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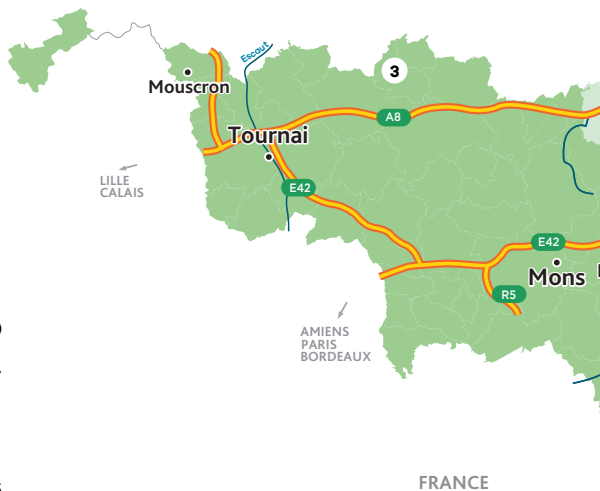
20 unforgettable hiking trails

From 10-20 km







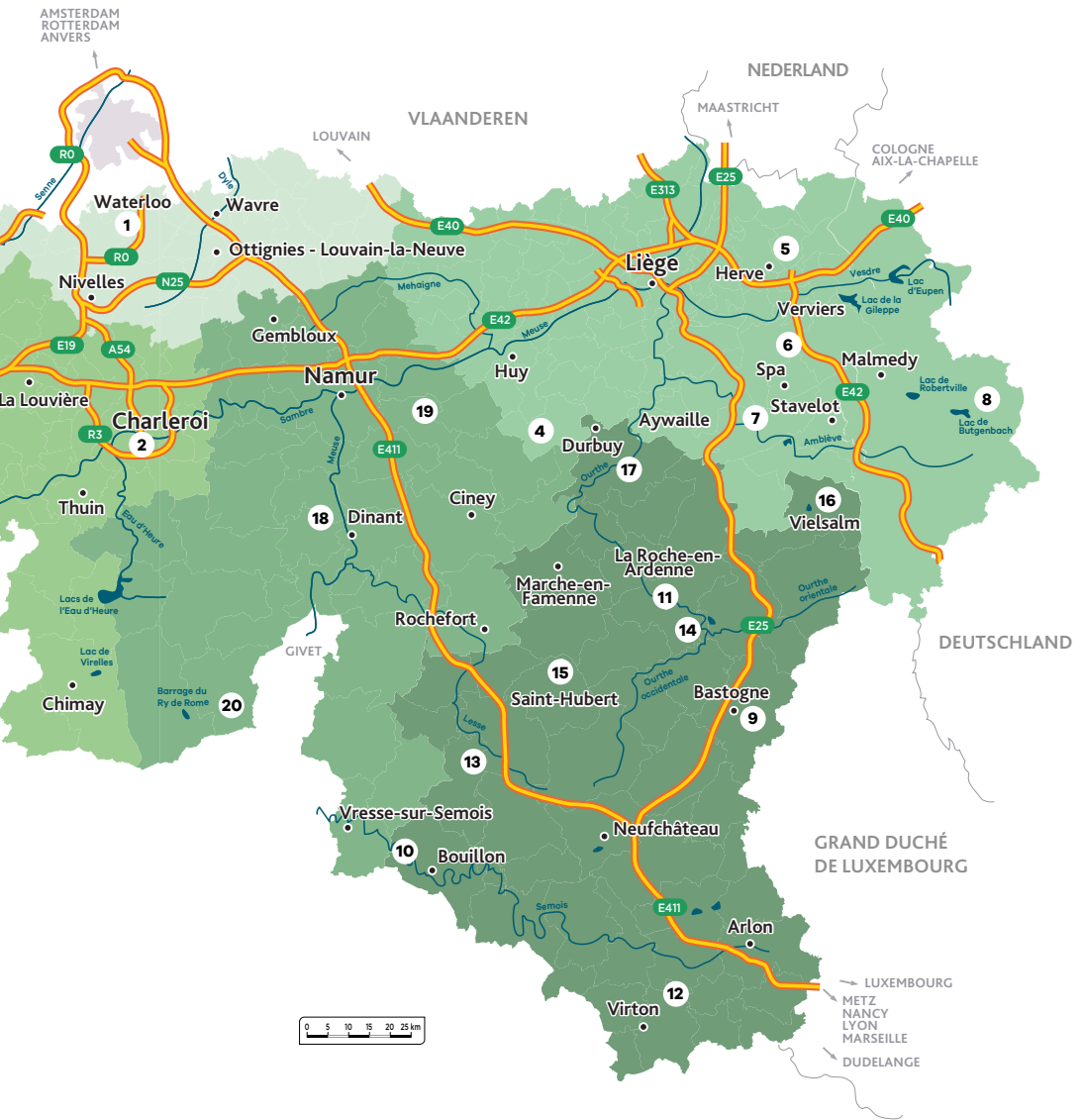
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-  Departure and arrival
-  Walking distance
-  Estimated length of each walk
-  Level of difficulty (easy – average – difficult)







**Calling all hiking enthusiasts.
This brochure is the gateway
to new adventures...**

Captivating routes, historic castles, unusual places, heritage and history, breathtaking landscapes, villages. There are as many themes as there are itineraries... it's hard to keep up.

Why not add to your hike with a cultural visit, a hearty feast with local specialities or just to kick back and relax in a new hotel for maximum pleasure.

Whatever you choose, our hiking routes offer an original way to see Wallonia : over just one day, over a weekend, alone or as a couple, with your family, no matter what the season or budget.

So what are you waiting for? Let's go.

Long Distance Hiking and Walking Trails

Wallonia offers endless hiking possibilities; from shorter circuits to longer itineraries lasting several days.

The Association of Long Distance Hiking (GR)

Created more than 60 years ago '**L'Association des Sentiers de Grande Randonnée**' (Long Distance Hiking Association) was created to raise awareness, promote, encourage and facilitate the **5000 km of mapped out routes** for walking, hiking and cycling tourism throughout the region.

The association has created **itineraries** from **longer week-long** routes to **shorter** - do in a day routes (15-25 km). Some routes have been designed for **families** (7-10km). Download the **GPX file** for free or buy the **topo-guides** directly on the site: www.grsentiers.org

The GR Trails signposting are permanent and standardized, created to remove any concerns about your routes. **GR** routes are marked with **horizontal white and red lines**. Whilst the inland **GR** routes (which form a **loop** of several days) have gradually been characterized by **horizontal yellow and red lines**.



GR signposting
WBT - Olivier Legardien

The Top GR Hiking Trails

- **The Trappist Abbey Route (290 km):** a route that takes you from abbey to abbey, discovering Trappist beers such as **Chimay, Rochefort** and **Orval**. Divided into two sections (Orval-Rochefort (116 km) and Rochefort-Chimay (174 km), the route crosses the "Fagne region", the forests of Chimay, the banks of the river Meuse and then the "Famenne" and the "Ardennes massif" regions. Follow the specific GR marking denoting Abbeys.



The Trappist Abbey Route

- **Chimay Forest Route (178 km):** in a green 90,000 hectare setting this route is marked with nine shelters in the colours of the forest. For an extra adventure, hikers on the trail can choose to stay the night in the forest.

Download the GPX route and topo guide : www.grsentiers.org

Long Distance Walking & Hiking Trails in the Ardennes (known as GTA)

• La Transardennaise (160 km):

connects **La-Roche-en-Ardenne** to **Bouillon**, crossing the lush green valleys of the Lesse, Ourthe and Semois rivers in 7 stages: La Roche-en-Ardenne - Sprimont (Sainte-Ode) - Saint-Hubert - Nassogne - Mirwart - Daverdisse - Paliseul - Bouillon.

• La Transfamenne (57 km):

continues La Transardennaise from **Nassogne** to join La **Roche-en-Ardenne** in 3 stages: Nassogne - Marche-en-Famenne - Marcourt - La Roche-en-Ardenne.

• La Transgaumaise (140 km):

discover "Little Provence", connecting the **Gaume in Belgium** and **French Lorraine** in 6 stages: Virton - Torgny - Montmédy (F) - Orval - Ste Cécile - Izel - Virton.

• The trail of the Ourthe and Laval Valleys (105 km):

star route composed of 5 loops from 17 to 27 km, starting from Sainte-Ode (Domaine de Beaulplateau), in the Parc des Deux Ourthes.

For further information: www.gta.be

Other Long Distance Itineraries

• **Escapardenne - Eislek Trail (106 km):** between Kautenbach (Luxembourg) and **La Roche-en-Ardenne**. The cross border route follows a marked trail in both directions, divided into **five stages**: Kautenbach (L) – Clervaux (L) – Asselborn (L) – Houffalize – Nadrin – La Roche-en-Ardenne.

For further information and to order topo-guides: www.escapardenne.eu

• **Art Trails (140 km):** follow this large loop dotted with more than **50 works of art** including artistic sculptures and shelters suspended, planted and elevated in the valley around Ciney, Gesves, Hamois, Havelange, Ohey and Somme-Leuze by Belgian and International artists playing with space, proportion and symmetry, but always with wood. **Shorter loops** also allow families to complete easier trails between 10 and 15 km.

For further information and to download GPX maps and trails check out: www.sentiersdart.be

• **Between the Lesse and Lomme rivers (78 km):** a **three-day** itinerary in the Forest of Saint Hubert with three shelters. There are also 16 options set up with nearby villages to spend the night in a gîte. If you fancy taking a stroll for a few hours you can also cover part of the route that way.

Check out the mobile app "Promenades à la carte": www.lagrandeforetdesainthubert.be

• **Saint-Jacques de Compostelle:** the major routes leading to "St Jacques de Compostelle" which have been updated since the nineties share many sections of the GR network. The "Saint-Jacques" paths are also known as borderless, which sit neither in time nor in space.

For further information and orders for topo-guides check out: www.st-jacques.be

You can follow all these routes independently or in a package formula with or without luggage transfer.

For further information and rates; check out: www.europaventure.be
www.ardennes-rando.com



The Good Hiking Guide

Safety and good conduct is in everyone's interests

Walking alone or in a group, in towns, in the woods or on private paths. On our website, you will find all the advice to walk safely and with respect for other users.

To ensure your experience is authentic, relaxing and always in true connection with nature, certain rules need to be respected.

Find out more on [visitwallonia.be/hiking](https://www.visitwallonia.be/hiking)





Each hiking itinerary found in this brochure can also be found on the Cirkwi.com site and also our site visitwallonia.be/hiking

How to use the information you find?

The Cirkwi site's cartographic platform lays out the many tourist activities on offer (walks, hiking trails, tourist circuits, points of interest, etc.) to cater for various groups.

Cirkwi's site offers more than 25,000 hikes, walks and tourist routes in France and Belgium and 300,000 places of interest offered mainly by tourist offices and other official tourism entities.

For each route you can download a PDF and a GPX file and open it in the Cirkwi application.





Cirkwi App

Internet users looking for an on-board application that can guide them in real time, on the actual route, whether you're looking for a family day out or a walk requiring a more specific itinerary will find the solution with Cirkwi.

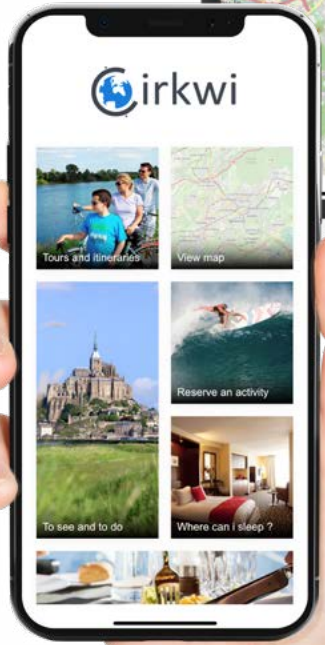
With or without internet, the Cirkwi mobile application embeds all their content, maps, texts, images, etc. This allows them to be used anywhere and in any weather.

It's the perfect app for discovering the best things to see and do around you whatever the weather.



Essential features

- Upload (maps, texts, photos ...) before going hiking on your smartphone in order to use them without an internet connection
 - Let the app guide you with its GPS system and its notifications
 - Allow notifications when you approach a place that interests you
 - Share your discoveries with your friends.
- It's the perfect app for discovering the best things to see and do around you.



Download the app



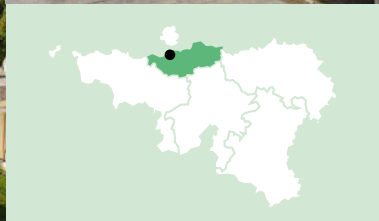
Waterloo



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At the Heart of the Battle

From Braine-l'Alleud to Genappe, Plancenoit to Mont-Saint-Jean, follow in the footsteps of the historic Battlefield of Waterloo, an event that changed the course of history forever.

From the Lion's Mound, you will discover a soft and rounded landscape, far from the dreary landscape described by Victor Hugo... The Duke of Wellington took advantage of this to shelter his men and make it difficult for French troops to advance. You will walk over land once stormed by 35,000 cavalry horses, amidst fire from 500 cannons. Where a violent and bloody battle ensued in which almost 200,000 men fought for the future of Europe on 18 June 1815. Shortly after crossing these evocative fields, you will enter a beautiful undergrowth teeming with life. There you will find Chantelet Farm that once served as a headquarters for the commander of the French cavalry, Marshal Ney. As well as the Ferme Du Caillou, that of Napoleon. At the end of the walk, you can see the Goumont Farm (or Hougoumont), once a fortified farm and perhaps the most important part of the story - being as it was the major backdrop for this historic battle.

14 km



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Where to visit

4 km

Le Mémorial Waterloo 1815 et Butte du Lion (Waterloo Memorial and Lion's Mound)

The Memorial to the Battle of Waterloo was erected between 1823-1826 marking the spot where the Prince of Orange was wounded. At the top of the 226 steps, there is an exceptional panorama over the battlefield. At its feet, the 1815 Memorial takes you back to Napoleon's final battle with an innovative museum to bring the past alive.

www.waterloo1815.be

8 km

Musée Wellington (Wellington Museum)

The museum displays a fascinating account of the role and involvement of each of the nations involved in the conflict. It also discusses the consequences of its outcome and explain how Europe's destiny changed forever.

www.museewellington.be

4 km

Le dernier QG de Napoléon (Napoleon's Last HQ)

Relive the Emperor's last night before the final battle at his last headquarters: La Ferme du Caillou. You can relive - in a fun way, the hours preceding the battle of Waterloo with authentic objects.

www.dernier-qq-napoleon.be

15 km

Fondation Folon (Folon Foundation)

Set in the heart of the stunning Solvay Park in La Hulpe and located in the Castle Farm, the Folon Foundation presents the graphic work of this talented artist.

www.fondationfolon.be



Where to stay

Camping Renipont

Route du Ry Beau Ry 7A - 1380 Lasne

www.waterloo-tourisme.com

Bed & Breakfast Uxbridge Cottage

Chaussée de Bruxelles 214 - 1410 Waterloo

www.uxbridgecottage.com

Chambre d'hôtes Villa Tiffany

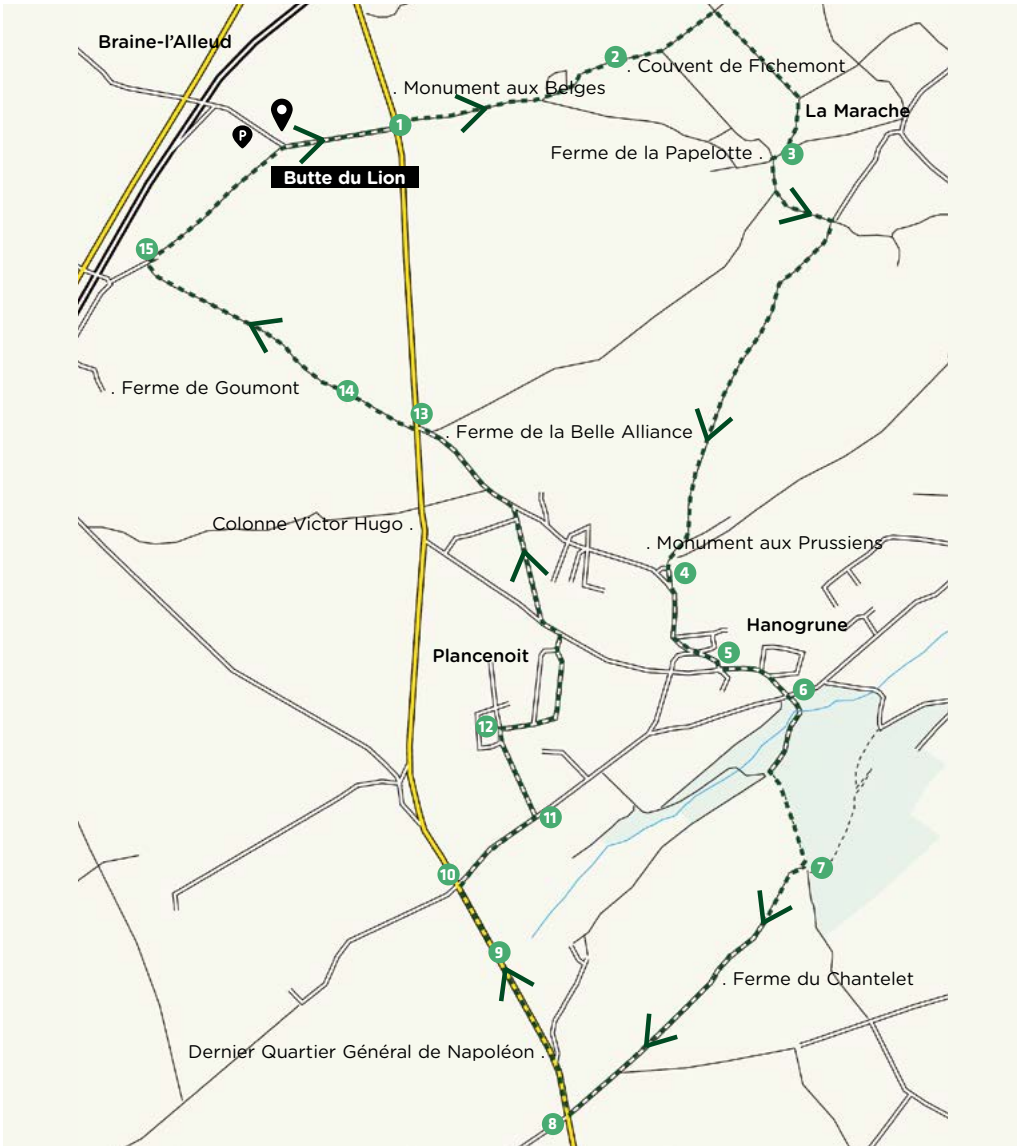
Chemin Mamour 26 - 1420 Braine l'Alleud

www.villatiffany.be

Hôtel Le Côté Vert

Chaussée de Bruxelles 200G - 1410 Waterloo

www.cotevert.be



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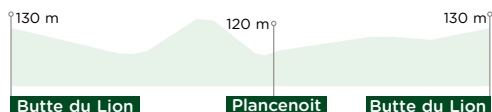
Step by step

- 1 Start from the crossroads at 'Chaussée de Charleroi - Route du Lion', between the Monument honouring the Belgians and the monument for the Hanoverians. Turn your back on the Lion, and head to the Convent of Fichermont via 'Rue de la Croix'.
- 2 At the Convent of Fichermont, the road continues to the left. Carry on 500 m further, take to the right into the 'Chemin des Catamouriaux'.
- 3 After following the Farm 'Ferme de la Haie', you arrive at the 'Marache Road'. Take a right to the 'St Roch Chapel'. Turn left into the path of 'La Marache' as you leave to enter on the left in 'Rue Babeau' and then, right into the 'Chemin Plancenoit'.
- 4 You end up at the paved path of 'Camuselle' where you take a right towards the Prussian Monument. A little further, at the roundabout, turn left towards the 'Chemin Lanternier' towards the 'Place de Plancenoit'.
- 5 Cross the 'Place de Plancenoit' to arrive 'Rue du Mouton', which you take on the left.
- 6 Cross the 'Rue d'Anogrune' and enter the 'Vivaqua' site to reach the 'Chemin du Moulin Tas', which becomes the 'S'entiers du Vieux Manand' a few metres further on.
- 7 Turn left into the 'Chemin des Flamands', between two barbed-wire-lined meadows, and then to the right in the 'Sentier Chantelleux'. Climb up to the 'Chantelet' Farm and cross the courtyard to the beautiful adjoining Baroque chapel.
- 8 Continue on to National 5. Turn right and take the bike path to Napoleon's Last HQ.
- 9 Further on, pass the 'Ferme du Hameau du Roi'.
- 10 Then turn right into 'Le Chemin de la Maison du Roi'.
- 11 After about 400m, turn left into 'Avenue Trianon'.
- 12 Take the right the 'Avenue de Fontainebleau' that leads you to 'Rue de la Bâchée'. Take a left and, before the roundabout, look out for the beautiful stone chapel on your right. Enter 'Rue aux Loups' where 500 m further will lead you to the 'Chemin de la Belle Alliance'.
- 13 When you arrive at 'Chaussée de Charleroi', next to 'La Ferme de la Belle Alliance', you can see to your left the 'Victor Hugo' Column and, almost opposite, the Monument to the Wounded Eagle. Cross this road but with the utmost caution.
- 14 Walk into the 'Chemin de la Piedsente' that will become the 'Chemin de Plancenoit'.
- 15 Turn right in the 'Chemin des Vertes Bornes' towards the Lion's Mound.

Departure address and parking

Crossroads between Chaussée de Charleroi and the Route du Lion
1410 Waterloo

Gradient





The UNESCO bike route

On the quest for Walloon Heritage



Whether you are planning one or more stages on the RAVeL cycle network or following the 'Point Noeuds' (intersection network), discover Wallonia's rich heritage and culture at your own pace.

