



The Avenue Verte London to Paris in Seine-Maritime

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Welcome to Seine-Maritime's section of the Avenue Verte London to Paris

Find out in this guide our selection of favourite places and travel tips on what to see and do along the way for a genuine eco-friendly holiday, with your family or friends by foot, bike or roller skates, but no car. Ideal with children, the long stretches of greenways of the Avenue Verte London to Paris in Seine-Maritime are also accessible to people with reduced mobility.





The Avenue Verte London to Paris

It is in Seine-Maritime, along the former railway track, which used to link Dieppe and Paris, that this cycle route project was born. That stretch is thus the longest greenway and provides the most services: Cyclists Welcome accredited accommodation, places to stop for a break, restaurants, places to visit, etc.

Since its opening in 2012, the Avenue Verte London to Paris links two of the greatest European capitals. In between, you will discover a mosaic of landscapes punctuated by numerous chateaux, cathedrals, and lovely little towns and villages.

This route is well suited for families and ideal to take time to explore by bike scenic spots in France and Great Britain, sometimes with something out-of-the ordinary to see.

It will also allow you to lose yourself in city atmospheres, as well as in nature thanks to the many rural areas you will cycle through, all offering local flavours and the colourful spectacle of the fields, forests, lakes and the sea.

There are two options to get from Paris to London: either cycling via the Oise Valley (Picardy) or via the Epte

Valley (Normandy). The second option is more direct and is the one presented here.

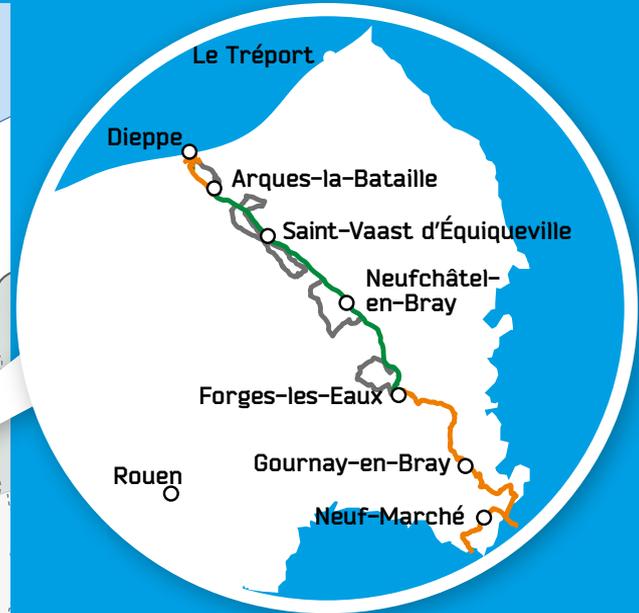
On the French side, the 406-km-long (252 miles) route will allow you to see the landscapes that inspired Impressionist painters along the Seine Valley, to cycle through the unspoilt scenery of the Vexin Français Regional Natural Park, to discover the chateaux and manor houses of the Epte Valley, to savour the Pays de Bray's cuisine and to admire the impressive cliffs the Alabaster Coast. In England, you will cycle across the South Country, which was sung by poets, before reaching London and the River Thames.



"Accueil Vélo" (Cyclists Welcome) is a national brand which ensures that cyclists feel welcome and are provided with high-quality services along the cycle routes.

Located less than 5 km (3 miles) away from the Avenue Verte London to Paris, all the accredited providers (accommodation, rental and repair companies, tourist Information centres, etc.) are committed to catering for the needs of cyclists.

Focus on Seine-Maritime's section of the Avenue Verte



-  Greenway
-  Road shared with cars
-  Alternative routes and connections

History of the Paris-Dieppe railway line

The first projects of railway lines linking Paris to the sea arose at the end of the 1830s. For more than a century, the Paris – Serqueux – Dieppe line has been the shortest one between the capital and the sea, and then London.

Built by British engineers, the first line, linking Paris to Le Havre, was opened in 1847, then from Rouen to Dieppe in 1848. It was only after 1873 that a more direct line between Paris and Dieppe was opened, this time via Gisors and the Pays de Bray.

During those decades, this line saw the Express train passengers go to Dieppe and the Alabaster Coast, and then reach Great Britain by ferry.

After more than a century of good and faithful service, which also allowed to bring Norman products to the capital like a modern chasse-marinée, the line was closed between Dieppe and Serqueux in 1988.

It is on this site that the Avenue Verte London to Paris was designed, which keeps the railway line alive. During its construction, the Department of Seine-Maritime tried to preserve the railway heritage of the place.

For those who pay attention, the section of the Avenue Verte London to Paris located in Seine-Maritime features a great number of evidences of the former railway line. From the former spa station in Forges-les-Eaux converted into a stop-over gîte to the

one in Nesle-Saint-Saire transformed into a friendly restaurant, the gate keepers' houses along the route, the signposts and the signal box of the train station in Neufchâtel-en-Bray, traces of the railway heritage are very much present.

The most useful of them are certainly the level crossings (PN), which are used as entry points to the cycle route, and, not to forget the mileposts (PK) that show the distance from the Gare Saint-Lazare train station in Paris! They dot the route and are used as reference points that are shown on signposts. So, keep your eyes open for them.





Organise your trip

In Seine-Maritime, you will find many facilities and services along the Avenue Verte London to Paris, in the neighbouring towns and villages or sometimes directly on the cycle route: accommodation, restaurants, sanitary facilities, bike repair and also tourist information points.

With an average speed of 10 kph (6 mph) by bike, the permanent road signs (in green) or the temporary ones (black on a yellow background) and the mileposts along the greenway section will help you find your way. In the same way, Information Points have been set up along the whole route to inform users about the local attractions and offers, as well as provide the numbers to call in case of emergency.



Plan your stay

In addition to this guidebook, a website dedicated to the Avenue Verte London to Paris is available online. You will find the complete list of accommodation, bike hire and repair, tourist information centres and things to do along the way. Visit

www.AvenueVerteLondonParis.com

How to get to the Avenue Verte London to Paris in Seine-Maritime

The Avenue Verte London to Paris has been created for cycle tourists who want to link the two European capitals. But everyone is free to decide to cycle only on one section of the greenway. That way, you can enter the cycle route wherever you want in Seine-Maritime.

By car

There are many ways to reach the cycle route, including with the motorways A28 and A29. For walks along the 45-km-long (27 miles) greenway, it is easy to park in the dedicated car parks shown on the maps and at the level crossings.

By train

• ***At the train station in Dieppe***
With the Dieppe – Rouen TER trains with dedicated bike spaces. There are about 15 trains on weekdays and 6 on Sundays.

