

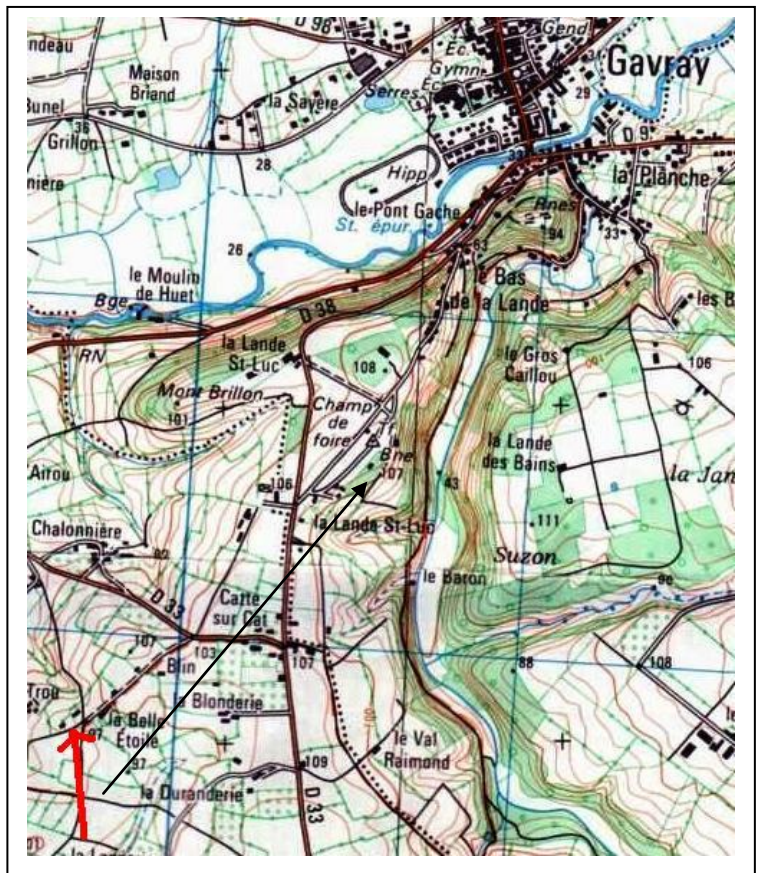
# Ferries and Directions for getting to La Belle Etoile

- If you are coming by boat please ring me, Philippa Weitz on 00 33 (0)2 33 90 42 64 or UK mobile 07880 501 116 for prices of ferry tickets – I can usually beat the internet and high street prices with a 5% discount or similar through Brittany Ferries Property Owners' Club.
- Flights – **flybe**: Southampton – Rennes; **CITYJET**: London City – Deauville, **RyanAir**: London Stanstead – Dinard

## Directions for coming to La Belle Etoile from Cherbourg

The easiest thing to remember is that the route to La Belle Etoile is the same as the route to Le Mont St Michel – signed all the way on GREEN boards, starting at the exit of the port. You leave the Le Mont St Michel signs at Coutances (point 6 below).

1. On leaving the port there is a large **roundabout** with a petrol station on the far left. This is the best place to fill up in Cherbourg but you need a French bank card for this, otherwise Auchun is a very good price but complicated to find. It's at the exit of Cherbourg, right at the top of the hill, in an area called "La Glaciere").
2. At this first roundabout go straight over. The petrol station will be on your left. Follow the GREEN signposts for **Le Mont St Michel**.
3. Follow the GREEN signs out of Cherbourg for "**Le Mont St Michel**". This involves climbing a long hill (several kilometers) at the top of which there is a roundabout (right here for Auchun supermarket) where you will turn left onto the **N13**. Go approximately 20 kilometres and when you have just passed **VALOGNES** take the turning for **Le Mont St Michel** onto the D2 (signposted in GREEN).
4. Stay on the **D2** until **COUTANCES**, passing through the towns (or on their by passes) of **St. Sauveur le Vicomte** (nice castle the right, little roundabout, go straight over), **La Haye-du-Puits** (by-pass), **Lessay** and then to **Coutances**, always still following the GREEN signposts for to **Le Mont St Michel**.
5. At **Coutances** follow the signs to **Le Mont St Michel** until you join a road with 3 (2 up and 1 down) lanes coming down a long hill.
6. At the bottom of the hill (various supermarkets and factories on the area) you leave the green Le Mont St Michel signs when you reach the roundabout, with a restaurant, **L'Auberge du Viaduc**, on the far side. Take second exit, on to the **D7**. The signpost will be for **Gavray** (15 kilometres).
7. Go right through **Gavray**, staying on the **D7**.
8. As you leave Gavray there is quite a sharp bend to the right and then the road climbs. About 2/3 kilometres out of Gavray there is a sharpish bend to the left with a large house on the right hand side, shortly after which there is a **crossroads**. Turn left here onto the **D33** (please remember to keep on the right at this junction!!! And climb the hill).
9. **La Belle Etoile** is the **second lane on the right** just before the top of the hill. It is not sign posted but there is a sign that says something like "Le depot d'ordures est fermé....". The turning turns quite sharply back on itself.
10. Go 500 metres down the lane, there is a house on the left, which is not ours, and another 100 metres further on, on the right and set back is La Belle Etoile.