From the city of Tournai near the French border in the West to the remarkable site of Blegny-Mine at the gateway to the Netherlands in the east, soak up the atmospheres and contrasts that reign between the plains of the Hainaut region: the banks of the Meuse River, the hills of Condroz region and the secret valleys of the Ardennes.

Take your time to admire all of those rich testaments to the past at these exceptional places registered on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

A selection of attractions and accommodations labelled "Bienvenue Vélo" also punctuate your getaway for a smoother route. It's a great way to explore this 500km journey of Wallonia in an alternative way.

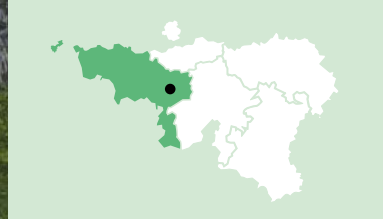
Navigate 500 km in 11 stages at your own rhythm. It's your call on how fast or how slow, or if you want to cycle one stage or more. Enjoy the ride.



Find out more on
visitwallonia.be/unesco-cycleroute

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The Ultimate Belgian Getaway

Charleroi



Black Loop Trail - La Boucle noire

Hikers will love this demanding 22 km loop, an additional part of the GR 412 route called 'Sentier des Terrils' (slag heaps). (GR 412 Route: Borinage - Charleroi - Basse Sambre - Hesbaye - Bassin Liégeois).

It carries on to Charleroi rail station, passing through interesting tourist spots such as 'Marchienne' and 'Monceau' castles, 'Martinet Mining site' and its slag heaps and the chain of slag heaps at 'Dampremy' and 'La Docherie'.

The route includes the ascent of four slag heaps linked together by passages, paths and short crossings of secondary roads. Look out for the Boucle Noir (Black Loop logo).

Its not a typical trail but its sporty, unusual and challenging.

22 km



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www.cm-tourisme.be

Where to visit

2 km

Le BPS22

BPS22 is an important art museum in Wallonia. It stands apart by its unusual temporary exhibitions and its event programs housed in a magnificent glass and iron edifice dating back to 1911.

www.bps22.be

3 km

Le Musée de la Photographie (Photography Museum)

situated in an ancient religious building in 'Mont-sur-Marchienne' is the largest photography museum in Europe. The museum has curated over 80,000 images and over 3 million negatives of which around 800 are permanently exhibited.

www.museephoto.be

1 km

Le Belfroi de Charleroi (Belfry)

UNESCO Heritage listed, the Belfry is part of the Town Hall and constructed by architect Joseph André in 1936 in the spirit of Art Deco and Classicism.

www.cm-tourisme.be

3 km

Le Bois du Cazier et ses Terrils (Mining site and Slag Heaps)

An important memorial to Wallonia's industrial past. 'La Bois du Cazier' illustrates and records the life and times of the migrants who came to work during the Industrial Revolution when Belgium was the pinnacle of Europe's economic activity. 'Bois du Cazier' was one of the biggest producers of coal in Europe. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it now houses three museums including 'Espace 8 Aout 1956', 'Musée du Verre', 'Musée de l'Industrie' and is surrounded by three slag heaps.

www.leboisducazier.be



Where to stay

Auberge de jeunesse de Charleroi

Rue du Bastion d'Egmont 3 - 6000 Charleroi

www.lesaubergesdejeunesse.be/charleroi

Chambre d'hôtes 76tour

Boulevard Pierre Mayence 76 - 6000 Charleroi

www.76tour.be

Les Gîtes du Pays de Charleroi

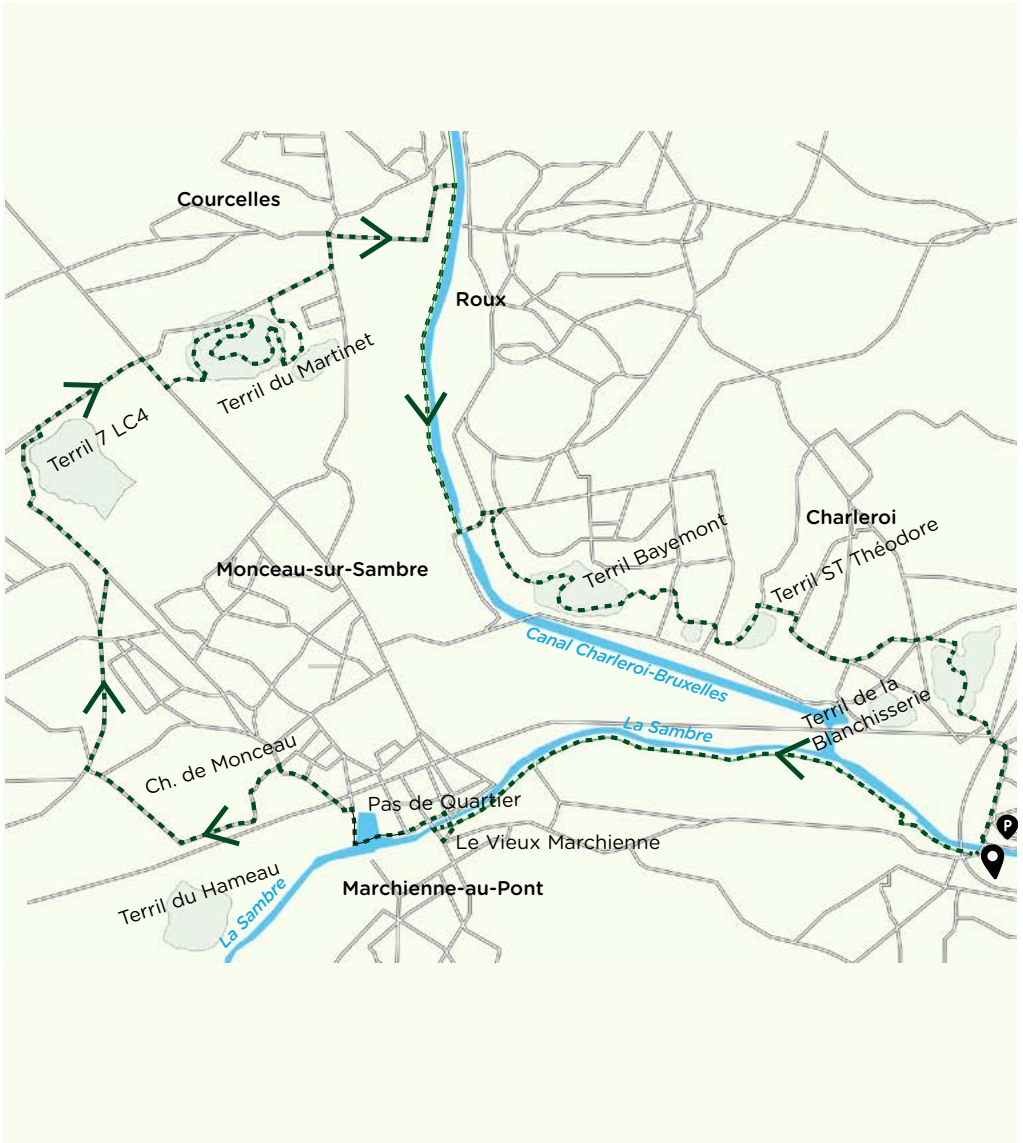
Rue de Montigny 93 - 6000 Charleroi

www.gitesdupaysdecharleroi.com

Hôtel Ibis Charleroi Centre Gare

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km
22



6H00

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Step by step

- 1 With your back to the station, aim for the 1st factory on the left and join it by the 'Sambre River' towpath, without crossing. The road runs alongside a TEC car park and ends at the entrance to the factory. Take the towpath and pass the infrastructure of the lock to enter what was known as the heart of the local steel industry.
- 2 After the bridge (used by the over ground train) over the River 'Sambre', you'll notice an access to the 'Place de Marchienne' on the left. Instead continue on the towpath, pass under the 'Sambre' bridge. Just after the 'Bateau Chapelle' (Barge turned into a chapel), turn left into a tiny old street.
- 3 When you leave that tiny street, on the left you'll see that 'La Boucle Noire' circuit passes in front of the café 'Le Vieux Marchienne' and goes towards the 'Sambre' then crosses the bridge. At the end of the bridge, go down the stairs to the left and continue opposite, along the towpath, keeping to the left towards the 'Sambre' towards the over ground train bridge. Take the asphalt ramp of a bridge over the barge basin and enjoy the view of the surrounding towers, bell towers and slag heaps.
- 4 At the end of the basin, ignore the signs for the RAVeL 'Sambre' opposite, turn right towards the overland metro station which is visible at the bottom of the basin. When you get there, turn left along the overland station. At the Y, take a left along the overground. Cross the road to Mons and take the 'Rue Julien Durant' opposite. Go up this street and once you arrive at 'Place Albert 1er' turn left towards the church. 'Monceau-sur-Sambre' castle is at the end of this square.
- 5 Keeping the castle on your left, pass front of the inner courtyard and stay on the path that curves over to the right. Then take the path to the left which overlooks ponds prettily paralleled with benches and trees. At the end of the park, the GR goes up to the right in the wood. During the climb, take a brief "left-right", cut an alley, then a path. At the next junction, continue to go up to the right towards the exit of the park, direction N-W. Leave the park through an arched opening in a hedge. The route continues facing opposite. After the TEC bus stop, turn right onto RAVeL for line 112.
- 6 Ignore the asphalt track to the right which climbs parallel to the RAVeL. Cross over the bridge instead and continue until the next exit of the RAVeL situated on the right. Find the street that goes up and take the first street on the left (Avenue de l'Europe). At the circular square, take a pedestrian street opposite, which comes out after 2 steps onto 'Avenue Edmond Leburton'. Continue opposite for 500 metres until the 'Route de Trazegnies' which you cross and take opposite in the 'Cité Malghem'. Continue straight on until the crossroads with the 'Route de Roux'. Then turn left on the left hand pavement to the 'Martinet' mining site. The pedestrian entrance to the site is just after the TEC bus stop.

- 7 Take the stairs to the left towards the old engine room, then go down the ramp to the old pithead. At the foot of the ramp, turn right and go up the stony road. At the top, the path curves around and passes a building. Continue straight, ignore the paths to the left and right and pass in front of the abandoned buildings (old labs and offices) then a coal settling basin (looks like a kind of swimming pool). The path curves completely to the right, passing near a pond. Continue opposite and quickly take the path that climbs to the left and leads to a concrete lane (the old 'Rue de la Ferme'). Take this lane to the left until you reach a Y junction. Turn right and go up the stony road until you reach the big slag heap. At the end of this path, the route starts to go up to the right in the forest. It's then possible to reach the crest of the slag heap and go down a little further (not marked). On the main path, just beyond a sharp bend to the right, there's a belvedere platform which offers a fantastic panorama of the Canal in 'Roux' and surrounding area. After enjoying the view, turn around and go down to the left. It's a steep descent interspersed with stairs. At a T-junction, continue downhill to the right until you reach a forest staircase on the left. (At the top of the forest staircase on the left, we suggest taking the signposted ascent 'Petit Martinet'. Start and finish 50 m further down on the left).
- 8 Take your time. Climb the flight of stairs and carry on walking at your own pace. Cross a section of paths and join the hillside one that overlooks the neighborhood on the right. Ignore the exit to the neighborhood on the right. Not very far, veer squarely to the left, then right at the next T-junction. The path then winds and undulates through the thicket at the foot of a large slagheap and ends up in a grassy area planted with fruit trees. Beyond, join a road, which you follow to the right. Go past two streets, on the right, and continue until you reach a busy road (N584). Follow it to the left for about 200 meters. At the first crossroad, turn right but then quickly leave the road and veer left on a paved track until you reach the tunnel under the tracks.
- 9 At the exit of the tunnel, take the street on the right. At the end of this street, before the wastewater treatment plant, turn left for 100 m. taking the passage that joins the Charleroi-Brussels Canal. At the Canal, turn right towards the cooling towers of the 'Amercoeur power station'. Continue to the lock where the route leaves the towpath by the ramp to the right of the infrastructure and crosses the bridge over the canal. On the right pavement, around the bend, take a path (with steps) and climb to the step where there is a football pitch. Do not join the street. Leave the path to follow the fence and climb higher.
- 10 Up at this higher point, follow the hillside path on the Canal side. After a short descent, without starting on the steep ascent opposite, turn left and climb a less steep path. On the flat, before starting to descend, turn right and then right again to reach the summit plateau of the 'Bayemont' slag heap. Cross the summit plateau diagonally to find a path that descends to a wider track overlooking the Charleroi-Brussels Canal. The hillside path reveals the impressive 'Providence' industrial site. Ignore all the paths to the left, the GR tracks straight ahead in the direction of Charleroi.
- 11 The GR rolls down the slope of the slagheap, veers to the left and crosses the site where the St-Charles slagheap used to be. The GR then crosses an embankment and leaves the slagheap by a few left and rights through a wasteland and a subdivision where you reach a street (Rue Jules Jaumet). You cross that street and the GR begins again, opposite, between two houses and alongside the gardens, then it crosses a playground and goes straight in front of an opening in a wall to a natural place. Skipping the brook, curving to the right, it heads towards a row of poplars trees, then climbs sharply to the left on the 'St-Théodore Ouest' slag heap where the 'Saint-Théodore' top comes into view.

- 12 At the top of the slagheap, the GR follows down the short slope towards the foot of the poplar trees, the path runs alongside a house. At the bottom of a few steps, cross the street (Jules Jaumet) and go through the old coalmine gate. Quarter turn to the right, walk on the plain of what used to be the old coalmine in the direction of the slagheap. This ground is now covered with vegetation. At the Y, ignore the path that goes to the right (local walking path) and start climbing. The slope rises quite steeply on the slope of the slagheap, without reaching the top. At this point, you can encircle the slagheap walking, back and forth to the top to enjoy the views of the old iron and steel industry.
- 13 Start the descent on the North West-side. Walk on the hillside path before descending via a constructed staircase until reaching 'Rue Théodore' which the GR takes to the right. After about a hundred metres, leave the street to the right, then walk to the foot of the slagheap. After another hundred metres, veer off to the left then take the short descent among the birch trees. At the path, turn right until you arrive at the entrance of a small hamlet. Cross it and continue straight ahead in 'Rue Paul Barré'. Beyond the municipal school at the Centre de 'Dampremy', turn left into rue 'Paul Janson', ignoring the streets to the left. Pass in front of the Dampremy Metro on the right, the 'Crawez' castle on the left. Ignore another street on the left then a branch of 'Rue Paul Janson'. The white and red signposting (GR) then cross a crossroads and enter, opposite into 'Rue Decoux'.
- 14 Opposite, you'll reach a green space with a kids play area. Cross this green space diagonally and take a passageway that is extended by a path. Turn quickly to the right to take the 'Piges' trail which leads to the slagheap. Continue on the left hand side. The path rises gently on the eastern slope of the slagheap, under a foliage-lined type of tunnel. Follow this winding and undulating path to the summit, on the right. We recommend an alternative return trip. The path ends up tumbling down to come to a paved square at the foot of a building. (Cour Rainchon). Opposite there is a path leading to an opening in a wall called 'La porte d'Adrien'.
- 15 Cross the square diagonally to the right. Cross a pedestrian crossing and then take a second turning to the left. You then pass under the ring road, then over the bridge spanning the railway tracks. Pass in front of the Metro Ouest station. On the left, on the other side of the crossroads you'll see, the 'Palais des Expositions de Charleroi'. (Exhibition Centre). Just beyond the Metro Ouest station, bend right to go down 'Rue du Grand Central'. Continue straight ahead and pass the 'Place de la Digue' on your left. Cross a crossroads, and at the next roundabout, turn right in front of the TEC Charleroi headquarters. Cross the following roundabout again in the direction of Charleroi-Sud station, then cross the bridge over the Sambre River ('Resistance' bridge) to reach the start of the La Boucle Noire (Black Loop) at Charleroi-Sud station.

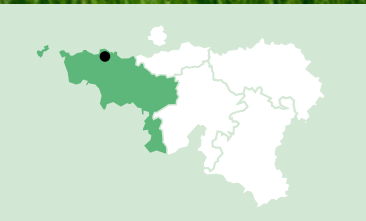
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Ellezelles



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12,9 km



In the Heart of the Hills

The gentle undulations of the soft hills surrounding Ellezelles add to the beauty of this gorgeous rural area, where life is simple and the air is sweet around these small hamlets of western Hainaut province.

The "Pays des Collines" region has a high geographic interest. By following the "points-noeuds" network, you can explore its stunning surroundings by taking this scenic stroll. Moving away from the village, the path makes beautiful arabesques in the middle of the meadows. With each twist and turn, you will discover a new panorama. Old paths and hedgerows have also been reopened and retraced through the meadows: all part of heritage that has been rehabilitated by the Natural Park. The Ellezelles region is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful and precious areas to explore on foot, with its soothing rural side and its benevolent nature.



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La Maison du Pays des Collines

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www.maisondupaysdescollines.be

Where to visit

Maison du Pays des Collines (Tourist Office)

New technology takes us on a tour with an owl called the "White Lady" guiding you through a 40-minute animation. As you wander through the rooms, you will discover all the beauty of hedgerow landscapes, animated by the work of artists, craftsmen and producers who perpetuate the traditions of the region's fertile soil. Using imaginative new technology you'll plunge into a universe of local myths and legends.

www.paysdescollines.be

1km

Brasserie des Légendes (Brewery)

Founded in 2006, this brewery has taken over the 'Géants' brewery and the 'Quintine' brewery, two separate production units.

www.auchaudrondeslegendes.be

Sentier de l'Étrange (Quirky Walking Trail)

In the heart of the beautiful 'Pays des Collines', strange things are happening in the village of Ellezelles. Starting from the Maison du Pays des Collines, cross the village of Ellezelles and meet weird and wonderful creatures.

www.ellezelles.be

8km

Ecomuseum du Pays des Collines

Back to the fifties. The Ecomusée is devoted to rural life, and its intergenerational game, Les "Echos du Temps", give you unique experiences about rural life in the local areas.

www.ecomusee.eu



Where to stay

Camping et gîte La ferme Dôrloû

Vieux moulin 48 - 7890 Wodecq

www.fermedorlou.be

Gîte Au cœur des Collines

Camp et Haie 47 - 7890 Ellezelles

www.aucoeurdescollines.be

Chambre d'hôtes Au Mont des Collines

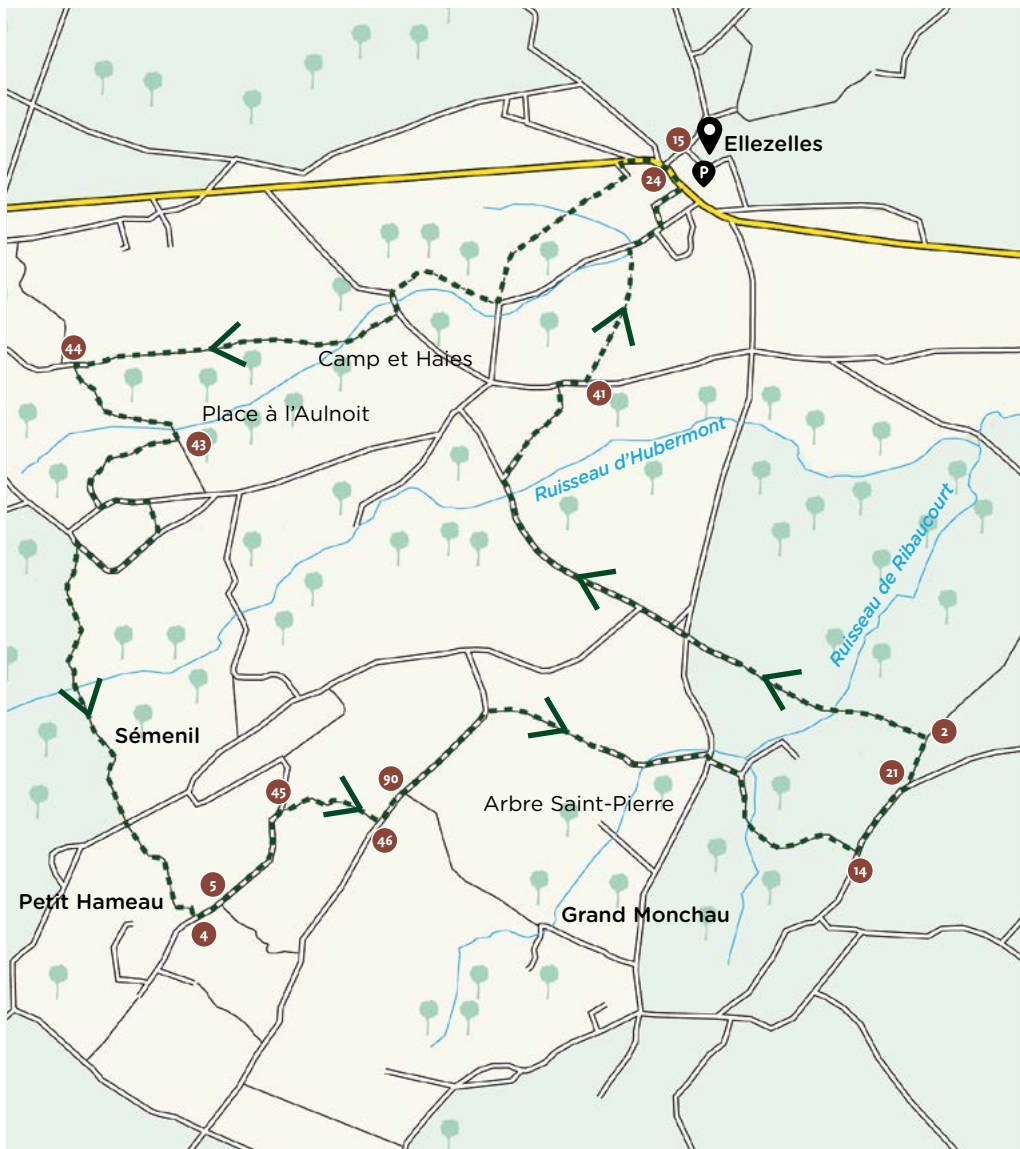
Mont 16 - 7890 Ellezelles

www.aumontdescollines.be

Chambre d'hôtes La Douceur de la Miclette

Miclette 12B - 7890 Ellezelles

www.ladouceurdelamiclette.be



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km
12,9



4H40

DIFFICULTY



SIGNPOSTING

Follow the
"Points-nœuds"
network

Departure address and parking

Maison du Pays des Collines
Ruelle des Écoles 1 - 7890 Ellezelles

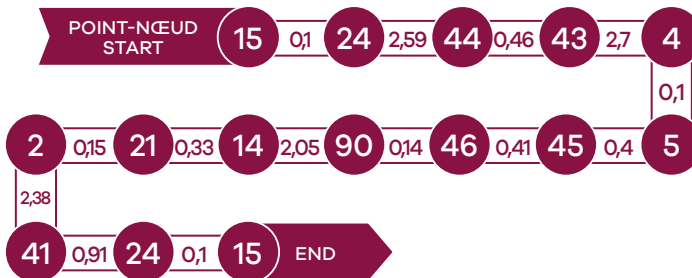
Step by step

The **"Points-nœuds" system** is very simple: each intersection is numbered and has a burgundy directional tag that includes the number of the intersection (point-nœud) and the arrows to the following numbered intersections.

