

**CENTRE DES
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PRESENTATION OF THE NATIONAL DOMAINE DE RAMBOUILLET

The Centre des Monuments Nationaux is very happy to welcome you to help you discover, on the occasion of Paris-Brest-Paris, the richness of the heritage of Rambouillet!

The history of the Château de Rambouillet dates back to 1368. Owned by several illustrious families who contributed to its prestige, this castle has seen several kings of France pass through its walls, including François I (who died there in 1547), Louis XIV, Louis XV and Louis XVI then Emperor Napoleon I. But its story does not end there, since the castle was chosen as a presidential residence! Thus, throughout the 20th century, sumptuous facilities were created to provide the castle with modern conformity so that the Presidents of the Republic could welcome personalities there during important diplomatic meetings, in a relaxed setting.

The castle is surrounded by very renowned historic gardens, bearing the label of "Remarkable Gardens". In the park are nestled two small architectural marvels that should not be missed under any circumstances: the Laiterie de la Reine Marie-Antoinette and the Chaumière aux coquillages.

By regulation, the Domain enjoys double protection:

- Under « Monuments historiques »,
- Under « Sites classés » (classified sites).

This means that the remarkable heritage of Rambouillet, entrusted to the Center des Monuments Nationaux for its preservation, is fragile and must be the subject of special and permanent attention so as not to harm it. The recommendations for use are described in the technical specifications: I thank you in advance for reading them and having them respected around you.

heritage = the buildings, of course, but also the trees, plants, paths and everything that contributes to the exception of the site.

Good stay at Domaine national de Rambouillet !

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