambéry on the Avenue verte nord.

Practical information

Start	Grand Port, Aix-les-Bains, Compagnie des Bateaux landing stage (233 m)
From Le Patio	10 min by bike from Le Patio
Without a car	The Grand Port (Mémard beach) is served by the Ondéa bus network according to Grand Lac: lines and timetables on the Ondéa website.
Parking	Car parks around the Grand Port, most of them paying according to the Compagnie des Bateaux.
Season	All year round in dry weather. The official page for La Belle Via, of which this greenway is part, gives it as rideable from 15 March to 15 November, weather permitting.
Waymarking	No waymarking specific to this ride, but no pitfalls either: you follow the lakeside greenway, which is part of La Belle Via (V63) between Aix-les-Bains and Chambéry.
Water	No sourced drinking water point on the route: bring 1 l per person.
With children	Yes, it is the ideal family bike ride: almost flat, mostly on a greenway separated from the road, and rated "Je débute" (beginner) by France Vélo Tourisme.
Dogs	Not ideal: the greenway is shared with pedestrians, and dogs are banned from Grand Lac beaches, even on a lead, during the summer season.
In your bag	Helmet, a bike lock for beach stops, swimsuit and towel, a 1 l water bottle per person.

Before you go

- The greenway is shared with pedestrians and pushchairs: ride at walking pace near the beaches, especially in summer.
- In the hamlet of Terre-Nue, the route uses the street for about 200 m.
- Vélodéa is closed on Sundays and public holidays: book the day before, or hire from Takamaka at the Grand Port.
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Our tip

Hire your bikes from Vélodéa, 12 min on foot from Le Patio, and save your swim for Le Bourget-du-Lac, the best-equipped beach on the lake, before riding back at an easy pace in the late afternoon.

In an emergency

Call 112, the European emergency number, which works even without your own network.

Interactive map and GPX
Follow your position on the route, on your phone.

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