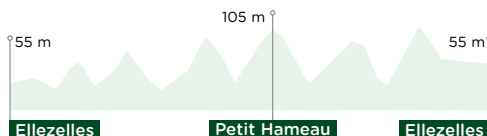
Follow the knots indicated above as a hiking route. The distance between each tag is entered between each number.

Example:

Start at Point 15 – walk 100m – point 24 – walk 2,59 km – point 44 – walk 460m – point 43 ... etc



Gradient



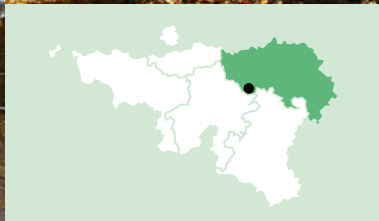
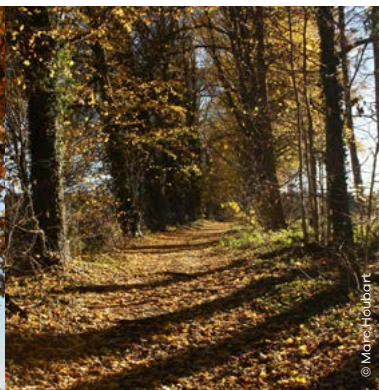


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Clavier



'Cint fontaines' village and the ponds

Set off from the church in 'Pailhe', a village in the borough of 'Clavier', not far from 'Modave' and 'Marchin'. Located in between forests and magnificent open spaces, you'll be guaranteed a total change of scenery.

You will quickly cross the vast countryside of the 'Condroz' region and cross the wood of 'Grand Taillis' as well as the magnificent 'Bois de Bassin'.

Don't miss the highlight of this walk: the hamlet of 'Saint-Fontaine' and its castle, its 12th century chapel, its ponds and its ford. It's the ideal spot to stop for a moment to appreciate the landscape. There's something soothing and calm that emanates around this place ... Before leaving, it's worth taking a tour of the chapel and the cemetery – a little run down but it still offers some remarkable old crosses. There's an information panel beside the road to learn more about 'Saint-Fontaine' castle.

It's a walk for all seasons, but autumn tops them all... A really peaceful experience.

10,5 km



Maison du Tourisme Terres-de-Meuse

Quai de Namur 1
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www.terres-de-meuse.be

Where to visit

6 km

Château de Modave (Modave Castle)

Modave Castle is a superb 17th century building, listed as a Major Heritage Site of Wallonia. Sitting high on a rocky outcrop, the castle dominates the valley and offers an epic panorama over the 'Condroz' region.

www.modave-castle.be

16 km

Croisières à bord du Val Mosan ('Val Mosan' Cruises)

Discover 'Huy' in an original way thanks to a one-hour cruise on the Meuse River. It's a pretty unusual experience, first going to the 'Père Pire' bridge, then turning around and sailing to 'Tihange'. An activity for all the family - young and old.

www.huy.be

16 km

Collégiale Notre-Dame de Huy (Collegiate Notre Dame de Huy)

Gothic in style, it houses a prestigious treasure exhibited in the crypt dating back to 1066. Four medieval shrines, Mosan enamels, medieval sculptures, ancient textiles, 'Hutoise' and 'Liège' goldsmiths make it a place of exceptional riches and an interesting collection if you like ancient artefacts.

www.huy.be

16 km

Fort et Mémorial de Huy (The Fort and Memorial of Huy)

Built between 1818 and 1823 the fort is built on the site of the old castle and best known for its informative *Museum of the Resistance and its Concentration Camps*.

www.huy.be



Where to stay

Chambre d'hôtes Aux 4 saules

Rue Surroyseux 30 - 4577 Modave

www.aux4saules.be

Chambre d'hôtes Les Augustins

Rue des Augustins 28 - 4500 Huy

www.lesaugustins.be

Hôtel-Ferme du Château d'Ahin

Chaussée de Dinant 14 - 4500 Huy

www.hotelduchateau.be



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km
10,5


3H00

DIFFICULTY


SIGNPOSTING


Departure address and parking

Église de Pailhe (Church)
Route de Givet - 4560 Clavier (Pailhe)

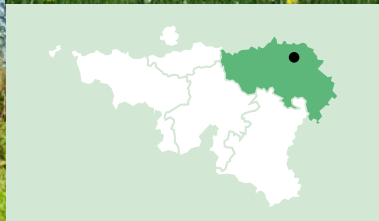
Step by step

- 1 From the church car park, reach the footbridge (near the war memorial) which will take you across the 'Pailhe' stream. After the playground, go up to the right (Rue du Thier). Continue walking up staying on the left (still Rue du Thier). On your left, you will see the Farm 'Sur la Mont' or 'de la Citadelle'.
- 2 At the crossroads, continue on the stony path. At the linden tree crossing, continue straight on until you reach the edge of the 'Grand Bois de Tharoul' (wood).
- 3 Turn left and walk along the woods to the la 'Chapelle de la Bagatelle' (chapel).
- 4 Take the road to the left for 100 metres then follow the long gravel path to the right. When you arrive at the edge of the 'Bois Grand Taillis', turn right then, after 100 metres, turn left and enter the woods via the forest path. At the end of the path, join the old road from 'Tahier' to 'Saint Fontaine' where you turn left.
- 5 At the Y junction, turn right. After a short climb, you'll arrive in the charming hamlet of 'Saint Fontaine'. Continue on the road that leads down to the right. At the bottom of this road, go up to the left after the footbridge. Your trail follows the main road and leads to a "ford" that you don't cross. The path is on the left and goes up the right bank of the 'St-Lambert' stream. You'll soon see an old mill on your right. Continue to the metal barrier.
- 6 Go up the path lined with Linden trees. You come out on the road to go to 'Ciney' (N636) which you need to cross. The path just opposite leads you through the 'Bois de Bassin' (wood). The wide path coming from Havelange turns left towards Tibiémont. Follow this direction for 1.4 km. The path sometimes splits itself into 2 but later comes back together. Shortly after you'll see an ancient water station then the trail comes to the edge of the woods and the meadow.
- 7 When you arrive at the 'Corne du Bois', leave the wide path you're on to take a path on the left. At the edge of the woods, turn left just after the bench. Even if everything points towards a meadow – rest assured it's a path. Further down, you'll see a gate then a turnstile to go through. 20 metres further take the country path, almost directly opposite.
- 8 800 metres further on is a rest area near a stunning Linden tree. Ignore the path on the right which goes towards 'Petit Modave' but instead continue your route on the wide gravel path. Then take a left onto the tarmac. Ignore the old tree lined path. The main road brings you back to your starting point.

Gradient



Clermont-sur-Berwinne



Walks around the Hillsides and the springs of the 'Berwinne' river

Discover the 'Pays de Herve' (Herve region) and the beauty of its landscapes on this fabulous walk.

Start from 'Clermont-Sur-Berwinne', one of the Most Beautiful Villages in Wallonia, with its 'Place de la Halle' (village square), it's veritable collection of Mosan architecture and a scenic route taking you through mountains and valleys. Discover meadows, fruit trees, and typical farms where nature, architecture and history blend seamlessly.

A little seductive escape in the natural charm of this walk.

16 km



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During the summer and Easter holidays :
Place de la Halle 21
4890 Clermont-sur-Berwinne

www.thimister-clermont.be

Where to visit

1,5 km

Remember Museum 39-44

The museum consists mainly of personal objects and artefacts abandoned by the 110 soldiers of the 1st American Infantry Division. It's a poignant place of remembrance dedicated to all the GI's who risked their lives for freedom.

www.remembermuseum.be

8 km

Espace des Saveurs et Découvertes (Regional Produce Counter)

Located within the local 'Pays de Herve' tourist office, this visit is a great starting point to explore a region popular for its cheeses and many other regional specialities.

www.paysdeherve.be

8 km

Abbaye cistercienne et Brasserie du Val-Dieu à Aubel (Cistercian Abbey and Val-Dieu Brewery)

The abbey in Aubel acts as a kind of spiritual stop off for pilgrims, as well as housing a brewery with traditional Belgian beers: Don't miss a visit to these two gems if you're in the Herve region.

www.abbaye-du-val-dieu.be

6 km

Siroperie artisanale d'Aubel (Artisanal Fruit syrups)

In the heart of the 'Pays de Herve', it's the ideal place to discover the history syrup making and taste its natural products.

www.sirope.be



Where to stay

Hôtel L'Ami du Chambertin

Crawhez 56 - 4890 Clermont-sur-Berwinne

www.lecharmeschambertin.be

Gîte Plaisir Campagne

Rue Pierreux 38 - 4890 Clermont-sur-Berwinne

www.plaisircampagne.be

Chambre d'hôtes Chez Puce

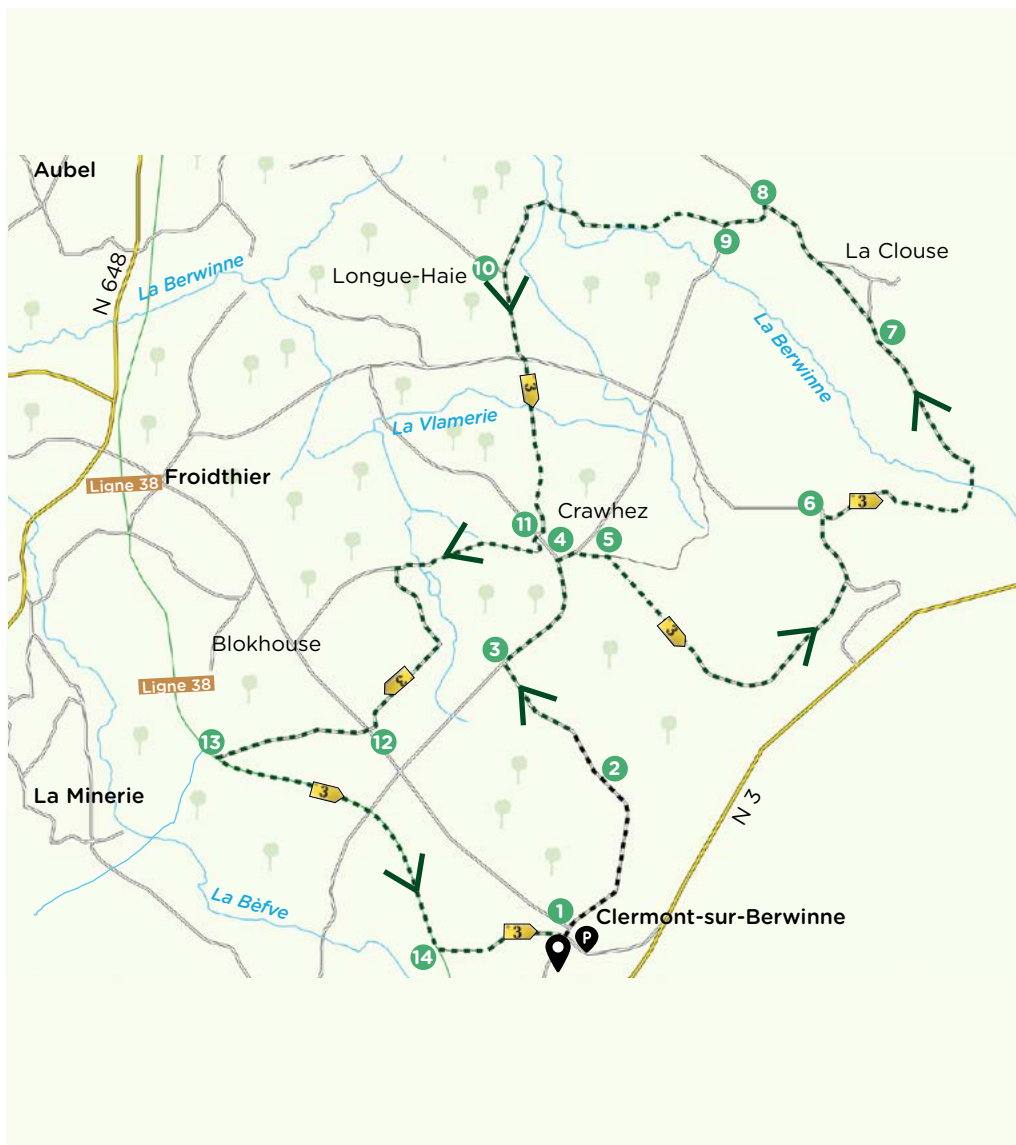
Chemin des Mesures 2 - 4890 Clermont-sur-Berwinne

www.paysdeherve.be

Chambres d'hôtes de La Ferme de la Strée

Les Trixhes 47 - 4890 Froidthier

www.ferme-stree.be



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km
16



4H30

DIFFICULTY



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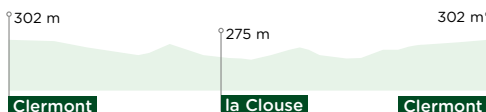
Departure address and parking

Rue du Bac 4 - Clermont-sur-Berwinne
Small car park nearby

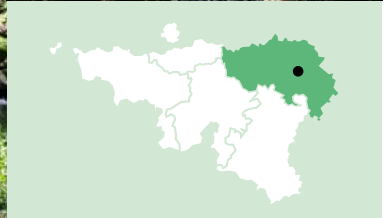
Step by step

- 1 Starting from 'Place de la Halle', continue straight on 'Rue Thier' and follow along the length of the cemetery.
- 2 Take the "3 Bis" junction and continue straight on to reach the Remember Museum, the 39-45 war museum.
- 3 Continue to join the main road and turn right towards the hamlet of 'Crawez', pass in front of Crawez castle and continue along the road until the next crossroads.
- 4 At the crossroads, turn right towards 'Quoidbach'.
- 5 At the Y junction, follow the right-hand side and then turn right onto a dirt road that will join the itinerary '3'.
- 6 At the end of this path, turn right and continue the walk via the "3" markings on the 'Val de la Berwinne' municipal road. Turn left and follow the road for 365 metres then turn right into a small, quiet municipal road.
- 7 Leave the lane on the left, passing through the meadows and following the stiles.
- 8 The marshlands are part of the Berwinne natural springs, settings the limits between the villages of 'Thimister' with 'Aubel'. You are now entering the municipality of Aubel. Take the small local road named 'Birven'.
- 9 At the junction with the 'Route de la Clouse' (above the valley) you'll see the 'Henri-Chapelle American military cemetery', turn left and follow the road. Leave this road and take the path on the right that leads to the place called "Raer". Follow the small tarmac road and pass in front of the historic site of the 'Dodart' water mills that were managed in the middle ages by the monks of the 'L'Abbaye du Val-Dieu' (Abbey).
- 10 Join the 'Longue Haie' road by going left. Cross the 'Bruyères' road where you'll arrive in front of the 'Saint Roch' Chapel, then take the path.
- 11 In the hamlet of 'Crawhez', the first known dwelling place for the area, pass in front of the 'Enfant Jésus de Prague' chapel and follow the markers that lead you to a dirt road, turn left until you get to the next crossroads.
- 12 At the crossroads, turn left again and continue straight on the 'Froidthier-Clermont' road.
- 13 At the next crossroads, take line 38 (RAVeL) and pass under the 'Aguesse' bridge.
- 14 After 150 metres, take a small dirt path to the right that climbs up to the bridge and continues along a very small tarmac road that leads back to 'Place de Clermont'.

Gradient



La Hoëgne



11,4 km |

A River Runs Through It

From pretty trickling streams to wild, roaring rivers.

The romance of la 'Hoëgne' is a sight to behold. If there's anything this walk avoids it's a straight line. There is even a kind of drunkenness to it as you follow the twists and turns of the river. Step over a wooden bridge to cross the wilder water cascades or on gratings by foot in wetter areas. They are the simple pleasures of walks that hold eternal appeal, even since Queen Marie-Henriette enjoyed them here in 1899. Landscapes take on varying shades of dark and light when the river crosses forests or moors. At the Centennial Bridge, join the 'Vecqueée', an ancient path that crosses the 'Fagnard' landscapes. A more open landscape accompanies you to 'Solwaster', an Ardennes village located in a natural setting, between the 'Fagnes' countryside and the forest.



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Where to visit

4 km

Lac de Warfaaz

Its edge is paved, which allows easy access to the fishing grounds. You can also enjoy many walks, a playground, pedal boat rentals and several food outlets are available near the lake.

www.liegetourisme.be

9 km

Spa

Spa is part of the European Cultural Route of Historic Spa Towns. Discover the fascinating history of this beautiful town thanks to its museums: Musée de la Ville d'Eaux (Museum of the City of Waters), Musée de la lessive (Laundry Museum), Musée du Cheval (Horse Museum). Visit its famous springs including 'Le Pouhon Pierre le Grand', Spa's main fountain.

www.spatourisme.be

6 km

Thermes de Spa (Spa Baths)

Enjoy a complete wellbeing package combining a tradition of thermal treatments in the namesake of thermal waters.

www.thermesdespa.com

15 km

Domaine de Bérinzenne et Maison de la Nature

In the heart of the 'Spadoise' forest, this estate offers open spaces which are freely accessible to the public: a panoramic tower, wooded park with pond and picnic and the 'Musée de la Forêt et des Eaux' (Forest & Water museum).

www.berinzenne.be



Spa Baths

Where to stay

Camping Parc des Sources

Rue de la Sauvenière 141 - 4900 Spa

www.campingspa.be

Domaine Corsendonk Sol Cress

Spaloumont 5 - 4900 Spa

www.corsendonkhotels.com

Chambre d'hôtes L'Etape fagnarde

Avenue Dr Pierre Gaspar 14 - 4900 Spa

www.ef-spa.be

La Cabane Du Bois Dormant

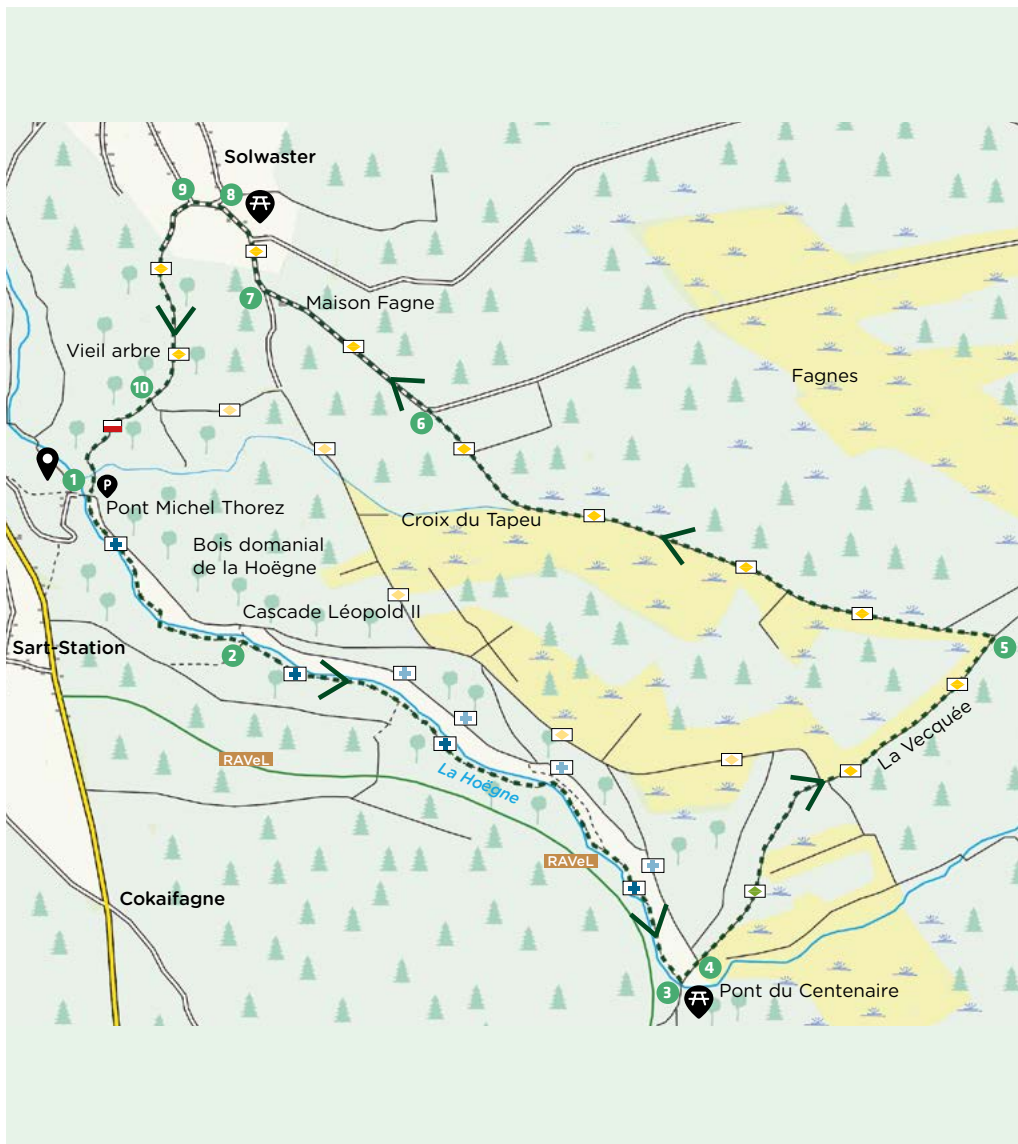
Avenue Peltzer de Clermont 26 - 4900 Spa

www.lacabaneduboisdormant.be

Silva Hotel Spa-Balmoral

Route de Balmoral 33 - 4900 Spa

www.silvahotelspabalmoral.be



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km
11,4


3H45

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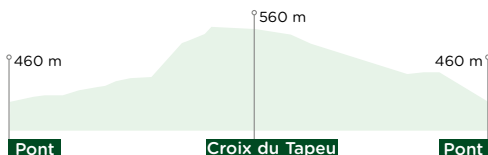
Departure address and parking

Parking «Au Pont de Belleheid»
Roquez 49 - 4845 Jalhay-Sart

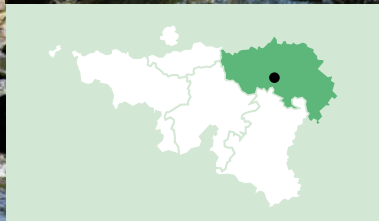
Step by step

- 1 Start from the car park, on the other side of the ford. A wooden portico takes you into the valley.
- 2 At the Leopold waterfall, walk along a shelter. The trail continues along the river.
- 3 After several kms along the banks of the river, the trail leads to the 'Centenaire' Bridge located on the right. Continue to the left.
- 4 Opposite, climb a wide stony path following the green diamond marker. A few hundred metres upstream, we reach the next marker, a yellow diamond. Keep going straight ahead.
- 5 Beware, the route forks to the left (beacon not visible) via a path leading to a wider path.
- 6 After a long progression through the Fagne and coniferous forests, you arrive going down into a more open landscape. Keep going straight.
- 7 Shortly after the '*Maison Fagne*', continue going down to 'Solwaster'.
- 8 At a picnic area, continue to the left.
- 9 The route leaves the road and takes a path to the left through the bright hedges.
- 10 Shortly after a dead tree, leave the yellow diamond marker to follow in front of the GR® road that descends towards the 'Michel Thorez' Bridge.