• ***At the train station in Serqueux***
(near Forges-les-Eaux) with the SNCF

Corail Intercités trains Rouen – Serqueux – Amiens – Lille, passengers are allowed to carry bikes on some trains. There are about 8 trains on weekdays.

- ***At the train station of Ferrières-Gournay*** with the SNCF Corail Intercités trains Paris-Gisors-Gournay-Serqueux-Dieppe, passengers are allowed to carry bikes on some trains. There are about 4 trains on weekdays.
- Further information at www.velo.sncf.com

By bus

Avec la ligne régionale Dieppe – Neufchâtel with the regional bus line Dieppe – Neufchâtel – Serqueux, about 5 services a day.

- Further information at www.mobiregion.net

By ferry

With the Dieppe – Newhaven ferry crossing, 13 crossings every week. The crossing lasts 4 hours.

- Further information at <http://www.dfdsseaways.co.uk/>

In case you have a problem

However, if you encounter any technical or physical difficulty, please contact the nearby Tourist Information Centre or call the appropriate emergency number: European Emergency Number: 112 / Emergency number for people who are deaf or hard of hearing: 114 (by SMS) / Emergency Ambulance service: 15 / Fire service: 18 / The Police: 17



Avenue Verte

Legend

This guide provides a list of useful places located on the different maps with pictograms: accommodation, restaurants, local products, sites and attractions, tourist information centres, etc. Please keep in mind that most shops are closed on Mondays, especially in the countryside and off-season.

Services

-  Tourist information center
-  Tourist information center (seasonal)
-  Accommodation
-  Campsite
-  Restaurant
-  Cafe
-  Grocery shop
-  Bike shop / Bike hire
-  Picnic area
-  Public toilets
-  Car park
-  Motorhome area
-  Ferry (vehicule)
-  Train station
-  Markets

Places of interest and heritage

-  Impressionist place of interest
-  Place of tourist interest
-  Religious building
-  Castle
-  Museum
-  Park and garden
-  Local produce
-  Viewpoint

Leisure and sport

-  Swimming pool or beach
-  Public foot path

Cycle Route symbols

1: 150 000 scale (1 cm to 1,5 km)

-  Greenway - Traffic-free path
-  Separate cycle route under construction
-  Road shared with cars
-  Road shared with cars under construction
-  Alternative routes and connections

  2,5 
Take special care Distance between points (km)

 Climb  186 
Steep hill Very steep hill Height in meters

The Region of Dieppe

Linking the country and the sea, the Region of Dieppe is full of wonderful sites and attractions to explore, in the seaside town itself, in the neighbouring coastal villages and in the countryside, where the Eaulne and Bethune rivers meet to form the River Arques. This huge delta, a strategic place, now dotted with lakes full of fish, is perfect for a walk.



Dieppe

With its long beach, its castle on top of a hill and its port in the town centre, Dieppe is unique and has become the first seaside resort in France. Combining maritime history, art and cuisine, the town is now a major tourist destination.



- 1 Tourist Information Centre
- 2 SNCF train station
- 3 Castle-Museum

- 4 Place nationale
- 5 The Pollet district
- 6 Ferry terminal

What to see

 **Dieppe Maritime Tourist Information Centre**
Tel. +33 (0)2 32 14 40 60
www.dieppetourisme.com

The Castle-Museum  exhibition halls displaying masterpieces (Renoir, Pissarro, Braque...) and an exceptional collection of ivory carvings and nautical objects,
+33 (0)2 35 06 61 99.

Estran – Cité de la Mer   
museum, aquarium and scientific, technical and cultural centre,
+33 (0)2 35 06 93 20
www.estrancitedelamer.fr

19 August 1942 Memorial, located in the 19th century theatre, records, objects and scale models pay tribute to the soldiers, sailors and pilots who fought in Operation Jubilee,
+33 (0)2 35 84 80 67
www.dieppe-operationjubilee-19aout1942.fr

Saint-Jacques Church, 12th and 16th century Flamboyant Gothic and Renaissance building.

Villa Perrotte, an exceptional place that is a good example of the 1920s Art Deco, contemporary art gallery,
+33 (0)2 35 86 94 18
www.villaperrotte.fr

Le Carré Leisure Centre – swimming-pool, fitness and spa, restaurant and conference centre,
+33 (0)2 35 82 80 90
www.lecarre-dieppe.fr

The Dieppe – Pourville Golf course, located on top of the impressive cliffs of the Alabaster Coast, 18-hole golf course overlooking the sea,
+33 (0)2 35 84 25 05
www.golf-dieppe.com

Boat and fishing trips on boats located in the marina.

Cercle de la Voile de Dieppe (Dieppe Sailing Club), in July and August on the beach, kayak, windsurf and catamaran hire, individual and group lessons by professional trainers,
+33 (0)2 35 84 32 99
<http://cvdieppe.org/>

There are many events taking place all year round on the lawns on the seafront.

 **Market in Dieppe:** On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday mornings.

Accommodation and services

- Aguado Hotel ★★★ 
+33 (0)2 35 84 27 00
www.hotelsdieppe.com
- L'Europe Hotel ★★★ 
+33 (0)2 32 90 19 19
www.hoteldieppe.com
- Les Arcades-Restaurant ★★★  
+33 (0)2 35 84 14 12
www.lesarcades.fr
- Les Galets Hotel 
+33 (0)2 35 06 10 10
- La Villa Florida B&B ⅂⅂⅂⅂
+33 (0)2 35 84 40 37
www.lavillaflorida.com
- Villa des Capucins B&B  
+33 (0)6 86 91 27 60
- Les Falaises  
and Front de mer  
Holiday cottages
+33 (0)6 75 43 61 09
- Le Pollet Holiday cottage 
+33 (0)6 32 08 65 59
www.gite-dieppe-pollet.com
- Le huit Clos Holiday cottage  
+33 (0)6 83 32 95 69
http://lehuisclsdieppe.monsite-orange.fr/
- L'entre deux pont – pop Holiday
cottage 
+33 (0)6 77 46 86 05



- L'Escale Artistique Holiday cottage 
+33 (0)6 21 23 39 05
http://location-dieppe.blogspot.fr/
- Mr and Mrs Dagicour's Holiday cottage 
+33 (0)6 50 17 17 92
http://gites-appart-dieppe.com/
- Mrs Brennetuit's Holiday cottage ★★★
+33 (0)6 60 84 40 20
www.gite-dieppe.com

For more accommodation, please contact the Dieppe Maritime Tourist Information Centre.

