

Swimming and beaches



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If you'd like to cool down during the summer months there are a few options to do so. All of the below mentioned have free access.

The ports of **Port des Callonges** and **Vitrezay** are close to us (about 10mins drive) and offer a lovely place to walk and have a picnic however, please note it is not possible to swim here.

The closest beaches to us are in and around the resort town of **Royan**. If you are planning to swim it is worth checking the tides as they vary a lot and with low tide swimming is not really possible. There are plenty restaurants and bars as well as shops around.

Plage des Nonnes at Meschers-sur-Gironde is a lovely sandy beach right before Royan and a bit more quiet (although it can still get busy in high season).

A bit further you will find **Côté Sauvage**. As the name suggests this is a bit more of a 'wild' coast; beautiful sandy beaches and big waves. A great place for surfing (but mind the rip currents!). This is also the only beach where dogs (on a leash) are allowed during high season.

Lacs du Moulin Blanc is a laidback swimming lake with a sandy beach and friendly restaurant. It is about 30 mins drive from us. The swimming section is supervised during summer months and there is plenty of shade as well as picnic tables and a playground.

In Jonzac you will find the **Base de Loisirs d'Heurtebise** which has a small natural pool surrounded by sand. The water here is continuously refreshed which means blue algae and such are never an issue however, that also means the water is very cold! There is also a larger lake where you can hire pedalos and kayaks and you can fish here, too.