Gradient



The Ninglinspo



14,6 km



The enchanted stream

Near Remouchamps, the 'Amblève' River draws a meandering imprint through the valley where the 'Ninglinspo' and the 'Chefna' streams keep you company on your walk.

Right at the start of the route, you'll find the 'Ninglinspo' enchanting. The walk winds and flows as if trying to follow the stream. The pretty path continues the ascent of the stream, marked by little pools. Shortly after a long crossing, the lost hamlet of 'Ville-au-Bois' appears. It marks a superb descent that joins another stream, the 'Chefna' which is just as wild and wonderful in its unspoiled environment. The great landscapes continue all the way to the end of the walk. Look out for the impressive blocks of quartzite, scattered in the bed of the 'Amblève'.



Maison du Tourisme Ourthe-Vesdre-Amblève

Rue de Louveigné 3

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www.ovatourisme.be

Where to visit

6 km

Grottes de Remouchamps (Remouchamps Caves)

Accessible to tourists since 1828, the Remouchamps are spectacular, high ceilinged underground caves. Discover spacious galleries wonderfully decorated by nature, especially a 40 m high hall discovered in 1912 nicknamed the 'Cathedral'. The underground river is subtly lit by LEDs and a magical return journey in a boat awaits.

www.lesgrottes.be

10 km

Monde Sauvage Safari Parc d'Aywaille

By small train or car, you travel a 16km circuit, as if you were in a real African safari. Giraffes, elephants, hippos, rhinos and many other species live in a natural and semi-free setting. You continue the walk in the South American space, with a Mayan temple, the dome and the aviaries. You can also see bears, wild animals, monkey island and lemurs or ostriches.

www.mondesauvage.be

14 km

Forestia (Animal Park)

Forestia is a park dedicated to the understanding of Nature. Enjoy an unforgettable day between the animal park, the adventure route and many other surprises.

www.forestia.be



Where to stay

Camping Eden

Rue de Trois-Ponts 90 A - 4920 Aywaille

www.ovatourisme.be

Chambre d'hôtes À l'ombre du tilleul

Fond de la ville 3 - 4920 Aywaille

www.hotes.be

Gîte Au Chat-Moineau

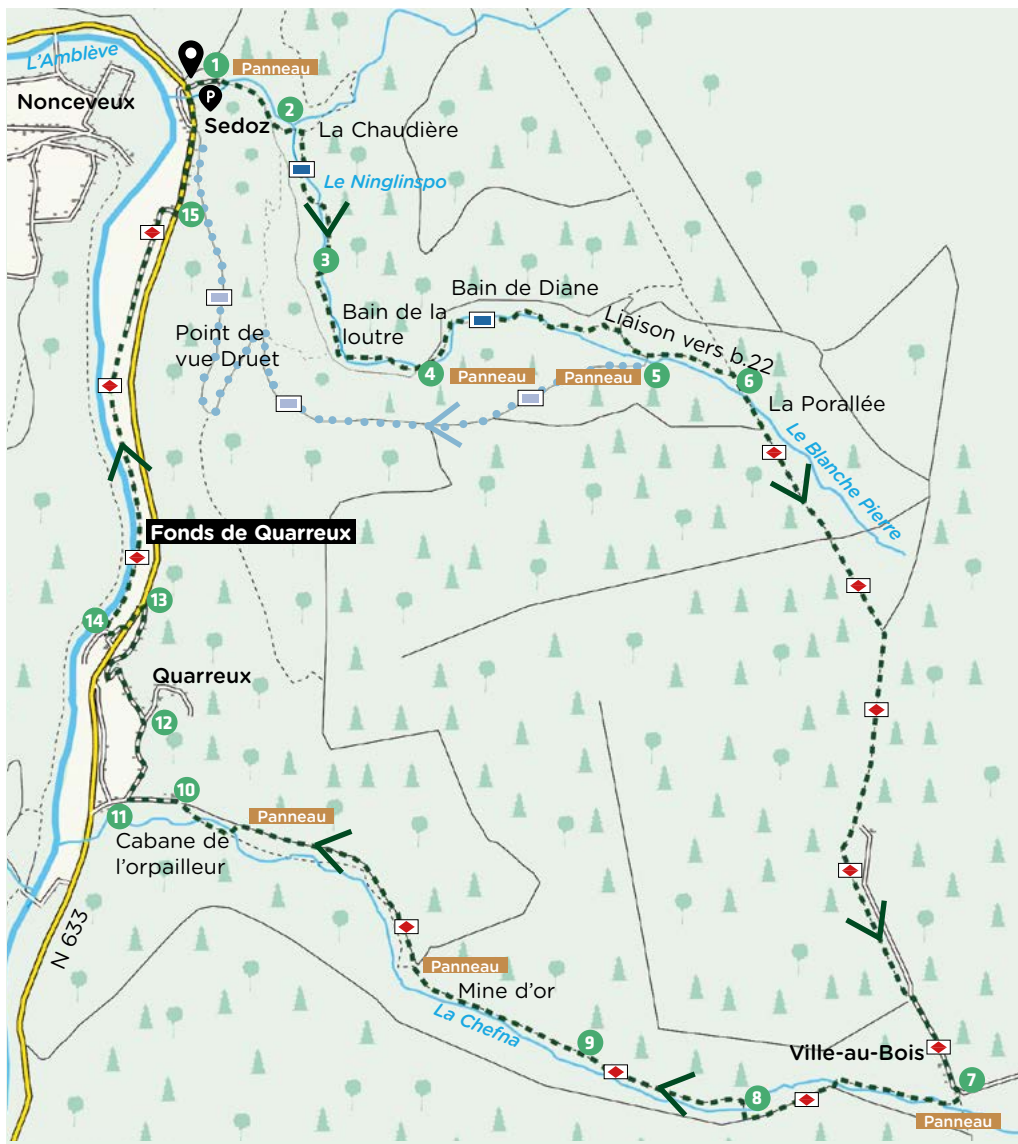
Rue Lombry 52 - 4920 Aywaille

www.accueilchampetre.be

Royal Hôtel Restaurant Bonhomme

Rue de la Reffe 26 - 4920 Remouchamps

www.hotelbonhomme.be



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km
14,6



4H20

DIFFICULTY



SIGNPOSTING



Departure address and parking

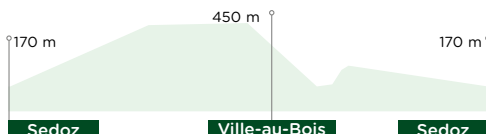
Parking de Sedoz
Route de Sedoz - 4920 Aywaille

Step by step

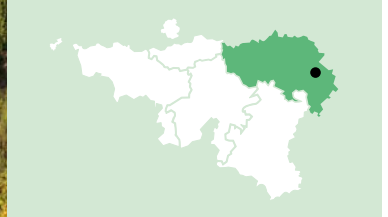
N.B. This route is highly popular with walkers. Think about embarking on this walk on a weekday or out of season.

- Starting from the car park, follow the walk 21, marked with a blue rectangle marker.
- At the 'Chaudière' waterfall, take the footbridge to find yourself on the other side of the 'Ninglinspo'.
- The progression along the creek will take you through 20 small wooden bridges.
- The walk joins a wider path for a few metres. Leave it for a much steeper path, with cables, on the right bank of the torrent.
- At the Height of the Fork, leave the Walk 21 (which joins the 'Drouet' viewpoint, in blue on the map) and take the link route to the Walk 22, located on the right bank of the stream 'Blanche Pierre'.
- Shortly after the 'Porallée' terminal, join Walk 22 (red diamond marker) and walk to the right on a long forest path.
- At the exit of 'Ville-au-Bois', leave the road and continue on a path that runs along the nascent 'Chefna', right bank.
- Leave the path to follow on the right a path hidden in an expanse of spruce.
- The route descends and runs along the torrent. Pass by the old gold mine.
- Shortly after the goldsmith's hut, you end up in a small road.
- Continue to follow it to the crossroads. Climb to the right (small road) towards the houses of 'Quarreux'.
- At the height of the houses, turn left via the 'Rue de Quarreux' which goes down in laces.
- Cross the main road and follow it for 50 m, to the left.
- Go under railway track on your right and join the natural site called 'Site des Fonds de Quarreux'.
- At the end of the street, join the highway that takes you back to 'Sedoz'.

Gradient



Xhoffraix



17 km



The wild river 'Warche'

Between steep rocks and wild rivers, this long and beautiful walk criss-crosses the 'Warche' River Valley.

The forests and shrubs gently cloak the village of 'Xhoffraix' in green and shield it beautifully from the environment. From its steep inclines flow waterfalls and streams creating the perfect starting point for hiking routes. At a turn of a bend you will marvel at the magnificent view over the 'Warche' valley. As you reach the river via a steep path, you enter a small canyon that will take you to the foot of beautifully restored Reinhardstein Castle. There's even a small donkey trail that leads to the ridges. At the top, the route begins to wind, hugging the curves of the relief and offering panoramas of the narrow valley. Further on, the trail tumbles to the 'Moulin' campsite. The river leading to 'Coreu' creek, leads you to "Xhoffraix", the dramatic finale to this demanding hike.



Maison du Tourisme Hautes Fagnes - Cantons de l'Est

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www.ostbelgien.eu

Where to visit

7 km

Malmundarium

This ancient monastery is a place of memory, art, history and culture to visit in the 'Cantons de L'Est' (German speaking part of Belgium)

www.malmundarium.be

7 km

Château de Reinhardstein (Reinhardstein Castle)

Museum, archery initiation, falconry show, medieval meals...

www.reinhardstein.net

8 km

Lac de Robertville

The ideal place if you love a little calm and relaxation. Surrounded by forest, the lake and its surroundings offer breathtaking landscapes to choose from and the possibility to bathe in its pure waters.

www.robertville.be

12 km

Baugnez 44 Historical Centre

Museum about the 'Malmedy Massacre' during the Battle of the Bulge in the December 1944.

www.baugnez44.be



Where to stay

Auberge de jeunesse de Malmédy

Route d'Eupen 36 - 4960 Malmedy

www.lesaubergesdejeunesse.be

Camping Familial

Rue des Bruyères 19 - 4960 Malmedy

www.campingfamilial.be

Chambres d'hôtes La Ferme d'Arimont

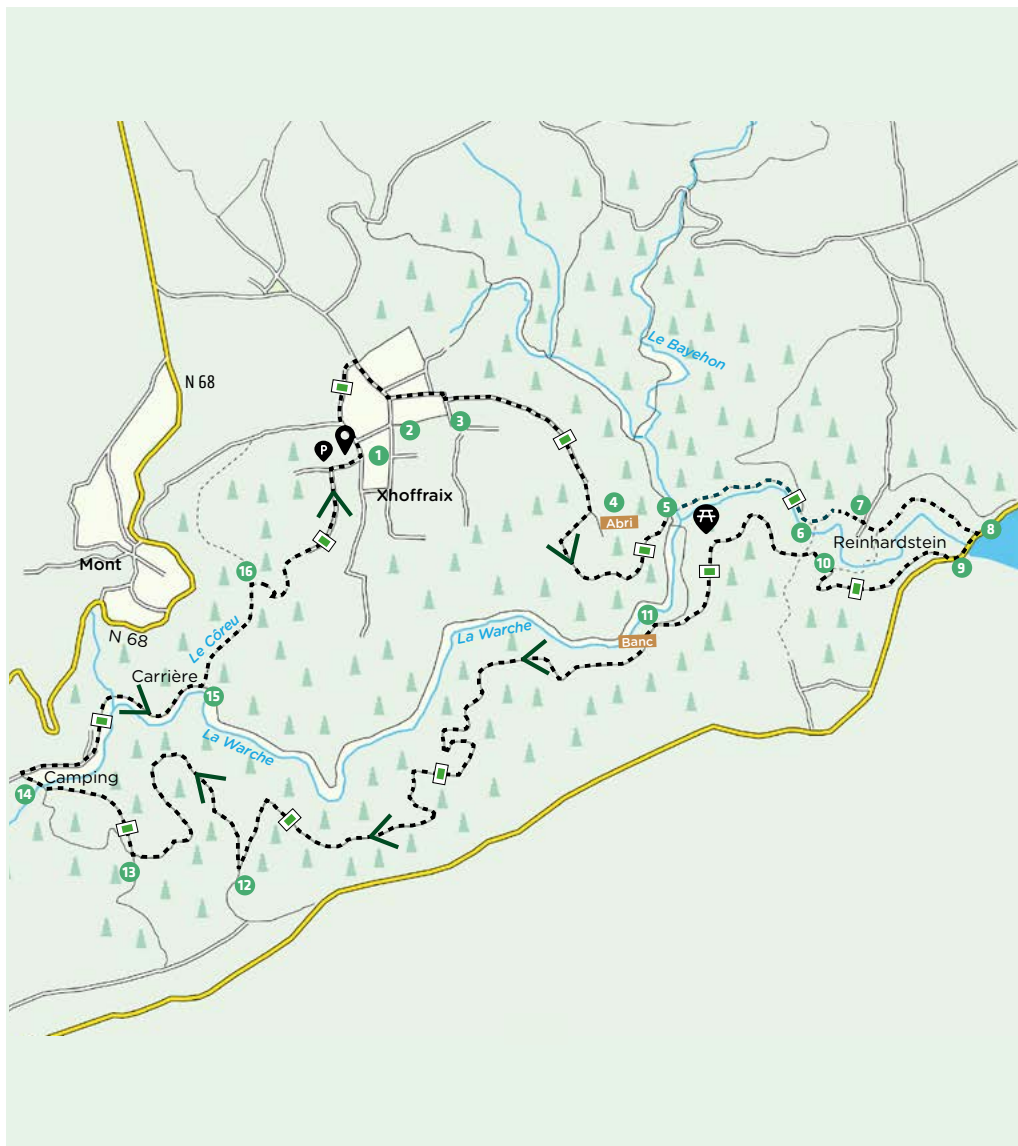
Chemin de la Cense 22 - 4960 Malmedy

www.fermedarimont.be

Hôtel La Manufacture de Malmedy

Route de Waimes 19b - 4960 Malmedy

www.manufacturedemalmedy.be



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km
17



5H10

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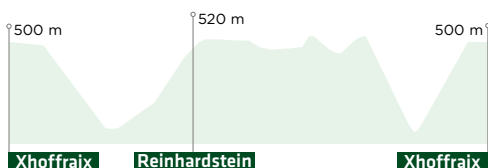
Departure address and parking

Parking de l'Église
Rue Curé Beckmann - 4950 Xhoffraix

Step by step

- 1 From the car park, first join 'Rue Renier' in 'Brialmont' and then continue into the 'Rue du Petit Village'.
- 2 Go straight ahead.
- 3 At the exit of the alley, turn left (Rue de la Borbotte) to immediately take the right onto 'Rue Large Voie'.
- 4 Follow the path to the right.
- 5 In the valley, cross the bridge in front and follow the trail along the 'Warche' River.
- 6 Follow the path climbing up on the left.
- 7 Join the road leading to 'Reinhardstein' castle and follow the path opposite.
- 8 The path leads to the 'Route du Barrage' (Dam): cross it.
- 9 At the exit of the dam, near the car park, take the path to the right and keep following this ridge path.
- 10 Walk along the 'Nez Napoléon', a beautiful viewpoint over the valley.
- 11 Continue straight ahead. The path on the right leads directly down towards the river 'Warche'.
- 12 Turn right onto a wider path that is the start of the descent.
- 13 Follow the main path that leads down steeply to the river.
- 14 At the 'Moulin' campsite, cross the 'Warche' and join the 'Route de la Carrière' on the right.
- 15 Shortly after having bypassed the quarry, cross the 'Côreu' and immediately climb to the left along the rapids on a furrowed path.
- 16 As you climb up, take the path to the right which leads towards the village of 'Xhoffraix'.

Gradient





Car Free Travel in Wallonia

By Train, Bike or On Foot

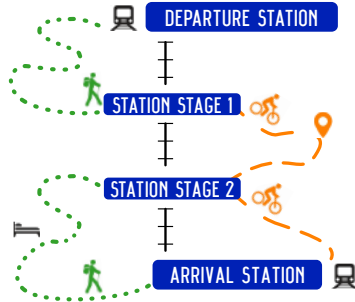


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So what's the concept? Short break escapes 100% chilled - 0% car free

Each of the suggested routes starts and ends at a station. Between the two, stopover stations you can link up either by bike or on foot.

Take it your own pace: mix and match the way you want: according to your desires, your interests, your accommodation....



For each getaway, the travel diary offers:

Detailed maps - Suggested places to visit - Nature centred activities - Restaurant Recommendations and cool picnic spots - Accommodation choices - Local specialties to enjoy.

Bonus point

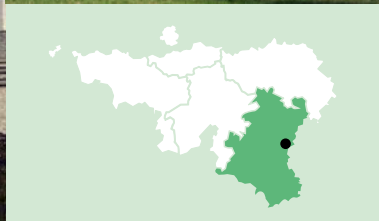
Our getaways can be linked together (obviously by train) so you can make the most of this new **'slow tourism'** experience... Have a nice trip.



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The Ultimate Belgian Getaway

Bastogne



Memorial Walk

Bastogne is forever linked with destiny as it marks the place where the Allies blocked the German offensive there during the terrible winter of 1944.

Though steeped in historical battle history with its battle footprint still very much present the region is also charming for other reasons. From the Mardasson Monument, where the names of the American soldiers who died in battle are engraved, who would imagine that terrible fighting took place in the surrounding villages such as 'Neffe' and 'Bizory'. The emotional atmosphere continues when you venture into the 'Peace Wood', a magnificent landscaped work dedicated to peace. The 4,000 trees that make it up were planted on the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. The 3 groves are lined with bolts, sorbiers, oaks and beech trees, are a poignant tribute to veterans and all civilian casualties. Further on, as the countryside opens out, to join the edge of 'Bois Jacques', you can imagine where the soldiers of an American company managed to hold their position in freezing temperatures of -28 degrees overnight. The landscape of the region is marked in war history whilst Bastogne has become the town of universal brotherhood in terms of war commemoration.