- Numerous restaurants, cafés and bakeries in the town centre.
- Acrept, bike hire and repair,
+33 (0)2 35 04 92 40
www.acrept.fr



Did you know ?

Dieppe is now the first French port for scallops. About 1,500 tons of this delicious shellfish are fished from October to May by some thirty fishermen. The fishing boats also bring back mackerel, herring, dogfish, whiting, sardine, ray, sea bream, sea bass and sole to Dieppe.



Focus

Dieppe, a seaside resort

It is usually said that Hortense de Beauharnais, Queen of Holland and Napoleon I's stepdaughter, started the fashion for sea bathing in Dieppe during the First French Empire. Then, the aristocracy, led by the Duchess of Berry, would develop the seaside resort as we know it. During the Second French Empire, Empress Eugénie, Napoleon III's wife, remodelled the lawns on the seafront, which led to the construction of hotels and casinos along the beach. The development of the railway to Dieppe by the end of the 19th century would make popular the fashion for sea bathing, and brought many artists, including the famous Impressionist painters. Until the 1920s, Dieppe was the 'must-go-to' seaside resort.

Dieppe and Impressionism

Painters, including Renoir, Monet, Pissarro, Boldini, but also Degas, Boudin and Blanche as well as, musicians and writers, enjoyed staying in the region of Dieppe as early as the end of the 19th century. Even though they were attracted by the reputation of the seaside resort, it is undoubtedly the quality of the light and the essence of the landscapes that inspired their greatest masterpieces.

Nowadays, we really want to show how much the artists loved this region. The Normandy Impressionist Festival is the

occasion to highlight the extraordinary cultural and natural heritage of Seine-Maritime. Moreover, information panels are located in Dieppe and Pourville, exactly where the painters have set up their easels. For further information, have a look at the brochure *Impressions of Seine-Maritime*.

Dieppe Castle-Museum

This castle, was built after 1435 by Captain Desmarets with flint and sandstone to defend the town against the English. It was linked to fortifications that surrounded Dieppe. Serving as the seat of the town's governor and as home to the garrison until 1820, the castle has been enlarged and remodelled several times over the centuries. After being bought by the town, it became a museum in 1923. Engravings, sculptures, paintings, scale-models, all show the town's important history and artistic wealth. The museum invites you to learn more about Dieppe's glorious maritime past, admire paintings made by great artists (Renoir, Pissarro, Braque, etc.) and have a look at the town's exceptional collection of ivory carvings.
Tel. +33 (0)2 35 06 61 99.

Dieppe: one town, four ports

Dieppe's history has been closely linked to the sea since the very beginning. Located at the heart of the town, the



port of Dieppe and its numerous basins are completely part of the town, "A port in the town, a town in the port".

A Fishing port. A leading figure in the port industry, Dieppe's fishing port is specialised in scallops. First French port for scallops, the port of Dieppe lies at the heart of Dieppe's identity. Since November 2011, a new fish market has opened to the public every day on Quai Trudaine.

A Marina. The marina, located at the very heart of the historic centre, is accessible at any time and whatever the tide. The marina consists of three basins: Ango (410 moorings), Duquesne (70 moorings) and Paris (70 moorings). More than 50000 visitors enter every year.

A Commercial port. It used to be an oil port and first French port for bananas imported from the Canary Islands and for citrus fruits imported from

Morocco. Its connection to Paris has contributed to the development of Dieppe's commercial activity. But the competition with road transport and the Port of Antwerp has made the import of exotic fruits fall. Dieppe now relies on the importation of components for the wind power industry.

A cross-channel port. Dieppe has always been a popular crossing point between France and England. When William, who was not "the Conqueror" yet, and his fellow Normans set foot on English soil and conquered it, they introduced the first cross-Channel links.

Nowadays, there are two daily crossings between Dieppe and Newhaven on the ferries *Côte d'Albâtre* or Seven Sisters, which last 4 hours. They can carry 140 cars, 40 lorries and 600 passengers.

Dieppe and Canada

Since the end of the 15th century and during the 16th century, the fish-rich waters of Newfoundland have attracted a large number of Norman and Briton fishermen who would develop regular relationships with the natives over time. People in Europe would thus discover new products such as animal skins and furs. In the 16th century, explorers like the Verranzano brothers, who left from Dieppe, contributed to the exploration of Canada, which they would call "New-France". These close relationships, marked by Operation Jubilee (the Anglo-Canadian raid of 19th August 1942) in the 20th century, still continue. Thus, a town in New Brunswick has been renamed Dieppe in 1952. In 2000, a charter of friendship was signed by the two towns.

Estran-Cité de la Mer

Shipyards, sea fishing, the fauna and flora of the Channel and marine aquariums are at the core of ESTRAN Cité de la Mer (Museum of the sea) in Dieppe. Thanks to these 4 themes located on 1600 m², you and your family will learn all about the coastline in Upper-Normandy. The cliffs, scallops, Viking ships, fishing trawlers, cuttlefish, etc. will no longer hold any secrets from you! For groups, both adults and children, the Estran-Cité de la Mer also organises outdoor visits of the coastline and the port of Dieppe. Tel. +33 (0)2 35 06 93 20 www.estrancitedelamer.fr

> Dieppe < > Arques-la-Bataille: 10 km (6 miles)

You are leaving behind the impressive white chalk cliffs and getting out of the seaside town of Dieppe. You are now following the signs towards Arques-la-Bataille. You can still feel the sea breeze during this short ride in the region of Dieppe.



Varengville-sur-Mer.

What to see

Neuville-lès-Dieppe: Saint-Aubin Church with a vault shaped like the hull of a ship / Manor house converted into a B&B.

Martin-Église: Village built around Saint-Martin Church / Sainte-Marie-de-Thibermont Monastery.

Rouxmesnil-Bouteilles: Village built around Saint-Martin Church / Sainte-Marie-de-Thibermont Monastery.

Tourville-sur-Arques: The Château de Miromesnil and its vegetable garden.

Arques-la-Bataille: Ruins of the medieval castle that overlooks the valley, grounds open to visitors (free). A strategic site where Henri IV won the battle of Arques / Market on Thursday mornings.

Accommodation and services

Neuville-lès-Dieppe:

- Le Manoir de Neuville B&B 
+33 (0)6 62 57 72 86
www.manoirdeneuville.fr
- Bali-Dieppe B&B 
+33 (0)2 35 84 16 84
www.lesvoilesdor.fr/crbst_7html

Martin-Église:

- L'Auberge du Clos Normand Hotel-Restaurant **★★★** 
+33 (0)2 35 40 40 40
www.closnormand.fr
- Chemin d'imbleval Holiday cottage **★★** 
+33 (0)6 75 43 61 09
- L'Erable Holiday cottage **★★★**
+33 (0)6 84 24 67 72.

