



Just ten minutes from **Josselin**, you'll find yourself in the heart of the countryside—a countryside with a **rich heritage**.

Our name tells our story: **Les Forges**. Back in 1756, the then duke of Rohan was granted Letters Patent by Louis XVI to build a foundry to exploit the wood of the forest of Lanouée and the waters of the river Lié. So began Les Forges' long association with **renewable energies**

, which, alongside agriculture are the mainstays of our local economy. In the 1930's a small hydro-electric generating station was built and is still in operation; the forest supplies wood for both industrial and private use, and shortly a wind farm will be constructed on its eastern side. Altogether, the commune has 5,250 hectares (around 12,600 acres), of which 3,750 are wooded, and we have no less than 23 farms!

The forest is **rich in flora and fauna**, and beneath the ferns you'll find the traces of two Roman roads and several agricultural enclosures, probably dating from the iron age. (They are marked "ancient camp romain" on the map.) Ramblers are welcome (riders and off-road bikers should contact the forest office). The forest is readily accessible from the village, where you'll find ample parking and two picnic areas, as well as **the popular restaurant**

A l'Orée de la Forêt

and a

welcoming Bar-Tabac

and

Post Office

Ar Gouvelou

(English spoken).

The château and its garden in the French style

, and the furnace are open to the public by arrangement and in groups of at least 10 people
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. A mile from the village on the banks of the canal at Cadoret, you'll find the celebrated

[*Crêperie des Forges*](#)

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Cadoret was also the **site of a battle in the 100 years war**—a pre-run of the battle of Crécy. If you're in a boat, follow the canal towards Rohan and then turn to the right towards our **pretty port and its picnic area**

. If you are cycling, explore the peaceful by-roads or just follow the towpath. To find out more,

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, or buy them locally.

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