16,5 km



Syndicat d'initiative de Bastogne

Place Général Mc Auliffe 60
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www.bastogne-tourisme.be

Where to visit

Mardasson Memorial

The star shaped memorial was built to honour the memory of the 76,890 American soldiers killed in the Battle of the Bulge. It is also now the emblem of the town.

www.bastogne-tourisme.be

700m

Bastogne War Museum

This museum immerses you in the reality of the Second World War and the Battle of the Bulge. Within its bold and contemporary architecture, you will re-live the personal experiences of four characters through period objects, multi-sensory and 3D elements, but also first-hand accounts.

www.bastognewarmuseum.be

101st Airborne Museum

Complete your visit of Bastogne with all there is to know about the military history of the 101st Airborne Division and units involved in the Battle in December 1944 and January 1945.

www.101airbornemuseumbastogne.com

2km

Bastogne Barracks

A Second World War Interpretation Centre is located in the Bastogne Barracks. You can also discover the current workshop for the restoration of military vehicles.

www.bastogne-barracks.be



Where to stay

Camping de Renval

Rue de Marche 148 - 6600 Bastogne

www.campingderenal.be

Bed & Breakfast Santa Fe – Lutrebois

Lutrebois 11 - 6600 Bastogne

www.santafelutrebois.be

Domaine de la Ferme Des Bisons

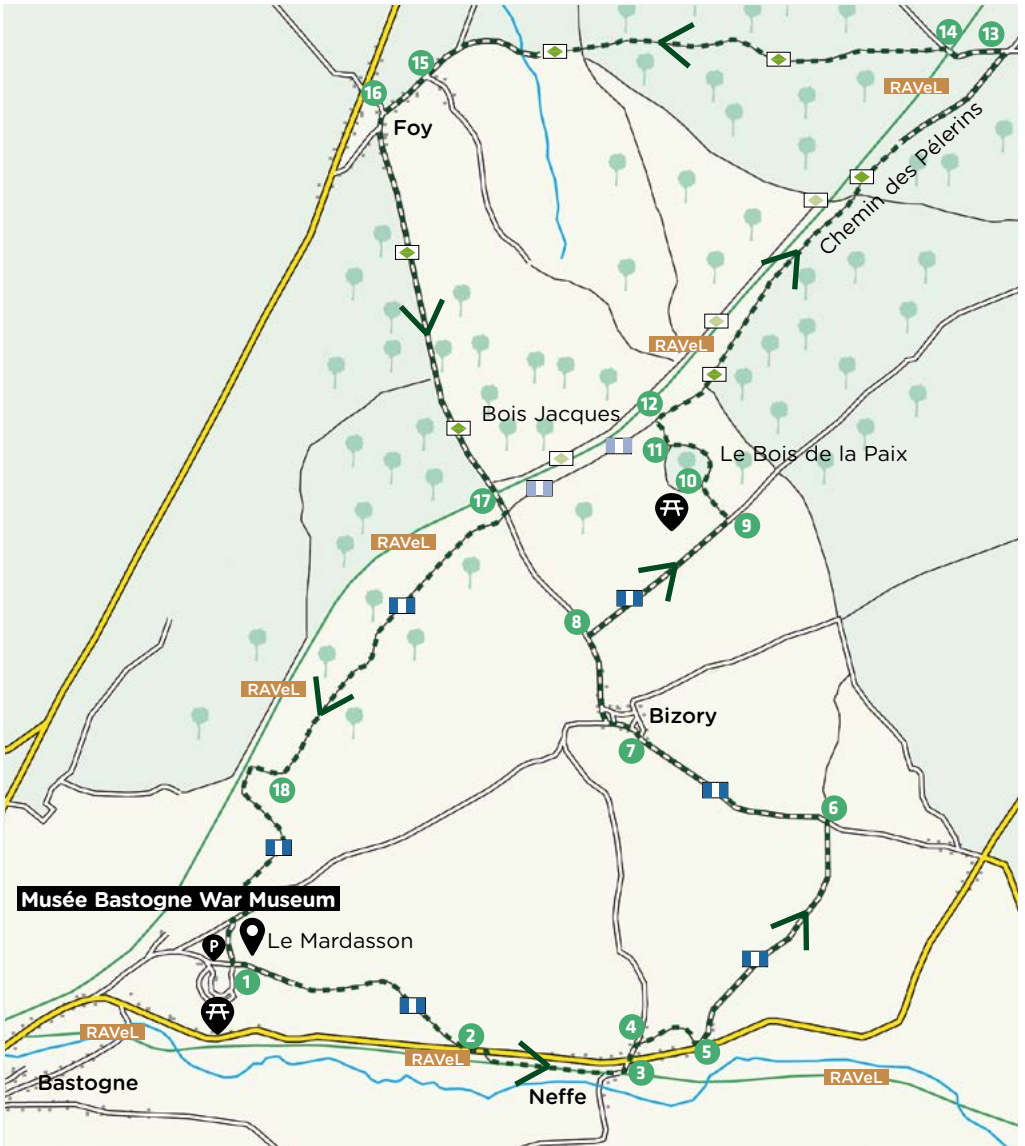
Recogne - 6600 Bastogne

www.fermedesbisons.be

Gîte La Bovire

Rue de Neufchâteau 78 - 6600 Bastogne

www.labovire.be



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km
16,5


4H30

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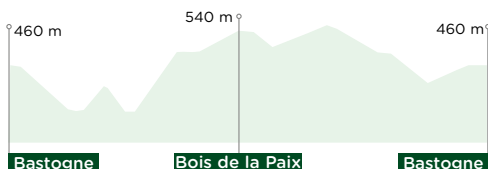
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Mémorial du Mardasson
Route de Bizory 1 - 6600 Bastogne

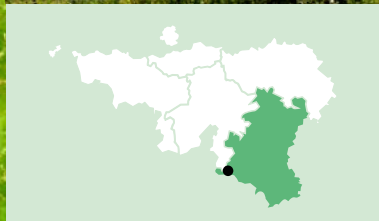
Step by step

- 1 From the Mardasson behind you, follow the path that will cross the fields (Promenade du Bois de la Paix).
- 2 Do not follow the main road but take the RAVeL path, located on the right until the village of 'Neffe'.
- 3 In 'Neffe', join the chapel and take the road opposite, towards the village of 'Bizory'.
- 4 Going up the hill, you will see a little path on the right hand side follow it down towards the main road.
- 5 At the highest point, climb immediately to the left towards the small crossroads.
- 6 At the crossroads, turn left to join 'Bizory'.
- 7 In the village, when you reach the walking signpost, follow the road towards 'Bois de la Paix' (Peace Wood).
- 8 Turn right, via a small road.
- 9 Turn left, you enter the 'Bois de la Paix' (Peace Wood).
- 10 You go around it, to the right.
- 11 The marker leaves the wood and follows a path leading to the 'Chemin des Pèlerins' (Pilgrims' Way).
- 12 Turn right to follow this time the green diamond signpost (Promenade du Chemin des Pèlerins).
- 13 Shortly after a small airfield for model planes, turn left.
- 14 Cross the RAVeL path to take a road to the left that will run through a beautiful forest.
- 15 Join the village of 'Foy'. Continue straight on the main street of the village.
- 16 Turn left.
- 17 Shortly after crossing the RAVeL path where the E Company Memorial is located, follow the path along in parallel to the green path where you will re-join the 'Promenade du Bois de la Paix' (Blue and white rectangle).
- 18 The path bypasses the quarry to end up at the entrance to the Bastogne War Museum.

Gradient



Botassart



A River Runs Through It...

The breathtaking sight of the 'Giant's Tomb' sets the stage for a pretty walk leading to the banks of the 'Semois' River.

From the panorama of 'Botassart', the clarity of the azure sky allows you to admire the magnificent meandering 'Semois' and the entire forest area encircling it. From this point of view, the trail criss-crosses stunted vegetation and joins the banks of the river. As usual in this area, you find a beautiful natural river with clear waters ribboned gracefully with long filaments of green algae. Under the sun's rays, the tones of the river vary from blue to phosphorescent green, like being in front of an impressionist painting. At the 'Epine' Mill, the path climbs in a spiral towards the ridges overlooking Bouillon. At the exit of the forest, a panoramic tower offers a viewing point towards the thousand-year-old town. The descent follows a corbelled path - which is up there with the most beautiful mountain routes. On the way back, you can zig zag the river at the end of this beautiful hike.

13,3 km



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www.paysdebouillon.be

Where to visit

10 km

Parc animalier de Bouillon (Bouillon Animal Park)

It hosts an incredible 80 different species of animals from local to more exotic flora and fauna amidst 2 km along the park and nature reserve.

www.parcanimalierdebouillon.be

10 km

Musée Ducal (Ducal Museum)

Housed in a listed building, the museum's collections cover (history, folklore, painting, metallurgy) and are exhibited in an unusual, original and lively space. The artefacts are as alluring as they are diverse, inviting you to explore 1000 years of history.

www.museeducalbouillon.be

10 km

Archéoscope Godefroid de Bouillon (History Museum Godefroid de Bouillon)

This spectacle-show brings together the best of technology, combining it with the First Crusade, in the footsteps of Duke Godefroid and thousands of men who first took their pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

www.archeoscopebouillon.be

11 km

Château de Bouillon (Bouillon and its Falconry shows)

You can visit the fortress, whose origins date back to the 8th century and admire a ballet of raptors.

www.bouilloninitiative.be



Château fort de Bouillon

Using the **Bouillon City Pass**, take advantage of these three emblematic sites in downtown Bouillon at an attractive price.



Where to stay

Auberge de jeunesse de Bouillon

Route du Christ 16 - 6830 Bouillon

www.lesaubergesdejeunesse.be

Camping Halliru

Halliru 1 - 6830 Bouillon

www.bouillon.be

Gîtes Le Ti Bou De Refuge

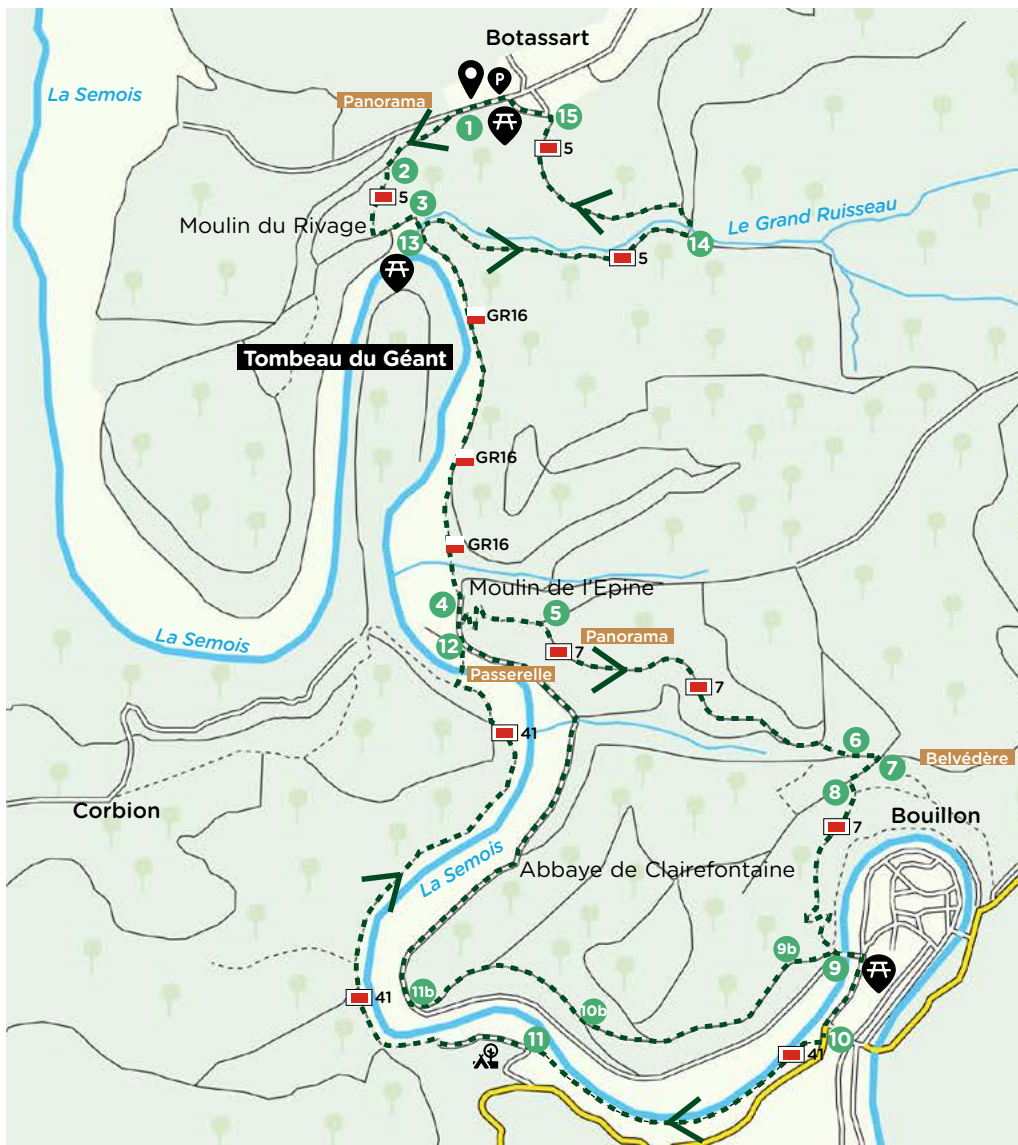
Rue Bernifalouche 6 - 6832 Sensenruth

www.letibouderefuge.be

Hôtel Panorama

Rue Au-dessus de la ville 25 - 6830 Bouillon

www.panoramahotel.be



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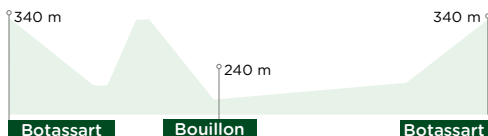
Departure address and parking

Le Tombeau du Géant (Giant's Tomb)
Moulin du Rivage - 6833 Botassart (Bouillon)

Step by step

- 1 From the viewpoint of the 'Giant's Tomb', follow the road below: the path veers to the left, down the slope.
 - 2 When you come to a path: turn left and continue downhill.
 - 3 You arrive at the 'Moulin du Rivage'. Leave signposting n° 5 (which you will find again at the end of the route) and take the signposting GR 16. Cross the stream and turn immediately to the right towards the banks of the 'Semois' River.
 - 4 The GR now joins the 'Moulin de l'Epine'. When you reach that path, follow the walk n° 7 (red rectangle) which takes a steep path opposite.
 - 5 Shortly after the viewpoint, the gradient softens and becomes a gentler path to the right.
 - 6 You come to a furrowed path. Continue to the left.
 - 7 Take the path to the right that joins the Panoramic Tower.
 - 8 At the belvedere the route takes the path to the right which will go down in a winding path towards Bouillon.
 - 9 When you arrive at the foot of the 'Pont de la Poulie' (bridge), cross it, then take the small road on your right. You arrive next to the tunnel.
 - 10 Now follow the markings n° 41 (red rectangle), you follow the 'Corbion' road for 50m and then leave it to take the 'L'Admirant' path that runs along the river.
 - 11 Pass through the 'Halliru' campsite and follow the Semois River to the Epine footbridge, cross it.
 - 12 You are back to point 4 'Moulin de l'Epine' where you take the GR16 again until you reach the 'Moulin du Rivage' via the banks of the 'Semois'.
 - 13 At the 'Moulin du Rivage' (mill), take the signpostings for the Botassart walk n° 5: follow the course of the 'Grand Ruisseau' (river).
 - 14 At the path crossroads, cross over the stream and follow the path that climbs towards 'Botassart' on the left.
 - 15 Turn left from the Botassart chapel to find the 'Tombeau du Géant' (Giant's Tomb) viewpoint.
- N.B.** Be careful of flooding in this area due to occasional heavy rains. If this should happen, we recommend you follow points 9 to 11 below:
- 9b When you arrive at the foot of the 'Pont de Poulies' (bridge) do not join the road leading to the abbey but follow path n° 7 in parallel, to the right.
 - 10b Continue to the right along the corbelled path.
 - 11b Join the road that leads to the 'Abbaye de Clairefontaine' (abbey).

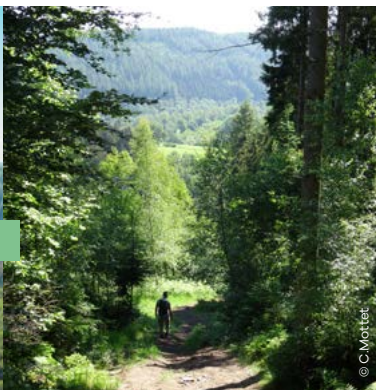
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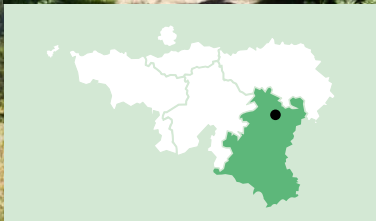
La Roche-en-Ardenne



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14 km



'Borzée' walk

The small town of La Roche-en-Ardenne sits majestically on the banks of the 'Ourthe' River, cutting two great forks in the deep valley as they meander through the breathtaking landscape of the surrounding hills.

Sitting high above is a fort which was a residential area as far back as the Stone Age, it then became a fortified town, a Roman fort and finally a feudal castle of French royalty. With all its rich landscapes, La Roche is the ideal base for hikers, cyclists and kayaking enthusiasts. The route described follows the markings n° 6 until the villages of 'Maboge' and 'Borzée' to return to 'La Roche', seducing visitors with its pretty views over the ruins of the castle and the 'Ourthe' valley.



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Cœur de l'Ardenne,
au Fil de l'Ourthe
& de l'Aisne**

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www.coeurdelardenne.be

Where to visit

100 m

Château féodal de La Roche-en-Ardenne (Feudal castle of La Roche-en-Ardenne)

Discover this fortress dating from the Middle Ages, of which only the ruins remain. Camped on the rocky outcrop, with its dungeons and loopholes, you are immersed in a medieval atmosphere of knights, kings and crusaders.

www.chateaudelaroch.be

100 m

Ardenne Aventures (Activity Centre)

Discover a world of fun and a multitude of activities: kayak or pedal boat, paintball, mountain biking, adventure park in the trees, waterball, rafting, archery.

www.ardenne-aventures.be

7 km

Plage de Maboge (Maboge beach)

Swimming in the river, games for children, cafeteria,...

www.luxembourg-belge.be

100 m

Musée de la bataille des Ardennes (Museum of the Battle of the Ardenne)

This museum has the particularity of emphasizing the role played by the British in this episode of the Second World War. In an expansive site of 1500m², you'll discover weapons, personal objects of the soldiers and equipment found in the field.

www.batarden.be

2 km

Parc à gibier de La Roche-en-Ardenne (La Roche-en-Ardenne game park)

Through a forest trail, get up close to the animals of the Ardennes forest. Hinds, mouflons, wild boars but also farm animals live there in biotopes close to their natural environments.

www.parc-gibier-laroch.be



Where to stay

Camping Benelux

Rue de Harzé 24 - 6980 La Roche-en-Ardenne

www.campingbenelux.be

Domaine de vacances Le Floréal

Avenue de Villez 6 - 6980 La Roche-en-Ardenne

www.floréalgroup.be

Hôtel Du Midi

Rue de Beusaint 6 - 6980 La Roche-en-Ardenne

www.hotelmidi.be



Maison d'hôtes La Niouche

Rue devant Thimont 27 - 6980 La Roche-en-Ardenne

www.laniouche.be



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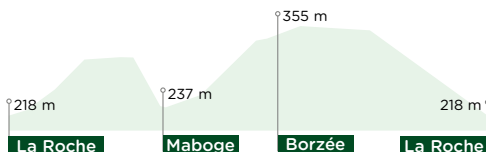
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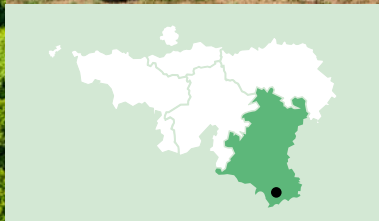
Step by step

- 1 Start from tourist office reception area, Place du Marché, 15. Go in the direction of 'Place du Bronze', then take 'Bon Dieu de Maka' and go up to the exit of the town.
- 2 When you get to the top of the 'Olivettes', the lane becomes a dirt road. This path climbs up to the 'Cresse du Corbeau', where the road turns left to the radio antenna site.
- 3 You then climb straight above the 'Ourthe' valley among the gorse which transforms the highlands into an expanse of blazing yellow blanket in spring. At the end of the path, the relief changes.
- 4 Follow the forest path which descends down steeply to the left and quickly turns into a narrow stony path. You are on the downhill course. Be careful navigating this path especially in rainy or frosty weather.
- 5 Cross the 'Ourthe' River in the valley then you'll reach the village of 'Maboge'. Take a right on this path to the main street, and follow it for approx. 800 m.
- 6 At the crossroads towards the village of 'Borzée', take the road that crosses over the bridge, then cross the stream to take the forest path on the left.
- 7 At the next junction, the path climbs steeply to the right and winds up to the entrance to 'Borzée'. The route passes in front of the le 'Clos René' 'brasserie/ crêperie' then climbs up to the left in the forest.
- 8 At the next fork in the road keep to your left then follow the main path. You pass the 'Gisant de Lohan' viewpoint and continue to the water reservoir.
- 9 Turn left and walk along a meadow to the entrance to the village. At the first crossroads, turn right and follow a path that descends through a beautiful oak wood.
- 10 At the end of the path, the diamond shaped signposting n° 6 sends you to the left on the road to 'Houffalize', then take the 2nd street on the right. You will soon discover a superb view over the town's park and the castle which sits above the 'Ourthe' River.

Gradient



Laclaireau



Towards Montauban

This magnificent walk takes you amidst the natural landscape of the 'Gaume' region. A part of Belgium that has its own particular micro-climate in the south of the Luxembourg province.

Purity and health 'par excellence' best describes this valley which is known for its 'Valvert' spring water.

The beauty of this walk lies above all in the diverse landscapes it crosses; firstly along the 'Gros Ruisseau' (River), then in the intimacy of the fir forest and finally continuing in another forest of soft green deciduous trees. This hike really shows off the best of 'Cron de Montauban' and its archaeological site – an open air museum which is really worth a visit. Don't miss a chance to explore the magical ruins of the ancient fortification and contemporary art installations.