Rouxmesnil-Bouteilles:

- L'Éolienne Hotel **★★**
+33 (0)2 32 14 40 00
www.hoteleolienne.com
- Le Haut du Vallon Holiday cottage **★★**
+33 (0)6 13 53 66 40
<http://lehautduvallon.free.fr/>

- Cycle Gourmand, bike repair,
+33 (0)2 32 90 01 14

Tourville-sur-Arques:

- The Château de Miromesnil B&B and holiday cottage   
+33 (0)2 35 85 02 80
www.chateaumiromesnil.com

Arques-la-Bataille:

- Manoir d'Archelles Hotel-Restaurant
+33 (0)2 35 83 40 51
www.manoir-darchelles.fr
- Cléome B&B 
+33 (0)6 09 38 12 74
www.cleomechambredhote.fr

Temporary route



Between the ferry port and Arques-la-Bataille, you are following a temporary route waymarked with black and yellow signs. The Département of Seine-Maritime is currently working on a safer route.



Focus

The Castle of Arques-la-bataille

The castle, built in the 11th century on a motte, is a beautiful example of medieval defensive architecture. Located at the top of a rocky promontory overlooking the Bethune, Varenne and Eaulne valleys, it is protected by the rivers and provides a view stretching as far as the sea. Moats and a bastion were added in the 16th century. The castle, said to be impregnable, has withstood many sieges including the one laid by William the Conqueror in 1052 as well as the battles of the Hundred Years War. In 1589, Henri IV defeated the Catholic League.

The castle was dismantled in the 18th century and only the impressive ruins can be visited today.

The lakes in Dieppe's countryside

The sand pits, huge open-air quarries, in the Bethune and Varenne valleys have permitted to extract the sediments carried along by the water in the rivers, sand and gravel have thus been used as construction materials. The André Fontaine Park has been developed around one of these former sand pits and converted into a water park. The park is part of a listed Natural Area of Ecological Fauna and Flora Interest (ZNIEFF) and allows many birds, fish and amphibians to

reproduce, thus encouraging biodiversity. It is a great place for nice walks, pleasant fishing trips and thrilling water sport activities. It is in this unspoilt setting, overlooked by the Castle of Arques, that the Varenne Leisure Park is located. Awarded the "Station Nautique" label, it offers many outdoor activities, both on land and in water, as well as group accommodation.
Tel. +33 (0)2 35 85 69 05
www.varennepleinair.fr



The Château de Miromesnil 🏰 🇫🇷

Built in 1590 on the remains of a castle destroyed during the Battle of Arques, the Château de Miromesnil showcases 4 centuries of architecture. The refined Henri IV style south façade contrasts with the monumental Louis XIII style north façade and its profusion of decorative motifs.

Despite the many successive owners, the chateau has preserved decorative and architectural features from the past centuries: 16th and 18th centuries carved wood panelling, wrought-iron works and 19th century mouldings. The furniture (sofas, chest of drawers and wardrobes) tells you all about life in the chateau during the 18th century. On one of the towers' ground floor, a small sitting room has been decorated in the 19th century style to remind of

the presence of Guy de Maupassant's family between 1849 and 1853. Next to the chateau, there is the vegetable garden (rehabilitated in 1950 by the Countess Bertrand de Vogüé, the grandmother of the current owners). It remains faithful to its initial mission, being both a kitchen and a pleasure garden. The raised garden beds are separated by grass walkways and comprise neatly planted rows of vegetables and flowers to cut or dry. They contrast with the English-style bed borders and their profusion of annual flowers, flowering bulbs and perennial plants around them: a harmonious combination of delicate colours that change according to the season.
Tel: +33 (0)2 35 85 02 80
www.chateaumiromesnil.com



> Arques-la-Bataille < > Saint-Vaast-d'Équiqueville: 12 km (8 miles)

Welcome to Dieppe's countryside! This is where the greenway starts, along the lakes which are havens for birds and a meeting place for anglers. With the impressive ruins of the Castle of Arques in the background, the Bethune Valley has plenty of outdoor activities available.



What to see

♦ **Monts et Vallées Tourist Information Centre – Petit Caux**, in Envermeu
Tel. +33 (0)2 35 84 00 62
www.normandie-envermeubivillesurmer.com

Saint-Aubin-le-Cauf: Formerly belonging to the Dukes of Normandy, the village was named after one of the Lords nicknamed "Le Cauf", which means "the Bald" in French / La Châtellenie, an 18th century chateau built on medieval foundations / Guy Weber Natural Educational Park, Water and Nature centre 🌿 / Varenne Leisure Park / André Fontaine Park.

Martigny: Remarkable stone bridge located before the former ford in the

Varenne River which allows to get to Saint-Aubin-le-Cauf.

Saint-Nicolas-d'Aliermont: A surprising linear village and the capital of the Norman clock-making tradition 🕒 / The Clock-makers' Trail / Market on Sunday mornings.

Dampierre-Saint-Nicolas: Former train station that was very busy at the beginning of the 20th century thanks to the clock-making factories that used it to ship their goods / Panoramic view in the Bois de Pimont.

Meulers: Village formerly famous for its wickerwork.

The state forests of Eawy and Arques.



Market in Envermeu on Saturday mornings.

Accommodation and services

Saint-Aubin-le-Cauf:

- Guy Weber Natural Educational Park 🌿
PN 101, bike hire, cafeteria, local products for sale,
+33 (0)2 35 04 38 84
www.parcguyweber.free.fr
- Cycle hire – M. Carlu
+33 (0)6 22 99 23 42
- La Châtellenie B&B 🍷🍷
PN 102, +33 (0)6 12 43 47 02
www.lachatellenie.com
- Varenne Leisure Park, outdoor activities, bike hire and group accommodation,
+33 (0)2 35 85 69 05
www.varennepleinair.fr

Martigny:

- Camping des Deux Rivières Campsite★★★
+33 (0)2 35 85 60 82
www.camping-2-rivieres.com

Saint-Nicolas d'Aliermont:

- Hôtel-Restaurant du Commerce
+33 (0)2 35 85 80 06
- Motorhome parking facility,
Place du 19 mars 1962,
+33 (0)2 35 85 80 11
- Mr Bouteiller's B&B 🍷
+33 (0)6 30 24 15 89
- The Clock-making Museum 🕒🇪🇺🇫🇷
+33 (0)2 35 04 53 98
www.musee-horlogerie-aliermont.fr

