

The Thevalles Mill 50km/1 hour

The mill is located between Saulges and Chemere-le-Roi

We like this visit for a few different reasons : Number one is because we have a soft spot for mills and number two because it is not just any mill : the setting is beautiful and the tour is very well-done, and includes setting the whole mechanism in motion and making it clear how it worked. It also happens to be the only water-mill in working condition that can be visited in La Mayenne. Its mechanism is interesting and exceptionally preserved and the visit will interest children as well as adults.



History of Thevalles Mill

It seems that for 10 centuries, three watermills succeeded each other on the same site. The first one, probably built around the 10th century at the time the first mills appeared on the river Erve is mentioned as early as 1260 (for reference, the Moulin de Classe is first mentioned in activity in 1106). Just as for us, the adjoining chateau was built later (in their case, the XVIth century) and incorporated the mill.



The mechanism of the mill dates back to its modernization in 1850. The mill ceased activity a century later (in 1958) and since then has been conserved and patiently restored.

http://www.moulin-de-thevalles.com/histoire_thevalles.php?langue=en