The epic viewpoint over the Montauban forest's four hills is a must, leaving you with a magnificent memory of your stay in the forest of the legendary 'Quatre Fils Aymon'.

18,7 km



Maison du Tourisme de Gaume

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www.visitgaume.be

Where to visit

5 km

Le Centre d'Art Contemporain du Luxembourg belge à Montauban (The Contemporary Art Centre in Montauban)

Located on the 'Montauban-Buzenol' site, the centre houses temporary exhibitions and environmental works in a space dedicated to both archeology, heritage and nature.

www.caclb.be

17 km

Torgny

In 'Gaume', Torgny is one of the Most Beautiful Villages in Wallonia and enjoys a mild climate lending itself perfectly to the cultivation of vines. Torgny enjoys a privileged microclimate and gently rolling terrain. There is a little air of 'Provence' enhanced by the warm colors, stones and red tiled roofs, as well as by its three vineyards.

www.torgny.be

6 km

Le Musée Gaumais de Virton et son Jacquemart (The Gaumais de Virton Museum and its Jacquemart)

This museum exhibits archeology, art, civil and religious ethnography, industrial and popular arts, folklore and legends, regional furniture and traditions in as many approaches to this endearing region that is the 'Gaume'.

www.museesgaumais.be



Where to stay

Camping La Colline

Clos des Horlés 1 – 6760 Virton

www.florealgroup.be

Hôtel de la Tour d'Harival

Rue d'Arlon 1 - 6760 Virton

www.harival.be

Maison d'hôtes La Gaum'aise

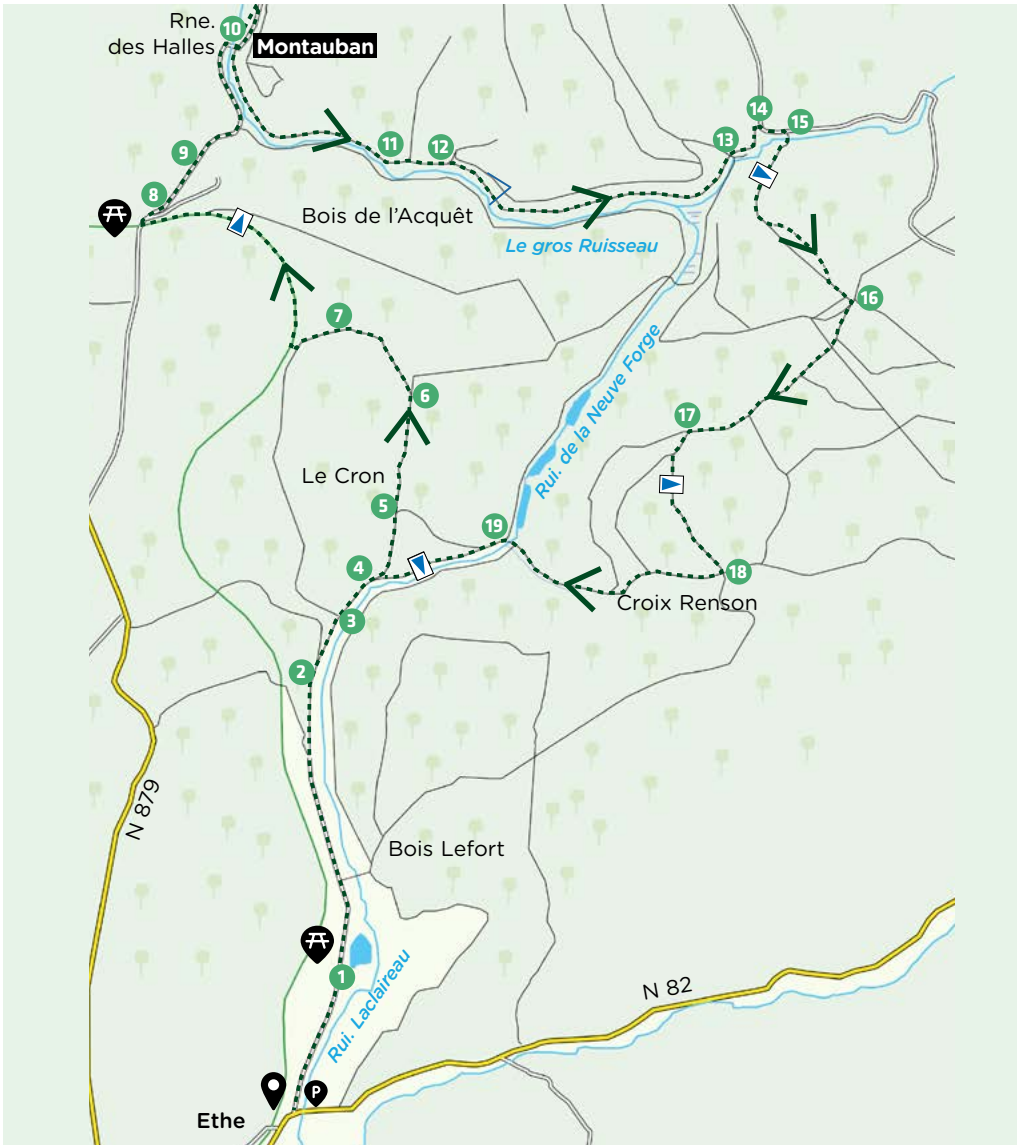
Rue Charbeau 16 – 6769 Sommethonne

www.gaumaise.be

La Grappe d'Or

Rue de l'Ermitage 18 - 6767 Torgny

www.lagrappedor.com



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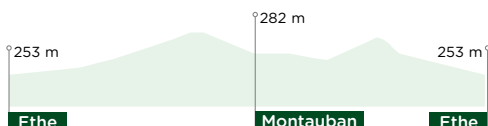

Departure address and parking

Rue Vieux-Laclaireau - 6760 Ethe

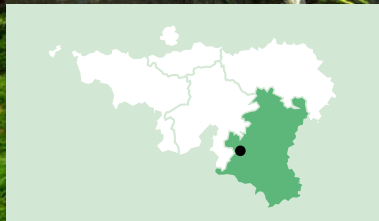
Step by step

- 1 From the military cemetery car park, go up 'Rue Vieux Laclaireau'. You pass in front of ponds.
- 2 At the Y junction, keep right.
- 3 Ignore the trails to the left and continue straight on.
- 4 At the Y, take the left path. Follow the blue triangle signpost markings.
- 5 Leave the trail to the right and left and continue straight.
- 6 At the Y junction, take the path on your left.
- 7 At the next Y junction, turn right. You then arrive on the RAVeL, take it by turning right.
- 8 Continue straight on the RAVeL until 'Rue de Bar'. Turn right on this street.
- 9 Continue straight on this 'Rue de Bar' until you arrive at the Montauban Archeological site.
- 10 Take the path on your right, facing the archaeological park.
- 11 Follow this path. When you get to the Y junction, take the path on the right.
- 12 At the next Y junction, turn right again.
- 13 As you arrive at the T-junction, facing the pond, turn right and directly left.
- 14 The path on your right then takes you over the stream. As you arrive on the road (Rue du Bois), turn right for a few metres then, take the path directly on your right.
- 15 You immediately come to a Y junction, take the path on the right.
- 16 Follow this path to a T-junction where you turn right. Continue straight on, ignoring the trails to the left and right.
- 17 At the Y junction, follow the path to the left.
- 18 At the crossroads, turn right. Continue straight on this path until you reach a small bridge.
- 19 Cross the bridge and turn immediately left. This trail takes you back to point 4.

Gradient



Maissin



13,7 km



Along The Banks of the 'River Lesse'

This hike is a combination of 2 walks: 'Les Chaftees Louis' and 'Virée à Chêne'. As you follow the "Lesse River" hike you pass the pretty villages of 'Maissin' and 'Lesse' on the trail.

Leaving 'Maissin', you pass through the 'Pierre Massé' war cemetery (14-18). Then you'll come to the Rivers 'Our' and 'Lesse'. The Lesse river crossing marks the perfect place for a pretty picnic and relaxing break.

This is a perfect combination of Lesse riverside and woodland trails. A rejuvenating trail on a magnificent route.



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Where to visit

6 km

Redu

Redu has been the book capital since 1984. Like a Belgian alternative to Hay on Wye, this typical Ardennes village with local stone houses, surrounded by forests has changed. If you like reading, join some 200,000 visitors from all over the world, who come to Redu every year.

www.redu-villagedulivre.be

6 km

Mudia

Understanding, learning and having fun is the order of the day in this unique art museum. In this context, it offers you a fun, digital and high-tech journey for all who visit. Thanks to the videos, animated boards, games and playful tests present along its 20 rooms, you can appreciate art and its evolution from a completely different perspective. The children will love it too.

www.mudia.be

8 km

Euro Space Center

The ultimate theme park for dreaming of space. You embark at the gates of our galaxy and discover another facet of our planet Earth. A fun and educational adventure for the whole family.

www.eurospacecenter.be



Euro Space Center

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Where to stay

Chambre d'hôtes La Clef des Champs

rue des Champs 29 - 6850 Paliseul

www.bouillon-tourisme.be

Gîte de la Haillette

Rue Henri Calvez - 6852 Maissin (Paliseul)

www.fermedelahailette.be

Auberge La Hutte Lurette

Rue de la Station 64 - 6850 Paliseul

www.lahuttelurette.be

Hôtel La Barrière de Transinne

Rue de la Barrière 4 - 6890 Transinne

www.barrieredetransinne.be



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km
13,7



4H00

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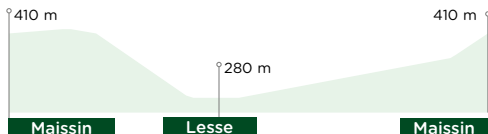
Eglise de Maissin
Place des Combattants
6852 Maissin (Paliseul)

Step by step

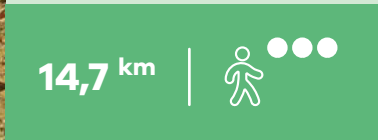
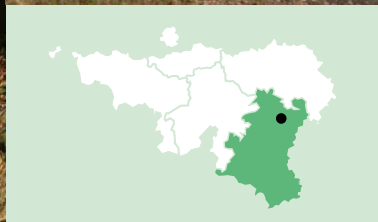
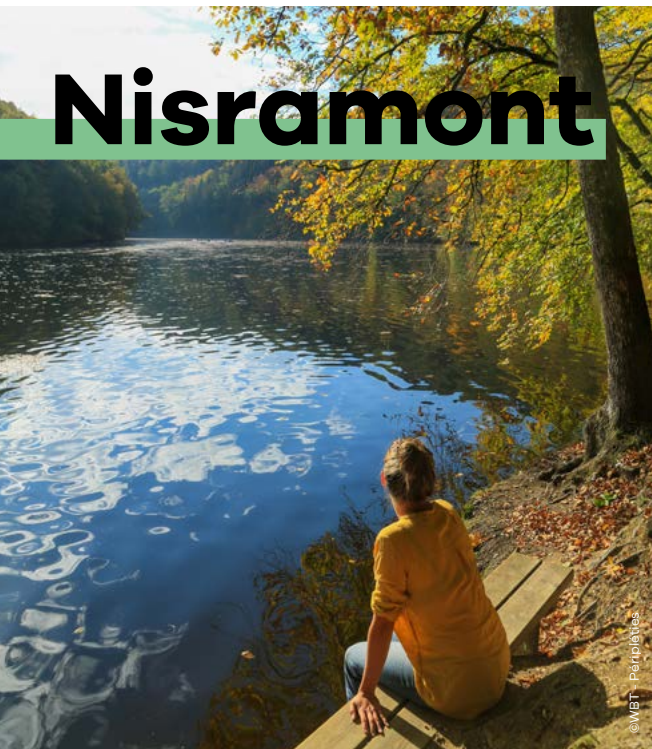
- 1 From the Church, head towards 'Rue Commandant Henri Calvez' following the vertical yellow rectangle markings. You then pass in front of the military cemetery.
- 2 After the cemetery, at the Y junction, head left.
- 3 At the next Y junction, follow the path to the right.
- 4 At the Y junction of the trails, follow the one on the right. Leave the other trails to your right. When you come to a new Y junction, stay to the right. Then continue straight on.
- 5 At the Y, now following the path to the left in order to follow the 'Our' River. Follow the path on the right, but do not cross the 'Our'.
- 6 Keep to the right in order to walk along the banks of the Lesse River.
- 7 In the village of 'Lesse', cross the small bridge above the 'Lesse' River and follow the road that takes you to the village.
- 8 You are now following the red diamond markings. Turn right up the road and follow it to a picnic table where you follow the path in front of you and cross the 'Lesse'.
- 9 Just after 'Kaleo' Lodge, follow the road to the left. At the crossroads, continue straight ahead, where you will come to a path that you must follow.
- 10 At the Y, follow the path to the left.
- 11 Ignore the trails to the left and right, continue straight. You pass in front of the 'Virée à Chêne' bivouac area. Continue straight ahead.
- 12 Cross the N899 and take the road directly in front of you. Immediately after, take the path on your right (Route Marie-Thérèse) which takes you back through the N899.
- 13 Follow the 'Rue de Brest' which brings you back to your starting point.

N.B. If you want to extend the hike a bit further, (when you are in village 'Lesse'), you can reach the village of Redu by following the blue rectangle signposting.

Gradient



Nisramont



Big Lake Solitude

The lakes fascinate and attract lovers of a mysterious and magical nature. For those seeking the solitude of one of the wildest landscapes in Belgium, Nisramont is the perfect spot.

A visit to the 'Haute Ardennes' is a breath of adventure and fills you with the spirit of discovery. The path that runs along the shores of Lake Nisramont conjures images of wild nature. This walking route is the gift that keeps on giving with stunning scenery from lakes to mountains, forest to river. As you follow the banks of the 'Ourthe' River from rock to rock, climbing and descending by steep paths to reach the other bank you'll be amazed at the variety of scenery, near 'Engreux'. The return via the banks of the River Ourthe will require another 2 hours of walking in an atmosphere of complete peace. No road, no traffic noise to disturb this magnificent hike. Heavenly silence. During this hike, you take a section of the 'Escapardenne' (another beautiful hike).



Maison du Tourisme du Cœur de l'Ardenne, au fil de l'Ourthe & Aisne

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www.coeurdelardenne.be

Where to visit

- Kayak, paddleboat and paddle**
on Lake 'Nisramont'.
www.ardenneaventures.com

- 13 km**
La Roche-en-Ardenne
In the heart of the Belgian Ardennes, in the middle of thick forests, valleys and agricultural plateaus, lies the pretty little town of 'La Roche-en-Ardenne'. This natural setting is a complete dream for history buffs with must sees in the ruins of the feudal castle and the Museum of the Battle of the Bulge.
www.coeurdelardenne.be

- 11 km**
Brasserie d'Achouffe (Brewery)
Follow the iconic elves with the red hats to the 'Brasserie d'Achouffe', a few kilometres from 'Houffalize' and get yourself acquainted with the Ardennes brewing world. Their most famous beer is 'La Chouffe', a blond beer that stands out for its fresh and fruity bouquet.
www.chouffe.com

- 17 km**
Ferme Koeune (Country golf course at the Koeune farm)
Pull on your boots and get onto those meadows in teams of 2 to 5 players equipped with your golf club and a leather ball for a mucky and quirky game in fields of cows.
www.facebook.com/fermekoeune



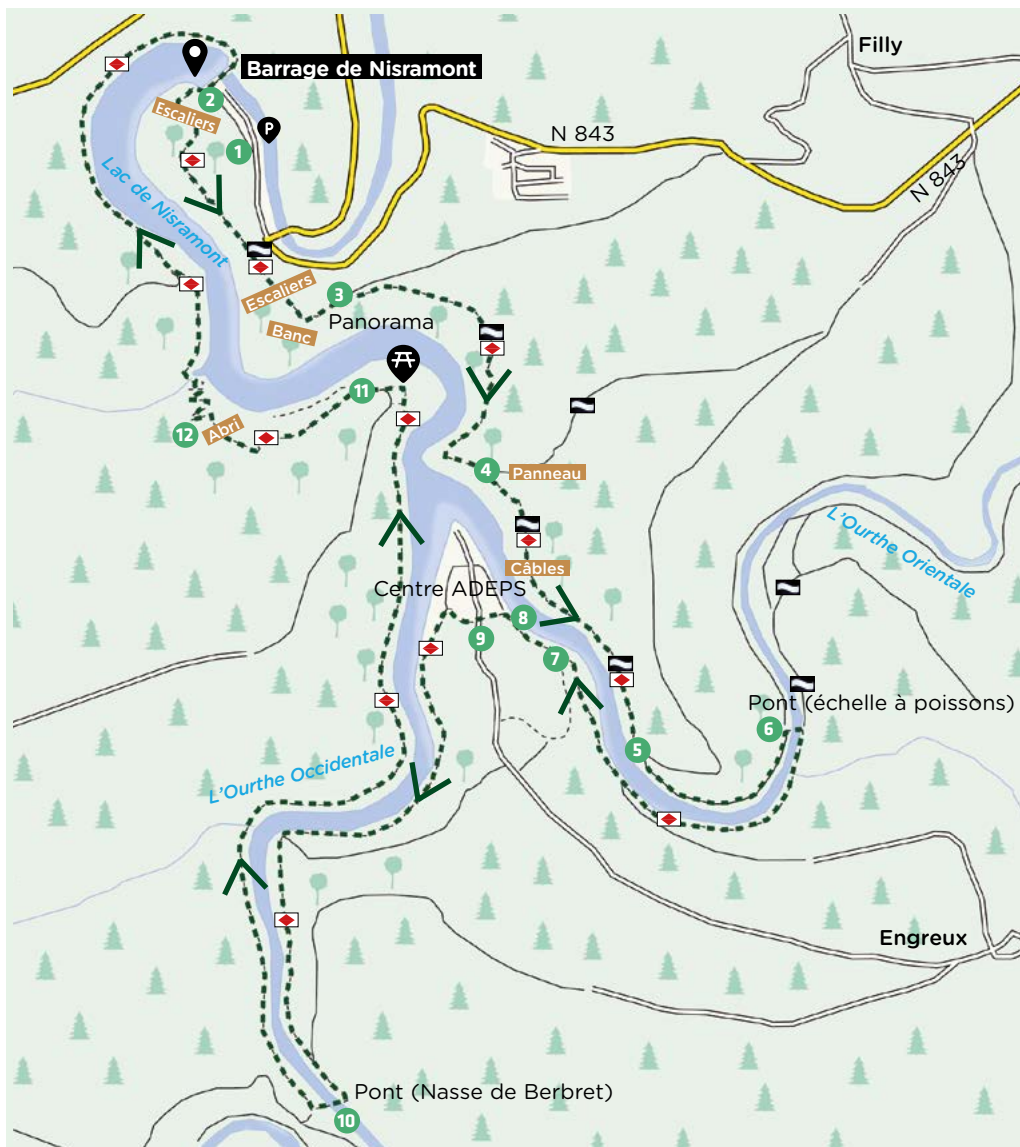
Where to stay

Camping Benelux
Rue de Harzé 24 - 6980 La-Roche-en-Ardenne
www.campingbenelux.be

Les Cabanes de Rensiwez
Rensiwez 1 - 6663 Mabompré
www.lescabanederensiwez.be

Centre de vacances Vayamundo
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<https://fr.vayamundo.eu>

Hôtel du Commerce
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www.cocoonhotels.eu



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km
14,7



5H00

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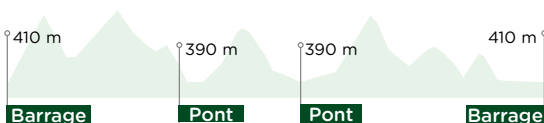
Nisramont dam

Rue du Barrage - 6983 Nisramont

Step by step

- 1 Near the car park, shortly after the roundabout, follow the path on the left, alongside the electrical installations of the dam.
- 2 Do not cross the dam but take the path that climbs on the left via stairs.
- 3 Shortly after the first panoramic view, follow the path going to the right.
- 4 At the spot called 'Laid Thier', near the signpost, follow the path to the right (the other walk called 'Escapardenne - Eislek Trail' takes the other path, on the left).
- 5 Shortly after a difficult path (presence of cables), you join the 'Ourthe' River and follow its right bank.
- 6 Cross the dam bridge and turn right.
- 7 Go straight on.
- 8 The path climbs to the left to join the road to the 'ADEPS' centre.
- 9 Cross the road to immediately take the signposted wooden barrier route to the right. It descends to the right for 50m before turning left along the 'Ourthe' River bank.
- 10 Cross the 'Nasse de Berbret' dam bridge and immediately take the path on the right, along the left bank of the 'Ourthe'.
- 11 Follow the climbing path and leave on the right the one that joins the banks of the river.
- 12 Shortly after the shelter, the path descends steeply in turn to the 'Bridge of the River Kwai' that you cross. Join the dam via a less difficult path.

Gradient



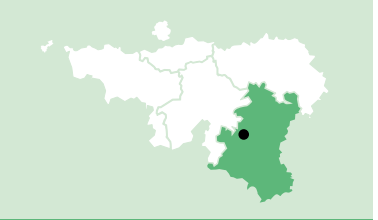
Saint-Hubert



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Tranquil Paths

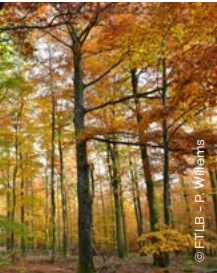
This walk takes you right into the soul of the great green forest. The forest of 'Saint-Hubert' is like an ode to wildlife.

After leaving the 'Fagne de la Doneuse' area, a lush valley begins where a stream flows. The descent is long, embellished with the life force sound of the trickling water running down the rocks. Along the way, you walk along the 'Boulaie du Rouge Poncé', a nature reserve that represents a type of forest that covered the Ardennes before it dried up for the production and exploitation of conifers. Via the 'Masblette valley', the route plunges into a world of silence... During this hike, you take a section of the 'Transardennaise' (long distance hike).