- Various choices of traditional restaurants and pizzerias.
- L'Ermitage des abeilles Farm 🐝
PN 99, honey, gingerbread and honey-based products, shop open on Thursdays and Fridays from 02:00 pm to 06:00 pm and visits by appointment,
+33 (0)2 35 85 83 86

Dampierre-Saint-Nicolas:

- Café des Quatre Routes, PN 100, a stop for hikers and walkers,
+33 (0)2 35 04 02 96

Freulleville:

- Gîte des Redans Holiday cottage 🍷, PN 94,
+33 (0)2 35 83 92 30
www.gitedesredans.com

Notre-Dame d'Aliermont:

- La Ferme Savigny Farm 🐄, PN 92, cattle and sheep farm, shop open from Thursday to Saturday, visits by appointment,
+33 (0)2 35 85 81 72
www.ferme-savigny.fr

Saint-Vaast-d'Équiqueville:

- B&B 🍷 and holiday cottage 🍷 of the Avenue Verte, PN 91,
+33 (0)6 03 65 47 67
<http://denise-rene-vous-accueillent.jimdo.com/>
- Le Relais de l'Avenue Verte 🐾
PN 92, bike hire, café, snacks and multiple services available, closed on Wednesdays,
+33 (0)2 35 40 16 48
www.rav76.fr



Focus

The forests of Arques and Eawy

These state forests are the ancestors of the huge forest that used to cover most of the Pays de Bray. The forest of Arques (1,000 ha) and the forest of Eawy (7,000 ha), whose name means "humid area", are mostly planted with beech and oak trees. They used to provide the nearby sawmills, glass-making factories and beekeepers with wood. The forest of Eawy, which sheltered German V1 launching ramps during the Second World War, has been severely damaged during the war. The areas that had been destroyed were replanted with conifers. People enjoy having a walk in these forests for their pleasant coolness and interesting fauna.

The Guy Weber Natural Educational Park

Run by an association helping people with disabilities, this beautiful park planted with trees is bordered by the Bethune River and the Avenue Verte London to Paris. It is landscaped and maintained by people with learning difficulties. It presents a fauna and flora that is specific to wetlands, which is where the theme gardens, the kitchen garden and the maze have been created, all accessible thanks to paths. You can even see some animals. The "Maison de l'Eau et de la Nature" (Water and Nature Centre), located at

the entrance, holds temporary exhibitions.

Beyond its educational missions, the Park is now a place where you have to stop along the Avenue Verte London to Paris as there is everything you might need: picnic tables, a pub (without alcohol), a shop selling local products and a bike hire service. This is a stop you can't miss!
Tel. +33 (0)2 35 04 38 84
www.parcguyweber.free.fr

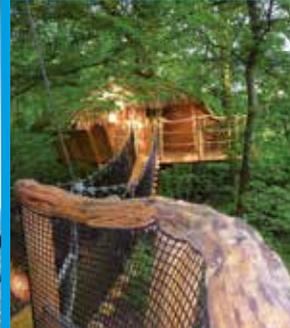
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Tel. +33 (0)2 35 04 53 98
www.musee-horlogerie-aliermont.fr

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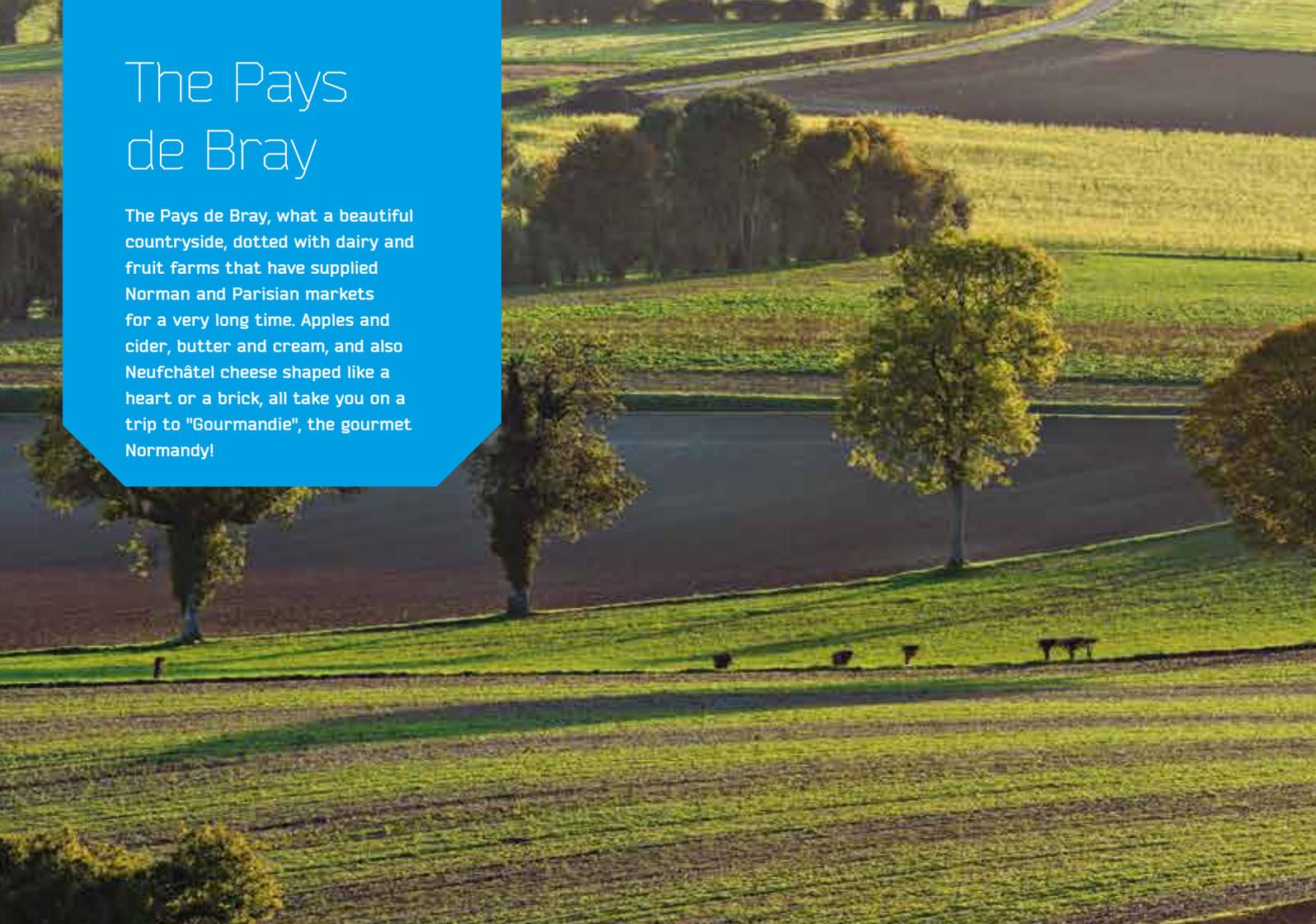
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The Pays de Bray

The Pays de Bray, what a beautiful countryside, dotted with dairy and fruit farms that have supplied Norman and Parisian markets for a very long time. Apples and cider, butter and cream, and also Neufchâtel cheese shaped like a heart or a brick, all take you on a trip to "Gourmandie", the gourmet Normandy!