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## Directions for coming to La Belle Etoile from CAEN (OUISTREHAM)

1. Follow the blue signs for the **A13** and **Autres Directions to the autoroute**.
2. Once you reach the autoroute follow the signs for **Rennes**. You will take the périphérique/ring road around Caen, still following signs for **Rennes**.
3. At **Junction 9** you turn on to the **A84/E401** which you stay on for approximately 50 minutes – 1 hour.
4. Come off the A84 at **Exit 37**, Granville and Gavray.
5. At the first roundabout take right turn signposted **Le Mesnil Garnier**, (D33).
6. Follow this road going through **Le Mesnil Garnier**. About 4-5 kms after Le Mesnil Garnier you will reach a small junction with a signpost saying **Catte sur Cat** – this junction is on a bend to the left (the sign taking you off the road is for GAVRAY – do not take that). Follow this bend round to the left, and approximately 100-200 metres after the junction you will see a small turning to the left (it is the first one after the bend). It is not sign posted but there is a sign that says something like “Le depot d’ordures est fermé....”.
7. Go 500 metres down the lane, there is a house on the left, which is not ours, and another 100 metres further on, on the right and set back is La Belle Etoile.

## Directions for coming from LE HAVRE

1. As you leave the port follow the signs for **Toutes Directions**. The first petrol station on the right has good petrol prices – it’s a BP – you can use any nationality cards in there. (Total is before and on the left but is very expensive).
2. Very shortly you will start to see signs for **Paris** and **Rouen**.
3. Near the end of the built up area of Le Havre you will start to signs for **Caen**. There are a number of changes of autoroute but always follow the signs for **Caen**.
4. Take the périphérique sud around Caen, following signs for **Rennes**. Then follow instructions as from point 3 from **Caen**.

## Directions for coming from DIEPPE

1. As you leave the port follow the signs up the hill towards Rouen at Paris. Do not go into Dieppe unless you are feeling brave. You will be probably following signs saying **Toutes Directions**.
2. Very shortly you will start to see signs for **Paris** and **Rouen**. Eventually (about 10 km later you will arrive at some traffic lights) you will join the N27. and eventually after probably 20 – 30 km you will take the **A29** for **LE HAVRE**. This is a paying autoroute – when you get to the check through point just take a ticket – you pay at the other end. Just follow the signs for Le Havre until you come down a long hill (after about 80 kms) and you will see the industrial area of Le Havre below. At this point stay in the middle lane and **DO NOT GO INTO LE HAVRE**. Instead follow the signs for **Pont de Normandie** and **CAEN**.
3. There are a number of changes of autoroute but always follow the signs for **Caen**.
4. Take the périphérique sud around Caen, following signs for **Rennes**. Then follow instructions as from point 3 from **Caen**.

## Directions for coming from SAINT MALO

Come out of the port and at the first immediate roundabout follow “**Toutes directions**”. Go over the second roundabout and keep in the right hand lane. Turn right at the third roundabout to go up the hill. At one stage there is a set of traffic lights – be careful to stay in the left hand lane so that you don’t filter off to the right. At the roundabout straight over following the main drag out of Saint Malo following directions **Dol / Rennes**. At the next roundabout straight over and then you come to the main roundabout at the exit of Saint Malo. Be careful here. Basically continue straight over sign posts for **Dol / Rennes** on the **N137**.

After about 10km you will need to turn off in the area of **Châteauneuf-d’Ille-et-Vilaine**. **BE CAREFUL THERE ARE MAJOR ROADWORKS IN THIS AREA – always follow the Dol/Caen signs in case of being diverted.**

You are joining the **N176** at this point – be very very careful as currently you turn in a big loop and climb up to the **N176** and come to a STOP sign. Make sure you stop here as it is a very fast road. You will turn right onto the **N176** which then turns into the **N175** .... But once you get on the road at **Châteauneuf-d’Ille-et-Vilaine** the next 70km or so is easy and on the same road – despite its name changes. Most of the road is dual carriageway but be careful on the first bit and around **Pontorson** where it is two way. You will go past **Dol**, **Pontorson** and **Avranches** .... always following signs for **Caen**. Once you have passed **Avranches** the road becomes the **A84**. Take the **A84** and leave it at **junction 37** (about 20km along the **A84**).

Leave the autoroute at **junction 37** and come down to the roundabout, take the **third exit** off the roundabout, signposted **Granville** and go under the motorway. At the next roundabout **turn first right** signposted **Le Mesnil Garnier**. Go straight over the next roundabout and then **go to point 6 of the instructions from CAEN**.

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