19,8 km



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www.sainthubert-tourisme.be

Where to visit

3 km

Game Park

Explore the forest and its animals. Mandatory stopover for nature lovers, the whole family can discover the flora and fauna but also the folklore of the region. In this magical setting you can also enjoy multi-media rooms, watchtowers, a regional bistro and many other things.

www.foretdesainthubert-tourisme.be

9 km

Domaine du Fourneau Saint-Michel

Immerse yourself in the rural life of yesteryear in Wallonia thanks to the heritage that has been relocated in this natural site: homes, a school, a chapel... You can also discover the museum and buildings reflecting the iron industry.

www.fourneausaintmichel.be

3 km

Airfield

Live a unique experience at the Saint-Hubert civil airfield. The gliders, planes and ULMs that fly just above the beautiful forest of Saint-Hubert will amaze everyone.

www.sainthubert-airport.com

12 km

Mirwart

One of the 'Most Beautiful Villages in Wallonia'. It has retained its ancestral allure with half-timbered buildings, old stones and bricks, its alleys and its castle inherited from the 10th century. You can visit the Provincial Estate and its fish farming but also take many walks in this exceptional setting.

www.beauxvillages.be



Where to stay

Auberge de jeunesse de Champlon

Rue de la Gendarmerie 3 - 6971 Champlon

www.lesaubergesdejeunesse.be

Chambre d'hôtes Gaussignac

Rue de l'Eglise 37 - 6870 Hatrival

www.gaussignac.be

Camping Europacamp

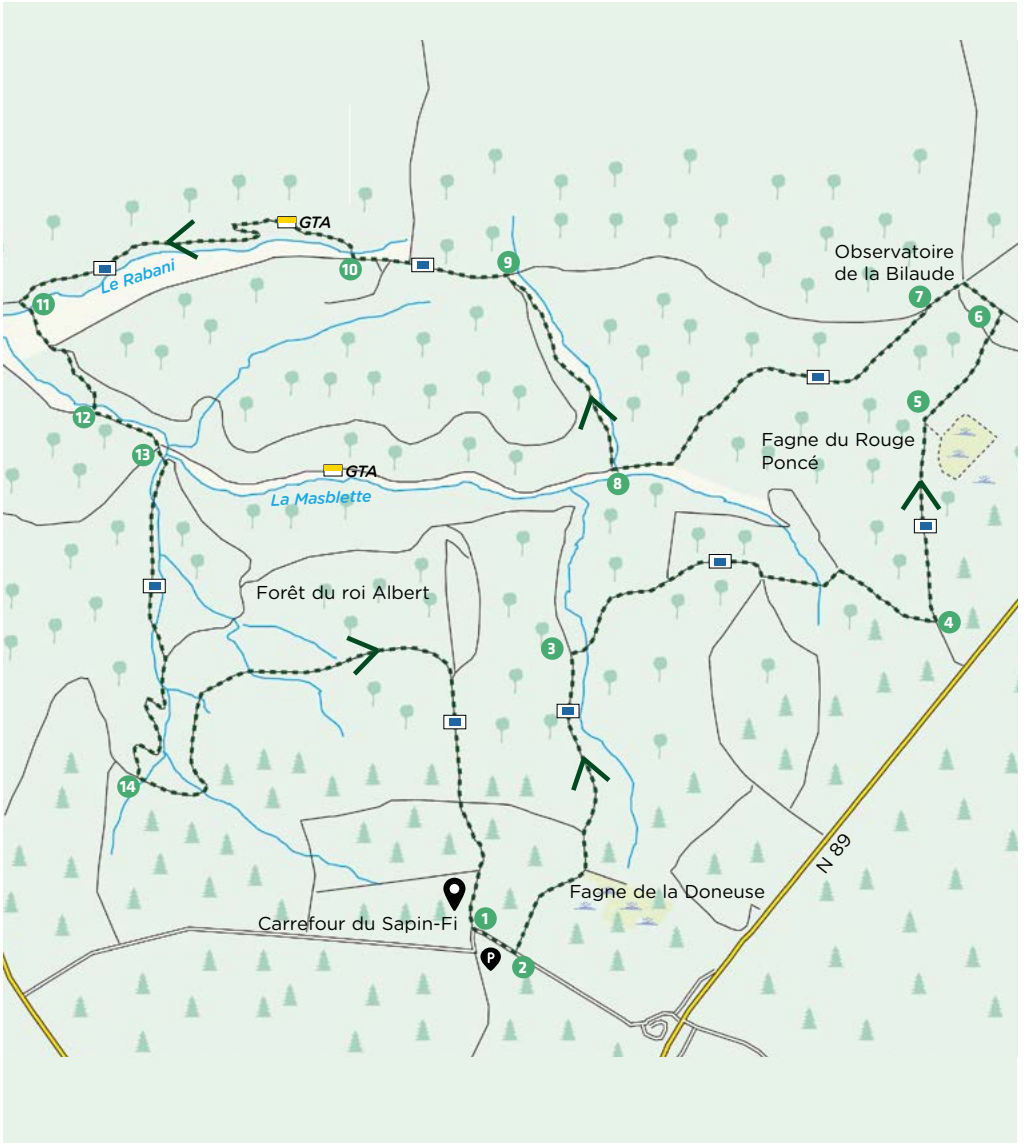
Europacamp 3 - 6870 Saint-Hubert

www.camping-europacamp.be

Hôtel L'Auberge du Sabotier

Grand-Rue 21 - 6870 Awenne

www.aubergedusabotier.be



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km
19,8



5H30

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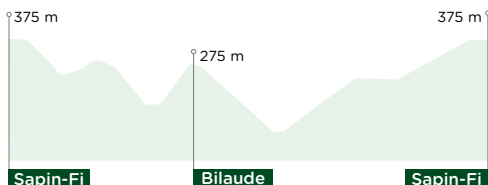
Starting Point & Parking

Access via the N89 (exit 25 on the E411) towards Saint-Hubert. Exit at km 49 'National Gliding Centre'. Take the opposite direction to the National Centre, drive 1.2km to a T-junction. Park your car there: You'll see a starting sign for walks. Starting point: 'Sapin Fi'.

Step by step

- 1 From the car park, follow the 'Route Forestière' (towards the aerodrome) for 100 metres.
- 2 Turn left, via a wide path that descends to 'Fagne de la Doneuse'.
- 3 Follow the path on the right and cross a bridge.
- 4 At the turn, leave the main path following another, to the left.
- 5 On the right is the 'Fagne du Rouge Poncé': browse the reserve via the gratings, a detour that is worth it.
- 6 Join a forest road, to the left: at 50 m, turn left again.
- 7 Follow the path to the left: on the side is the 'Bilaude' observation area.
- 8 In the valley, leave the path to take on the right a path that climbs along a stream.
- 9 At the top, take the path on the left.
- 10 On the descent, turn right, shortly after a hunting lodge.
- 11 Before 'Fourneau Saint-Michel', follow the path on the left.
- 12 Join the 'Masblette' valley.
- 13 Before crossing the ford, turn right and climb the wide path up the stream.
- 14 At the top, cross the stone bridge via the path on the left.

Gradient



Vielsalm



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Region of Wood, Stone and Water

If you love your geology, the region of Vielsalm offers a magnificent and varied natural landscape: the 'Fagnes' of the 'Tailles plateau', the 'Grand Bois de Bêchefa', The Marshes of 'Commanster', the splendid view of the 'Bec du Corbeau', the 'Lac des Doyards' and the wide valleys of 'Grand-Halleux' and 'Petit-Their' to name a few. In its 23 villages and hamlets, you will discover buildings that highlight the very best of nature's own materials: schist, arkose and slate.

Right at the start of this hiking route, there's multitude of diverse landscapes to explore. Initially you'll find yourself at the slate quarries of 'Cahay'. Throughout the walk, you'll then notice roofs on the Ardennes houses are pretty much all made of slate schist. Window and doorframes are often made from phyllade. And when the rock didn't have a beautiful laminate to make slates, it was used as a building stone.

From there onwards you will enter the woods to observe the valley below as you walk along the 'Beche' stream. You'll then notice a curious line of mounds. These piles of stones are from the gold mining work (in search for gold leaf) that was once carried out in the region.

Dive into the heart of the 'Haute Ardenne'...

13 km



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Where to visit

La Maison du Pays de Salm, la maison des drôles de Macralles (Local history museum)

It presents the history of Vielsalm, its geology and its folklore, from the glorious Counts of Salm to the strange 'Macralles' (folklore) to the cold underground galleries of schist (geology).

www.haute-ardenne.be

1,7 km

Center Parcs Les Ardennes

Enjoy fantastic activities: a tree climbing course, pony rides, mini-farm... and the 'Aquamundo water park': slides, wave pool, jacuzzi, paddling pool, water jets...

www.journee-centerparcs.fr

2 km

Le Musée du Coticule (The 'Coticule' Museum)

Discover the secrets of a stone, unique in the world and very rare, exported outside our borders since the 17th century. The 'coticule', or razor stone, as it is also known is a type of schist containing an infinity of microscopic crystals of garnets. In the museum, you'll be able to see the machines in operation and visit a room devoted to regional geology...

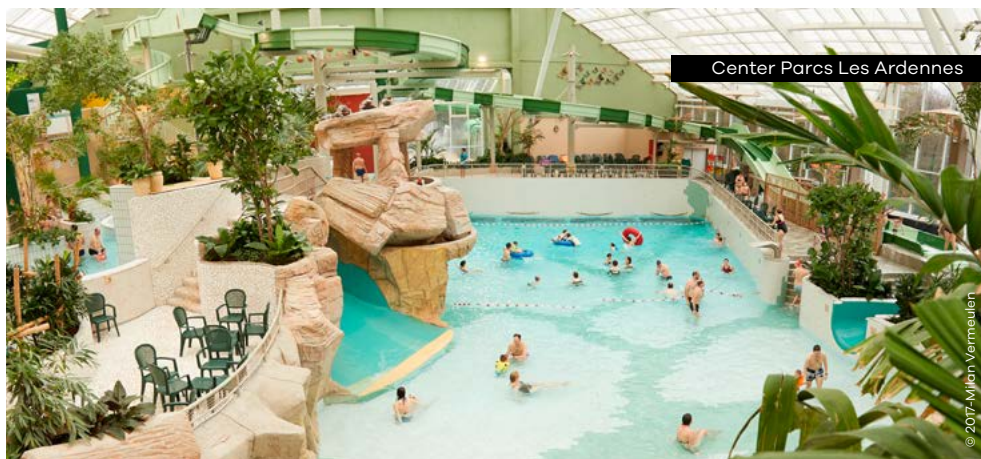
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3 km

Aventure (Adventure park)

Sport and a multitude of fun fuelled activities await you in an original context combining nature and adventure: tree climbing, e-scooters, mountain biking, discgolf, escape room...

www.avenature.be



Where to stay

Camping Les Neufs Prés

Rue de la Résistance - 6698 Grand-Halleux

www.vielsalm-camping.be

Maison d'hôtes Le Tapis Rouge

Commanster 22 - 6690 Vielsalm

www.letapisrouge.be

Hôtel L'Auberge du Notaire

Rue Général Jacques 11 - 6690 Vielsalm

www.aubergedunotaire.be

Hôtel Les Myrtilles

Rue du Vieux Marché 1 - 6690 Vielsalm

www.lesmyrtilles.be



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3H00

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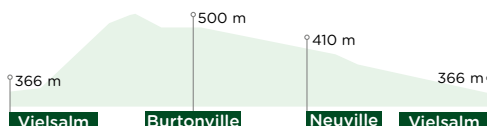
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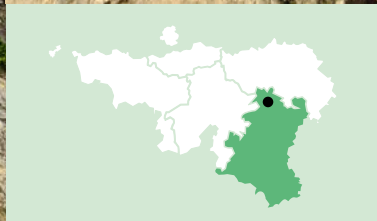
Step by step

- 1 Go up 'Rue des Chars à Boeufs'.
- 2 Pass in front of the school and take the first right, 'Rue des Ardoisières'.
- 3 Continue on the road to the housing estate.
- 4 Go up to 'Thier des Carrières'.
- 5 After the big climb, you have a clear view of a military telecom tower (58m high).
- 6 Go back down to the village of Bêche.
- 7 In the village, follow the road to the left and continue towards the end of the village.
- 8 You find yourself in the woods for about 2-3 km.
- 9 You then pass by a place called 'Les 4 Vents'.
- 10 You're heading for 'Burtonville'.
- 11 The next village to cross is 'Neuville'.
- 12 Go back down to 'Vielsalm'.

Gradient



Wéris



The vast landscapes of a UNESCO treasure

From Wéris, located in Famenne region, this walk veers towards the east to climb the 'Rideux' pass where it enters the 'Ardennes' region. It is a sweeping, vast and varied landscape spanning 900 km. It is rightly listed as a UNESCO World Heritage 'Geopark' with its vast rock formation, ancient caves, castles, abbeys and museums.

On top of its megalithic heritage, no one is immune to the charms of the village of 'Wéris', classified among the 'Most Beautiful Villages of Wallonia'. From the church, you take country roads where the stones of legends with intriguing names such as 'Devil's Bed' or the 'Stone Haina' are revealed. The route continues towards the 'Rideux' pass: at the top is one of the most beautiful landscapes in the Ardennes. The descent down into the hamlet of 'Lignely' is brutal: and will stop only at the edge of the 'Aisne' River. Cross the river to climb a challenging path that leads to 'Mormont' village. Return to 'Fanzel' where the last climb that joins the heights of Wéris begins. From bends to pins, you let yourself descend to the village, perched in the middle of dense forests.

14,7 km



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Where to visit

500m

La Maison des Mégalithes

Is the starting point for exploring the village, the region and the megalithic site of Wéris. Located on 'Place Arsène Soreil', this friendly reception area offers a museum on standing stones and their builders, the first farmer breeders of the Neolithic age, dating back 5000 years.

www.megalithes-weris.be

7 km

The Durbuy Labyrinth

Each summer, the giant maze labyrinth and its leafy actors and characters offer a quirky and unusual spectacle.

www.labyrinth.be

9 km

Durbuy

Durbuy is a small town with undeniable romantic charm. Snuggled sweetly into the meanders of the Ourthe River, it shelters in its historic heart a maze of small pedestrian streets, cobbled and winding lanes with old stone buildings of the country. Heritage and nature blend perfectly in what is often known as the smallest city in the world, with the green setting, the 'Anticline' rock and its water point, the rocky outcrop on which the castle rests, and the Topiary park.

www.famenneardenne.be



Where to stay

Camping Aux Frênes

Commène 40 - 6940 Barvaux

www.camping-aux-frenes.be

Chambre d'hôtes La Ferme de Durbuy

Warre 72 - 6941 Durbuy (Warre)

www.fermededurbuy.com

Hôtel La Passerelle

Rue Chêne à Han 1 - 6940 Grandhan

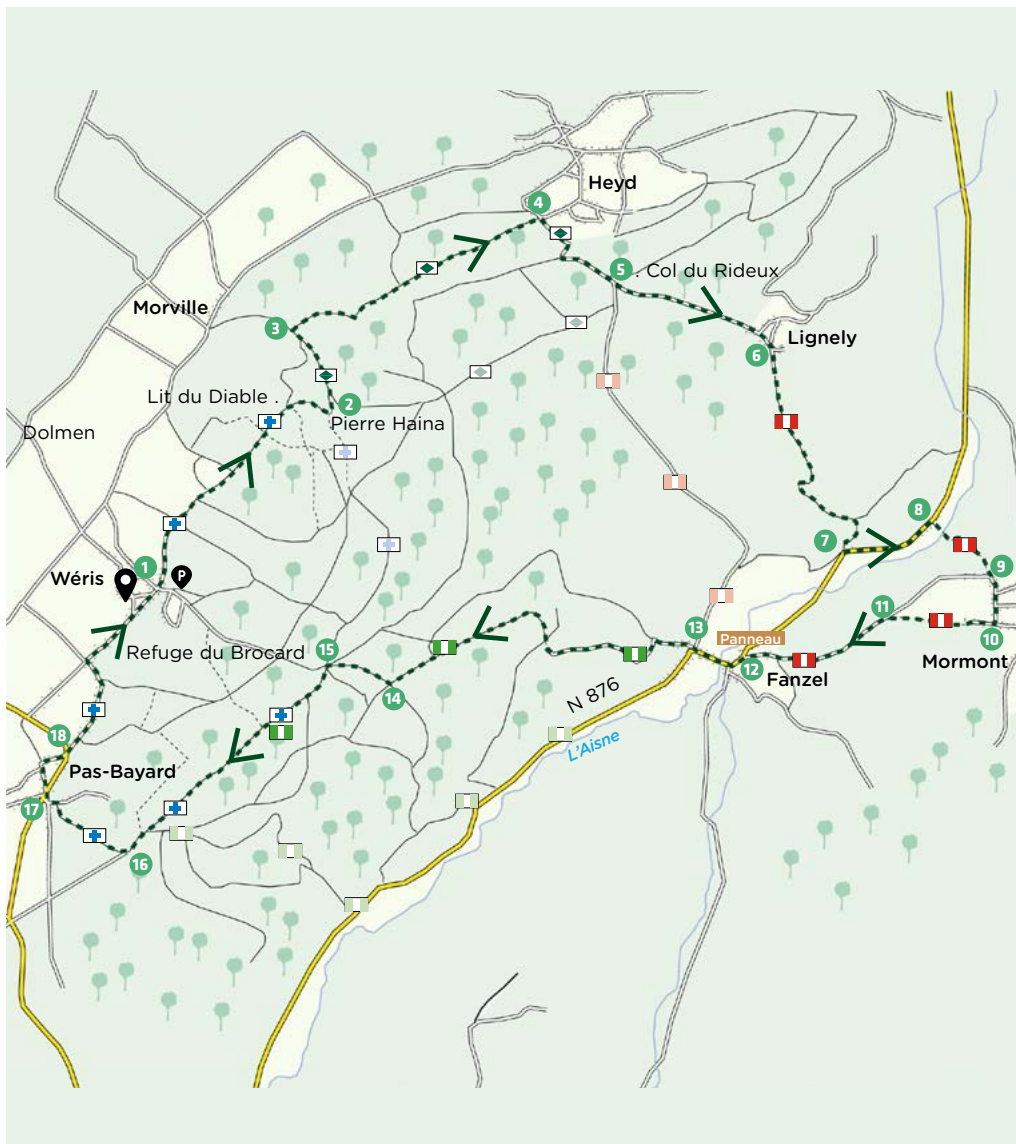
www.la-passerelle.be

Hôtels et Guest House

La Maison Caerdinael

Rue des Récollectines 4 - 6940 Durbuy

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km
14,7



4H30

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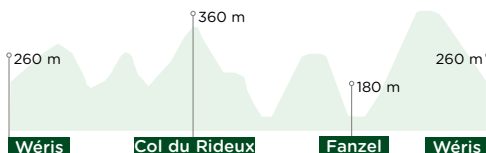
Departure address and parking

Rue du Mont – 6940 Wéris

Step by step

- 1 From the square where the information panels are located, take 'Rue du Mont'.
- 2 At a bend, exit the blue cross markings. On the left, cross the stream and join the road which descends to the left where you can see the green diamond markings.
- 3 On the descent, you take the stone path on the right.
- 4 It ends at the road leading to the 'Col du Rideux'. Turn right and climb up the last bit.
- 5 At the crossroads, walk on the road to the left going down towards 'Ligneuly' village and this time follow the red and white markings (ride n12).
- 6 In the hamlet, continue straight ahead (dead-end sign): the road becomes a path and descends towards the valley.
- 7 In the 'Aisne' valley, you follow the main road to the left for a few hundred meters.
- 8 In the hamlet called 'Forges', follow the small path that passes between two houses on the right and cross the 'Aisne'. The trail will be steep.
- 9 It ends at 'Mormont'. Follow 'Rue du Batty' which climbs towards the centre and bypass the square.
- 10 At the top of the square, turn right (Rue de la Salle) and take the path through a meadow.
- 11 Join the street that goes down towards 'Fanzel'.
- 12 Cross the centre of the village and the 'Aisne' (walking sign). At this point, you take the green and white markings (walk n13)
- 13 Continue opposite on 'Rue des Affruts' which climbs in laces through fields then in the forest.
- 14 Continue to follow the hill following the path on the right.
- 15 Road junction and summit of the hill. Turn left where you find the blue cross markings.
- 16 After a long straight walk, at the edge of the forest, the route switches to the right.
- 17 Cross the main road and continue on 'Rue Passage Bayard'.
- 18 Crossing of the main road again where 'Rue de Marlaine' takes you back to the centre of 'Wéris'.

Gradient





Storm the castles and fortresses of Wallonia

In 13 itineraries

Castles

Our castle walks

Whether they're set along the river, in the middle of epic landscapes or hanging from the edge of a cliff, Wallonia's castles inspire and make you dream.

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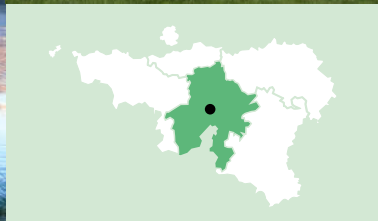
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Anhée



10 km



Towards Montaigle

A beautiful walk taking you across fields to the Molignée Valley, between Namur and Dinant.

Crossing the fields, you'll spot the ruins of the fortress of Montaigle up on the heights.

Visiting Montaigle is like travelling through time. With a touch of imagination, you'll find yourself transported to the legendary era of the middle ages. Although overgrown with vegetation, the ruins have retained their grandeur and beauty.