> Saint-Vaast-d'Équiqueville < > Mesnières-en-Bray: 10 km (6 miles)

The Bethune River, a nice white-water river, will guide through the Pays de Bray. In this section, on the theme of horticulture, you will be able to admire the orchards where the apples producing the popular Norman cider are grown. Don't forget to visit the impressive Château de Mesnières-en-Bray, a place open to the public and to students.



What to see

Londinières Tourist Information Point, +33 (0)2 35 93 80 08.

Osmoy-Saint-Valéry: 12th century Chapel dedicated to Notre-Dame and 17th century country seat.

Bures-en-Bray: 12th century church with a crooked spire / Tourpes Manor House where Gabrielle d'Estrées, one of Henri IV's mistresses, lived / Feudal mound on which a watchtower used to

stand / View of the Lanscape Trail (along the D77 road).

Mesnières-en-Bray: 16th century Renaissance Chateau and its park that accommodates the Horticulture and Forestry School. Guided tours from Easter to 1st November on weekends and bank holidays, every day in July and August (except on Tuesdays) from 02:30 pm to 06:30 pm. / Restored wash house. / Garden-village / Learning Trail up the Saint-Amador hill, views along the Landscape Trail (1h30).

Accommodation and services

Osmoy-St-Valéry:

- Facilities available to cyclists and hikers (showers, toilets, etc.)
- Gîtes des 3 maisons Holiday cottage 🏠🏠 et 🏠 +33 (0)6 47 38 66 82
- La Gentilhommière Farm 🏠🌿🌿 cider, Calvados, and apple juice organic farm, shop open from Monday to Saturday from 08:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 02:00 pm to 06:00 pm, +33 (0)6 84 01 27 64 www.gentilhommiere.net
- La Ferme d'Agnès Farm, local honey and jams, visits and shop open every day by appointment, +33 (0)6 08 35 16 97
- Christophe Gauthier, beekeeper, honey for sale, shop open after 06:00 pm by appointment, +33 (0)2 35 94 51 01

Bailleul-Neuville:

- Out-of-the-ordinary B&B: in a wooden caravan 🚐 +33 (0)6 81 27 49 93 <http://fermedugremonval.com/>

Bures-en-Bray:

- La Ferme du Bas Bray B&B 🏠🏠 +33 (0)6 72 69 25 72 www.lebasbray.com

- La Chevêche de Bray Holiday cottage 🏠🏠🏠 +33 (0)6 88 17 79 30 www.gitedelacheveche.fr

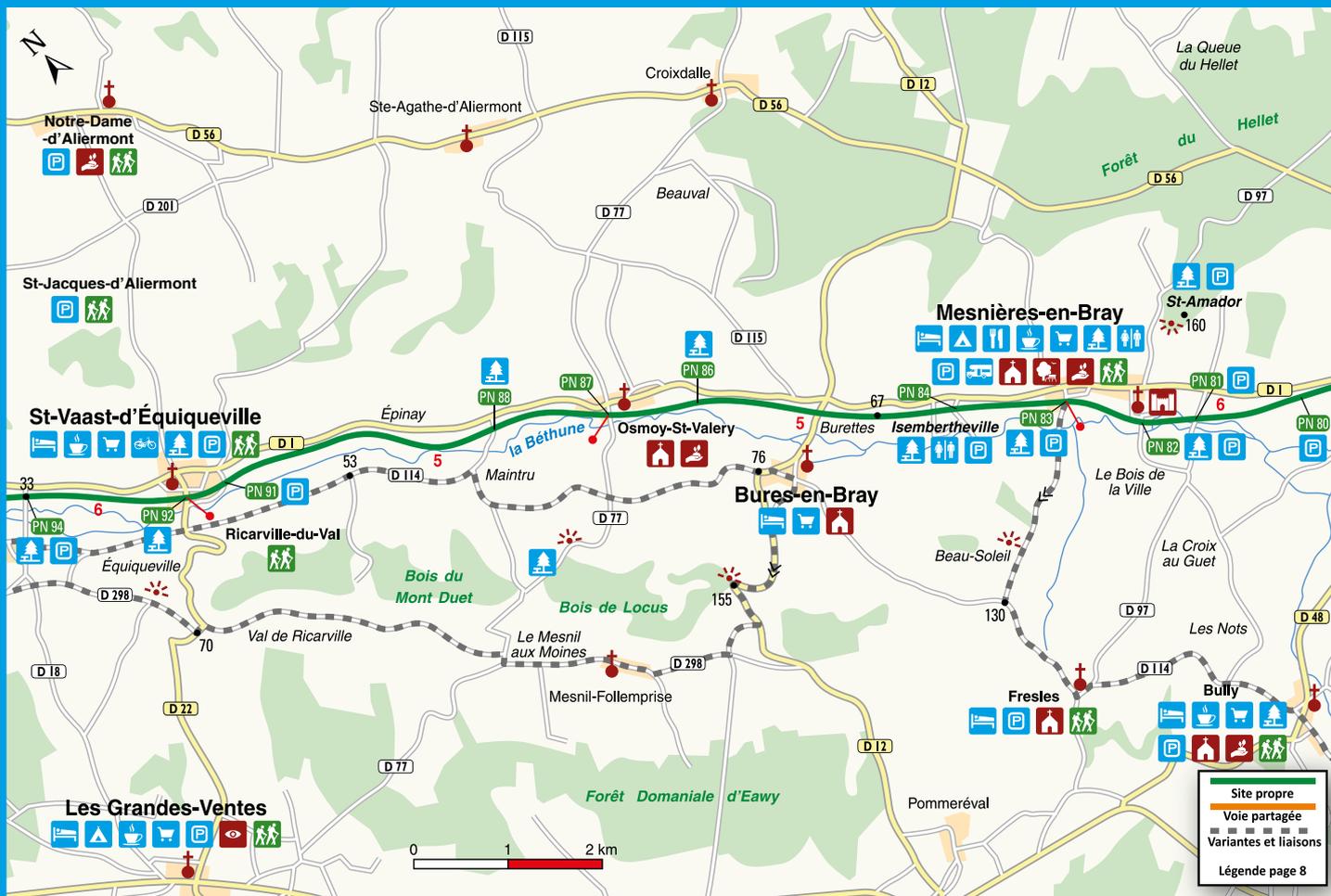
Fresles:

