



## The Châteaux of Île de France : The Château of Rambouillet



**Directed by Jacques VICHET**      A documentary of 52'

*French version*  
*English version*

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The XIVth century fortress at the heart of the Rambouillet forest has sheltered illustrious characters throughout the centuries, and they progressively turned it into a pleasant residence, which Louis XVI acquired in 1783.

This royal residence, which welcomed François Ast, the Count of Toulouse, the Duke of Penthièvre, Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette, Napoleon 1<sup>st</sup>...finally became the official residence of French presidents in 1883.

It is surrounded by a French-style garden, canals and six islands.

Two mills are located in the chateau's English-style garden, which was created in 1772.

They illustrate the ideal of a return to nature, a common theme in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the XVIIIth century.

The Laiterie de la Reine and the Chaumière aux Coquillages are located in the park.

The Laiterie de la Reine was built at the request of Louis XVI, as entertainment for Marie-Antoinette.

This building holds a marble sculpture of Almathea and the Nymph, by Pierre Julien. It was then a place for tastings.

In the park's English-style garden stands the cottage built by the Duke de Penthièvre for the Princess of Lamballe.

Its unusual decoration is made up of shells, marble and mother-of-pearl.