During this walk you'll discover the strange and quirky 'Villa Des Lapins' le Trou des Nutons, La Potale de Notre-Dame De Lourdes'.

The perfect walk for lovers of nature, and combatative sports as you reflect back to the past.



**Syndicat d'Initiative
d'Anhée Meuse -
Molignée**

Rue de la Molignée 8
5537 Anhée
+32(0)82/61 39 00

www.meusemolignee.be

Where to visit

8 km

Falaën village

The charming village of Falaën that sits within the 'Namur Condroz' region is regarded as one of the Most Beautiful Villages in Wallonia. Its limestone houses revolve around the church. It's also the place to take a quirky rail bike or sample regional delights on a gourmet walk.

www.beauxvillages.be

14 km

Abbaye de Maredsous (Maredsous Abbey)

Located in the Molignée valley, Maredsous Abbey it is one of the most beautiful abbeys in Belgium. Take advantage of your visit to admire the architecture of the monastery and taste the famous cheeses and beers of Maredsous. Delicious.

www.tourisme-maredsous.be

9 km

Jardins d'eau d'Annevoie (Annevoie Water Gardens)

The exceptional Annevoie Water Gardens are listed as a major heritage of Wallonia. They are the only water gardens in Belgium and are among the most beautiful in Europe. Situated in the Meuse valley, they were built in the 18th century. Take in their beauty with a magical stroll between fountains, waterfalls, ponds and a combination of French, English and Italian styles.

www.annevoie.be

9 km

Château de Bioul (Bioul castle)

The vineyard at Château de Bioul is home to 11 hectares of vines. Discover the new 'Made In Bioul' route and immerse yourself in the world of the château, the Vaxelaire family and of course the fine wines of Bioul.

www.chateaubioul.be



Bioul castle

© Château de Bioul

Where to stay

Maison d'hôtes La Bergerie

Chertin 6 - 5522 Falaën

www.labergerie-falaen.be

Gîte rural L'Ancienne Grange

Rue du Centre 2 - 5537 Haut-le-Wastia

www.lancienegrange.be

Maison d'hôtes L'Echappée Belle

Rue de la Gare 10 - 5522 Falaën

www.lechappeebelle.be

Hôtel Les Jardins de la Molignée

Route de la Molignée 1 - 5527 Anhée

www.jardins.molignee.com



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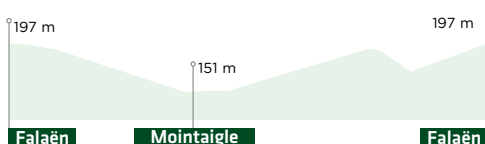
Departure address and parking

Place des Français - 5537 Haut-le-Wastia (Anhée)

Step by step

- 1 From the Church car park, follow the red rectangle markings then take the 'Rue Coron des Trys'.
- 2 At the T-junction, turn left then immediately take the path on your left.
- 3 Follow this path to 'Rue de la Molinee' (N971). Take it on the left.
- 4 Just after the 'Draisines de la Molinee' car park, take the street to the right, to the Y junction.
- 5 After the 'Trou des Nots', take the path that goes to the right.
- 6 At the end of the path, continue straight ahead into 'Rue de Foy'.
- 7 You then continue 'Rue de Foy', through the fields. Take the path that veers off to the left, in the fields.
- 8 At the Foy farm, turn left. At the end of this path, continue straight on, on the GR 129.
- 9 Cross the RAVeL and then the 'Rue de Warnant'. Continue straight on towards 'Marteau'.
- 10 You then pass in front of the ruins of the 'Château de Montaigne'. Continue to follow the GR 129 ignoring the trails to the right and to the left.
- 11 At the T-junction, turn left and cross the 'Bois de Foy'.
- 12 You finally arrive in the village of 'Haut-le-Wastia'. Take 'Rue de Sommière' that brings you back to the starting point.

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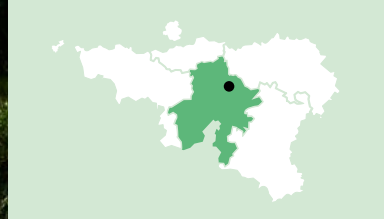
Gesves



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12,8 km |

Art trails

An unforgettable walk that leads you to an astonishing variety of settings and the discovery of an array of original artworks.

Cross the land of the 'Condroz' region, rich and varied, walking on paths in the heart of fields and meadows, changing to other surroundings and environments, crossing this old abandoned quarry and discovering the beautiful scenic 'Samson' valley.

As you walk, the art installations punctuate the walk, fitting perfectly into nature, like a trunk that seems to come to life, a cathedral of light or a superb bird offering gentle music in the breeze.

This loop is part of the 140 km long hike 'Sentiers d'art' (Art Trails) punctuated by more than 50 works of Land'art and bivouac areas.



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Office du tourisme de Gesves

Chaussée de Gramptinne 110
5340 Gesves
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www.sentiersdart.be

Where to visit

8 km

Les Grottes de Goyet (The Caves of Goyet)

The Caves of Goyet is a rare and protected underground heritage site located in the hollow of a limestone massif of 90 ha and one of the most prestigious prehistoric sites in Europe. *(visit by appointment only).*

www.grottes-goyet.be

9 km

Musée Monopoli (Monopoli Museum)

Brings together all kinds of automatons: moving, singing, astonishing and exciting the visitor's curiosity. It's pretty unusual.

(visit by appointment only between April and October)

www.musee-monopoli.be

Mes Aventures d'Enchanteur (My Enchanting Adventures)

13 walks in the form of 'types of mysteries' to solve or treasure hunts, accessible all year round, in complete autonomy, for families with children from 5 years old.

4 of the adventures come with a Sorcerer's Apprentice Kit. For the other 2, use your smartphone or tablet to download the free application "My Enchanting Adventures".

New: 7 of the adventures are punctuated with puzzles in a good old fashioned notebook format.

www.mesaventures.be



Where to stay

Chambres d'hôte Chante Pierre

Chaussée de Gramptinne 203 - 5340 Gesves

www.chante-pierre.be

Chambre d'hôtes La Fougeraie

Rue Fechaire 3a - 5340 Gesves

www.lafougeraie.be

Gîtes In the Woods

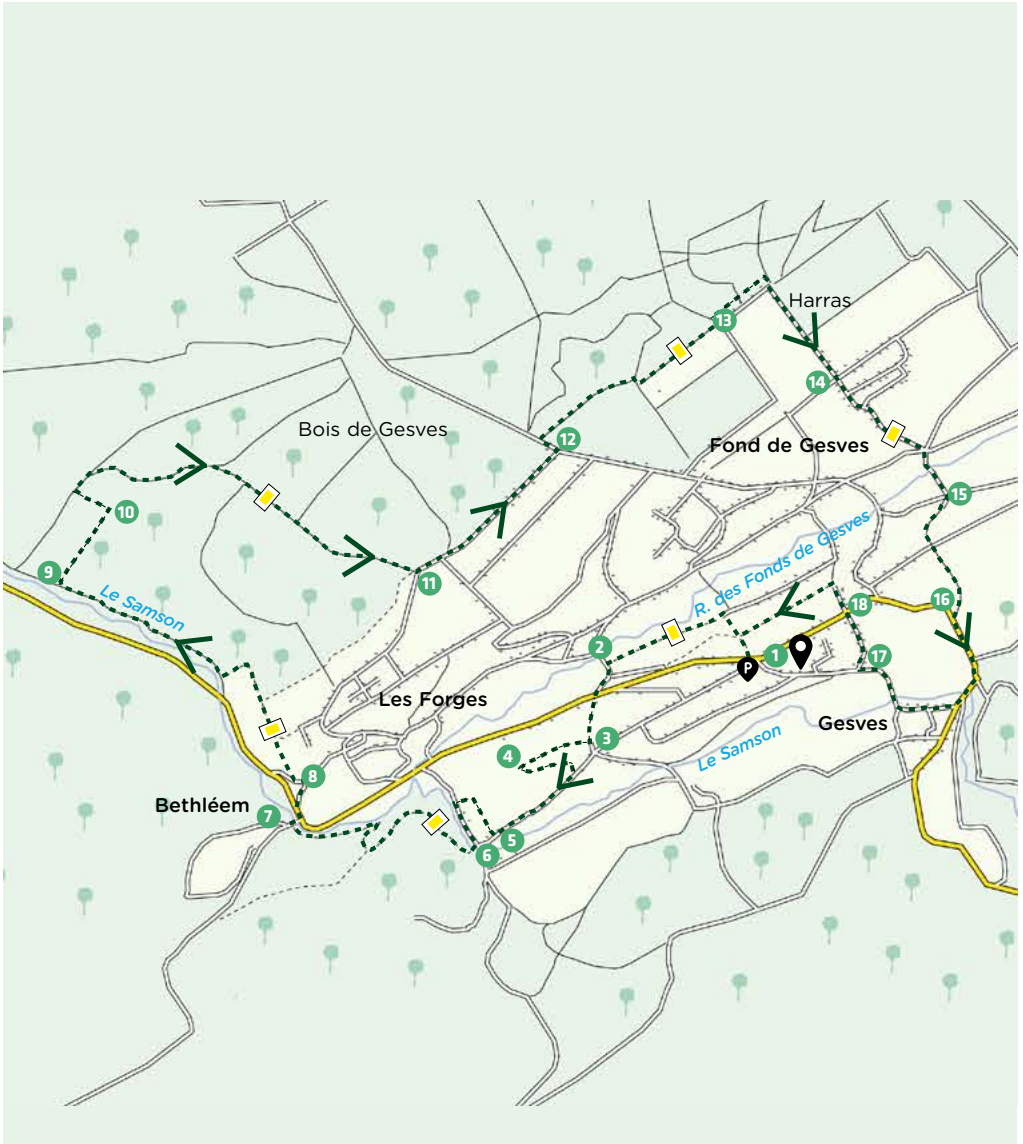
Rinfosse 9 - 5340 Gesves

www.athome-gesves.be

Hôtel Le Domaine de Ronchinne

Ronchinne 25 - 5330 Maillen

www.domainederonchinne.be



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km
12,8



3H30

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Departure address and parking

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Chaussée de Gramptinne 110 - 5340 Gesves

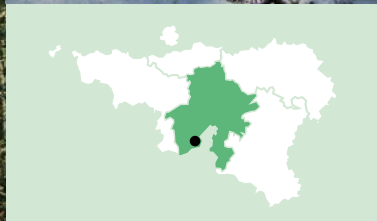
Step by step

- 1 Cross the road and go down into the meadow. Take to the left and, a little further, to the right to reach the bottom of the valley. Take a left.
- 2 At the end of the path, turn left to cross the road again.
- 3 At the top, turn right and cross the conservatory orchard of the Municipality of Gesves.
- 4 At the other end of the orchard, turn left and, at the next crossroads, go down to the right.
- 5 Leave the path to enter the area of the old quarries on the right.
- 6 At the wastewater treatment plant, go right and cross the 'Samson'. Then turn right and follow the path that will take you to the other side of the hill.
- 7 When you reach the road, turn right then immediately left before you turn right into 'Rue des Forges'.
- 8 Go down to the left then take the path to the right which dominates the roadway. At the car park, continue straight on the stony path.
- 9 Leave the 'Samson' valley to take the first path climbing up on your right.
- 10 At the top of the hill, turn left then, at the next crossroads, near the 'Cathedral of Light' work, turn right.
- 11 The forest path ends at 'Rue Pré d'Amite'. Take a left.
- 12 Turn left then, a few metres further, to the right, to enter the wood.
- 13 Turn left, then, immediately right, to take a section of the didactic wood circuit. Then take the stony path that runs alongside the outdoor riding tracks and continue on the road.
- 14 Go straight down into the woods until you reach the road and a 5-arm crossroads. Take the second lane on the right that will take you to the other side of the valley.
- 15 At the crossroads, take the path that goes up in front of you. At the top, cross the street and go straight down.
- 16 You will find the 'Chaussée de Gramptinne'. Follow it on your left then take a right into the path that runs along the wall of the castle park.
- 17 When you reach the road, turn right then, at the next crossroads, go right up 'Rue Bouchet'.
- 18 Cross the road. At the start of the descent, take the path to the left that overlooks the valley. The first trail you come across on your left will bring you back to your starting point.

Gradient



Viroinval



'Ry d'Alise'

Oignies-en-Thiérache – a typical village of the region sits in a beautiful clearing of deep forests in the foothills of the Ardenne.

This walk begins at the edge of the woods and follows the steep little-known paths of the 'Viroin-Hermeton' Natural Park.

This hike, takes you to a full on immersion, off the beaten track forest route. Firstly, on the 'Oignies-en-Thiérache' heights, a village in the slate quarries, where you'll see the village of 'Le Mesnil' and its church between the pines. The place called 'Risque tout' is the tipping point towards the Meuse Valley which flows into France.

The ridge trail offers epic views over the valley and the French villages. You'll then come across border markers in this area, as you walk along the French border.

Characterized by slate, the steep region imposes significant differences in height. As you make your way down towards the deep valley of the 'Ry d'Alise' you'll enjoy the breathtaking panorama over the Ardennes valleys.

15,2 km



Office du tourisme de Viroinval

Rue Vieille Église 5
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www.viroinval.be

Where to visit

13 km

Treignes, Village des Musées (Museum Village)

Treignes village offers museums, archaeological sites, remains and a multitude of activities for all tastes: L'Ecomusée du Viroin (Eco-museum), L'Espace Arthur Masson (Belgian writer) Le Musée du Malgré-Tout - quirkily named (Museum of Despite Everything) et le Parc de la Préhistoire (Prehistoric Park), Le Musée du Petit Format (Miniature Museum) and finally le Musée du Chemin de fer à Vapeur. (Steam Railway Museum).

www.treignes.info

15 km

The Fondry des Chiens (Nature site) and its impressive descent chasm

Located in the Viroin-Hermeton Natural Park, near the village of Nismes, the 'Fondry des Chiens' is a protected site unique in Belgium. Visit this 20-metre-deep natural chasm with incredible biodiversity.

www.viroinval.be

13 km

La descente du Viroin en kayak ou canoë en pleine nature ('Viroin' River by kayak or Canoe in the heart of nature)

Fancy a kayak or canoe experience in a peaceful setting outside the tourist influx? Starting from the village of 'Viroinval', Choose from 3 different routes to reveal the natural beauty of the region along the 'Viroin River'.

www.viroinval.be

18 km

Chemin de Fer à vapeur des Trois Vallées (Three Valleys Steam Railway)

Enjoy a journey through time aboard a real steam train taking you on a journey of discovery of the Valleys of Viroin and Haute-Meuse, in Belgium.

www.site.cfv3v.eu



Where to stay

Cabanía - Ecocamp en Ardenne

Rue de Revin 21 – 5670 Oignies-en-Thiérache
www.cabanía.eu

Gîte rural de Regniessart - Le Petit Gîte à Nismes

Regniessart 11 – 5670 Nismes
www.gitesderegniessart.be

Village de vacances d'Oignies

Rue du Village-Vacances 13
5670 Oignies-En-Thiérache
www.ardennen-online.com/fr

Hôtel Le Melrose

Rue Albert Grégoire 33 – 5670 Nismes
www.lemelrose.be



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km
15,2


4H30

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Departure address and parking

Rue de Revin – 5670 Oignies-en-Thiérache
(In front of Cabania campsite)

Step by step

- 1 From the campsite, take 'Rue de l'Ardoisière'.
- 2 At the main road, cross opposite and take the stony path.
- 3 At the T-junction, turn right and continue straight on the stony road. Pass an old gate and continue straight on. On the left, between the trees, view of the village of 'Le Mesnil'. Continue on the stony path and ignore the paths on the left.
- 4 At the crossroads, turn right and continue straight.
- 5 At a place called 'Le Risque Tout' (risk everything), follow the signs on the left on a path that goes down - picnic table.
- 6 At the fork, turn right and go up the ridges, on the left, you have views over the 'Meuse' valley in France. On the left, you'll notice a border marker. Go straight down following the signs.
- 7 At the crossroads, go down the path to the left and continue straight.
- 8 At the crossroads, continue opposite on a steep-sided path.
- 9 At the bottom of the descent, turn right on the horizontal path. Be careful, the steep edge may be hidden by the dense foliage.
- 10 At the Y junction stay to the right and go up sharply. Continue straight ahead and ignore the paths on your right. On the left, magnificent views over the 'Ry d'Alise' valley.
- 11 At the Y junction, this time, go down to the left. At the next junction, cross the path and continue opposite, going down. At the bottom of the descent, continue straight.
- 12 Join the 'Ry d'Alise' before arriving on the 'Fumay-Oignies' road. Go up the road for about a hundred metres then turn left on the stony path that goes down. Then follow the stream at the bottom of the valley, still straight ahead.
- 13 Pass a small pond and at the fork, turn left, always straight along the stream. Along the path on the right, an old slate quarry, currently closed by a gate.
- 14 In the clearing, continue straight, pass a wooden barrier, cross a stream and go straight up the stony path on the right.
- 15 At the Y junction, continue straight ahead. Leave the paths on your right and continue straight.
- 16 At the Y (hut/shelters), join the GR and the 'Chemin de Saint-Jacques de Compostelle', and turn right. Continue straight ahead, ignoring the paths on the sides.
- 17 On the top of the hill, leave the GR as well as the stony path and turn right onto a small path in the woods. Always continue straight downhill to the starting point in front of the campsite.

Gradient





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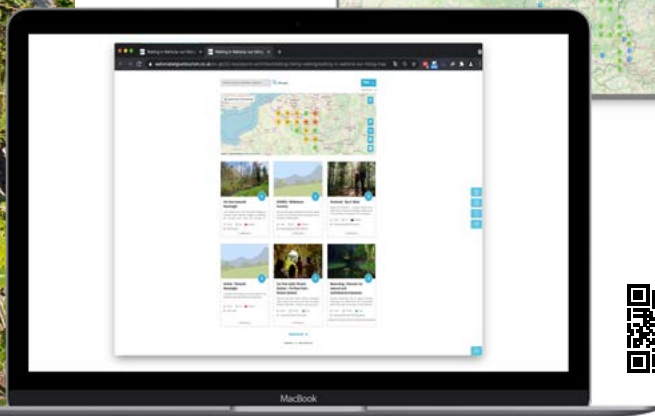
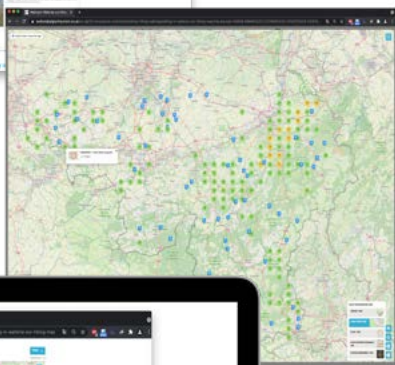
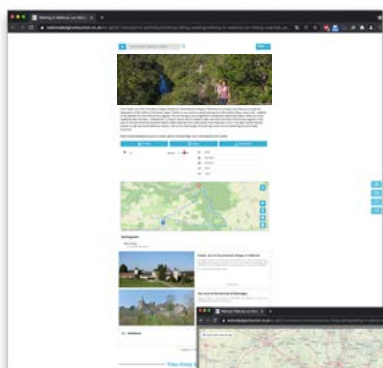
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walks

In this brochure, there's a great 'must do' selection of 20 hikes. And that's only the start. Wallonia has so many more ... just as beautiful and just as much fun.


Our tourist offices and organisations have hundreds more suggested itineraries to find the perfect hike to suit your needs, so dig out your walking shoes and find your great escape.



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1 23 charming towns

Discover our towns and cities. Each has its own strong identity, its treasures, its charms, its curiosities ... But all have unexpected surprises in store for you. Discover a selection of activities and accommodation to perfect your stay.

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2 Wallonia by bike: 20 unforgettable routes

Discover 20 unforgottable cycling routes in Wallonia through tranquil countryside and forests, along meandering rivers, majestic castles and charming towns.

visitwallonia.be/cycling

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3 UNESCO cycle routes

For one or more stages, discover rich Walloon heritage thanks to this unique 500 km route.

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4 20 walks in Wallonia - Between 5 and 10 km

Short but perfectly formed walks with easy-to-find markings. Ideal for everyone.

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5 Traveling in Wallonia without a car. By train, on foot or by bike

Short break getaways 100% Zen, 0% car... Each itinerary begins and ends at a station. Between the two stopover stations, you connect on foot or by bike.

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6 Motorhome Maps

Discover our public areas and campsites in the south of Belgium equipped with pitches adapted for motorhomes.

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8 Wallonia: Land of Castles

These itineraries are designed with castles right along the routes - to be navigated by car. For each of these circuits, a bike ride and another route on foot are also offered around each famous Wallonian castle.

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9 Napoleon's Route

Follow in the footsteps of the Emperor and his troops in the last days before the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. The 94-kilometre 'Napoleon Route' in Wallonia: takes in history, museums, heritage, folklore, UNESCO sites, landscapes, local gastronomy...

visitwallonia.be/waterloo1815

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10 Map of the Battle of the Bulge

This map takes you on the trail of one of the most important battles of WWII. Rediscover this tragic episode through museums, battlefields, tanks and other testimonies...

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11 40 gourmet visits in Wallonia

On the roads of Wallonia, the invitation to sample gourmet pleasures is widespread and varied. Visit 40 passionate producers of beers, wines, chocolates, cheeses, snails... and discover their talents and 'savoir faire'.

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12 Map of the 89 breweries to visit

Consult the breweries on the map to choose which you want to visit and meet passionate breweries with enthusiastic owners to learn everything about the production of their beers.

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13 Map of the 46 vineyards and distilleries to visit

There's more to Belgium than just beer don't you know. This map invites you to the heart of the vineyards, for an unforgettable visit to the cellars and in the spirits production workshops.

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