- L'Écurie Holiday cottage 🏠🏠🏠 +33 (0)6 82 74 69 64

Mesnières-en-Bray:

- Gîte du Village Holiday Cottage 🏠🏠 +33 (0)2 35 93 10 14
- Gîte du Moulin Holiday cottage 🏠🏠 Group accommodation 🏠 and Camping du Château campsite, +33 (0)2 35 93 10 04 www.chateau-mesnieres-76.com
- Au Village restaurant and shop, +33 (0)2 35 94 99 64
- Auberge À la Maison, restaurant +33 (0)2 35 93 06 25
- Ferme de la Gâte Farm, ewe's milk cheeses and visits by appointment, +33 (0)6 21 58 40 00





> Mesnières-en-Bray < > Neufchâtel-en-Bray < > Saint-Saire: 13,5 km (8,6 miles)

From Mesnières-en-Bray and its château, similar to the ones in the Loire Valley, the route leads you to Neufchâtel-en-Bray, where you will have to stop for a gourmet break. You will then be at the heart of the countryside where the famous cheese is made, but also where apples and cider are produced.



What to see

Neuville-Ferrières: "Jardin du Plaisir au Savoir" (From Pleasure to Knowledge garden) and monastery garden / Hiking trails including the Houpperie learning trail (1 hour).

Massy: 🏡 Artmazia, plant maze and art centre. Open from May to September.

Nesle-Hodeng: 🏡 A former cleverly converted train station, multiple services available / Neufchâtel cheese making stronghold.

Saint-Saire: Charming restored church containing a 15th century vault with a well.

Accommodation and services

Saint-Martin-l'Hortier:

- Caramelle Holiday cottage**** with indoor swimming-pool, +33 (0)2 35 99 98 66

Bully:

- Quesnay B&B and holiday cottage 🌍 +33 (0)2 35 94 58 49 www.gites-du-quesnay.com
- La Bulloise Holiday cottage 🍷🍷🍷 +33 (0)2 35 94 77 23
- Ferme Fruitière du Haut Pas Fruit Farm 🍷🍷, holiday cottage, apples, berries, jams and fruit juice for sale, open from Monday to Friday from 02:00 pm to 06:00 pm, +33 (0)6 81 19 52 98.

Esclavelles:

- Le Relais des Hayons Hotel-Restaurant, +33 (0)2 35 93 13 15

Massy:

- Artmazia 🏡 🍷 🍷🍷 Pub and café, La Taverne Gourmande restaurant, +33 (0)2 35 93 17 12 www.artmazia.com

Neuville-Ferrières:

- Renovated service area (public toilets).
- Le Café du Village, épicerie multiservice, fermé le lundi. 02 35 93 02 87
- EARL Dubois-Lebon Farm, Neufchâtel cheese, butter and cream for sale, open from Monday to Saturday from 09:00 am to 06:00 pm, +33 (0)2 35 93 35 56

Bouelles:

- Mr and Mrs Clément's Holiday cottage*** +33 (0)2 32 97 09 62
- Frais Agneau Holiday cottage +33 (0)2 35 94 13 16
- EARL des Hallais Farm, Neufchâtel cheese for sale, open every day (except on Sundays) from 09:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 06:00 pm to 08:00 pm, +33 (0)2 35 93 15 67

Nesle-Hodeng:

- Au Quai Gourmand 🍷🍷🍷 🏡 🍷🍷🍷 PN 70, café, restaurant, shop with local products and holiday cottage, +33 (0)6 23 88 80 72 www.auquaigourmand.fr
- Motorhome parking facility of the former train station, +33 (0)2 35 93 49 74

- GAEC Brianchon Collective Farm, visits of the farm by appointment and Neufchâtel cheese for sale, open every day, +33 (0)2 32 97 06 44
- GAEC du Cœur Normand Collective Farm, Neufchâtel cheese for sale, open every day, +33 (0)2 35 94 06 90
- GAEC des Fontaines Collective Farm, Neufchâtel cheese for sale, open every day (except on Sunday afternoons), +33 (0)2 32 97 07 17
- SARL Alleaume Farm, Neufchâtel cheese for sale, open from Monday to Saturday from 09:00 am to 12:00 pm, +33 (0)2 35 94 38 37

Saint-Saire:

- Le Clos du Bourg Farm, visit of the farm by appointment, organic cider and apple juice for sale, +33 (0)2 32 97 10 74 <http://closdubourg.pagesperso-orange.fr/>
- EARL Jubert Farm, Neufchâtel cheese for sale, open from Monday to Saturday (except on Wednesdays) from 09:00 am to 06:00 pm, +33 (0)2 35 93 12 46
- Au chalet Brayon, apple juice, Neufchâtel cheese, seasonal vegetables, dairy products, jams, food hampers, open on Fridays from 04:00 pm to 07:00 pm, on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 02:00 pm to 05:00 pm by appointment. +33 (0)6 32 40 10 20

Accommodation and services

- Le Grand Cerf Hotel-Restaurant★★  
+33 (0)2 35 93 00 02
www.hotel-grandcerf.fr
- Les Airelles Hotel-Restaurant★★  
+33 (0)2 35 93 06 55
www.les-airelles-neufchatel.com
- Le Saint-Pierre Hotel-Restaurant,
+33 (0)2 35 93 02 12
- Sainte-Claire Campsite★★★
and Motorhome parking facility,
bike hire,
+33 (0)2 35 93 03 93
www.camping-sainte-claire.com
- Le Cellier du Val Boury B&B and
holiday cottage★★★
+33 (0)2 35 93 26 95
www.cellier-val-boury.com



- Sainte Claire Holiday cottage ★★★
+33 (0)2 35 60 73 34
- Monnier Farm, Neufchâtel cheese for
sale, open from Monday to Thursday
from 09:00 am to 12:00 pm, on Fridays
from 09:00 am to 12:00 pm and from
02:00 pm to 06:00 pm, on Saturdays
from 02:00 pm to 06:00 pm,
+33 (0)2 35 94 40 42
- Pénitents Farm, meat, cold meats and
local products for sale, open from
Wednesday to Saturday from 08:30
am to 07:30 pm,
+33 (0)2 35 94 24 46
- Numerous restaurants, cafés and
bakeries in the town centre.
- Intersport, bike repair, located on
the "Zone d'Activité du Pays de Bray",
Retail Park next to the Avenue Verte.



Neufchâtel-en-Bray



Did you know?

Neufchâtel-en-Bray used to be named Drincourt. The town has changed its name after the construction of the new chateau that replaced the original one, which was destroyed at the end of the 16th century under Henri IV's command. Some foundation stones are still visible today behind the theatre, rue du Vieux-Château.



Focus

Neufchâtel cheese and the Pays de Bray's cuisine

How to make cheese with a white creamy texture that reveals the sweet taste of Normandy? Take nice Normande cows, leave them grazing in a pasture as long as they need, use the traditional methods to curdle and drain the delicately drawn milk. Press and knead it, and then shape it as you like, as a cylinder, a brick, a square or a heart. Add just the right amount of salt

and leave it to mature in a cellar, a few days or a few months depending on the desired taste.

And this is how Neufchâtel cheese has been made in the Pays de Bray since the 11th century. This cheese has been an AOC, controlled designation of origin, since 1977. There is even an association, the Compagnons du Fromage de Neufchâtel that organises the Cheese Festival in Neufchâtel-en-Bray every third weekend of September.

Thanks to its quality local products, the Pays de Bray fosters Norman cuisine as its art of living. We can't even count the number farms that produce very good apples, red berries, but also the

beekeepers who breed bees and make honey. There are also plenty of fresh market vegetables, top-quality meat and of course delicious dairy products: cheese, butter, cream, etc. Finally, cider and apple juice, Calvados and Pommeau from Normandy, cider and apple jam, and cider vinegar, grown organically or using integrated farming, complete the list of products that contribute to the reputation of the brand "Bienvenue en Gourmandie".

What makes the Pays de Bray's cuisine unique lies also in the combination of these land products with the nearby seafood products coming from Dieppe. Bon appétit!

The "buttonhole" of the Pays de Bray

Crossed by the road linking Paris to the sea, the Pays de Bray stretches from the Norman Vexin to the border of the Ile-de-France Region and the Manche Département, between the plateaus of Picardy and the Pays de Caux. An important geological phenomena, which took place in Mesozoic and Tertiary Eras, led to the creation of hills and cuestas that eroded with time.

Between the chalk hills that culminate at 200 metres above sea level, a clay plain with many little rivers links Gournay-en-Bray, Forges-les-Eaux and

Neufchâtel-en-Bray. These geographical features have contributed to the preservation of the Pays de Bray, which is still partly made of small hedged fields and trees.

The Landscape Trail in the Pays de Bray, dotted with 9 viewpoint indicators, will take you on a geographical experience and allow you to discover the local fauna and flora.

Traditional architecture in the Pays de Bray

The architecture of the Pays de Bray is characterized by the use of bricks, which were largely produced locally in the 19th century. They were used in many different ways and combinations thus showing a wide range of patterns, whether they were for prestigious or modest buildings.

Bricks were often combined with stones, especially ferruginous sandstone extracted near the construction sites. Flint, used for the foundations, was cut to show the smooth surface on the outside. Wood was also widely used, for the framework, the clapboard siding and for half-timbered buildings, which were filled with bricks or cob. This half-timbered construction was made with spaced timbers. The pieces of wood were often used several times, taken from an old building for a new one. As for the roof, slate is the most widespread material in the Pays de Bray. But flat or Roman tiles, which had been produced locally for a long time, can also be seen, especially near the former tileries.

In short, it is a kind of architecture

that has always been low-cost in energy, environmentally-friendly and relying on its environment!

The Château de Mesnières-en-Bray

A marvel of the Renaissance period, a chateau worthy of the Loire Valley in Normandy, the Château de Mesnières-en-Bray is an exceptional site listed a Historic Building in 1982. Its majestic outline is very impressive and can be admired from the Bethune Valley. The spectacular towers of "Chaumont" surround the main building. The central courtyard, accessed by a grand staircase, allows you to explore the recently restored Galerie des Cerfs (a gallery with seven sculpted deer), the Salle des Cartes (Map Room), the Salle des Quatre Tambours (the Four Drums Room that used to be the music room) and the castle chapel. But you can also linger in the gardens and the greenhouse in front of the moat, as well as in the animal park facing the Canal du Moulin (Mill Canal).

The building is gradually recovering from a dreadful fire that happened in 2004 and which has severely damaged the building, but not only, the water used by the firefighters has also caused damage even though they saved this magnificent piece of the heritage of the Pays de Bray.

During the school year, more than 700 people live there, both day and night. This accommodation is also available to visitors at weekends and during school holidays.

Tel. +33 (0)2 35 93 10 04

www.chateau-mesnieres-76.com



Château de Mesnières-en-Bray.

> Saint-Saire < > Forges-les-Eaux: 11,5 km (7 miles)

You are now cycling through the Pays de Bray, on the section for which the Département de Seine-Maritime has received a European prize of Excellence for the quality of the route and of the restoration of the railway equipment. Keep an eye out for those traces of the past.



What to see

Mesnil-Mauger: La Vache de Louvicamp Farm, both a farm and an activity centre.

Compainville:

Glinet archaeological site

Beaubec-la-Rosière: Du Coq à l'Âne hikes with a donkey (with a packsaddle or a carriage) available. Introduction courses and training with donkeys.

Market gardening / Ruins of the Cistercian Abbey in Beaubec (private).

Sommery: The Ferme de Bray, traditional restored farm. Fishing ponds and activities for the kids. B&B. / Les Escargots du Mont Fossé Farm, visits throughout the day and the night of the snail farm.

Mauquenchy: Racecourse where PMU meetings and other horseraces take place.

Accommodation and services

Mesnil-Mauger:

- La Petite Maison Holiday cottage ******* sortie PN 65, +33 (0)6 74 53 85 91
- La Vache de Louvicamp Farm **🐄** dairy products and cheese for sale, +33 (0)2 35 09 27 52 <http://lavachedelouvicamp.over-blog.com/>

Beaubec-la-Rosière:

- Du Coq à l'Âne B&B *****🏠** +33 (0)2 35 09 17 91 www.lecoqalane.fr
- La Presle Holiday cottage ******* +33 (0)2 35 60 73 34 www.gites-avenue-verte.com
- Le Relais de Beaubec, PN 65, terrace, snacks, ice creams, homemade cakes, open every day from April to October, +33 (0)6 80 73 56 30
- Mr Vicquelin, cider and Calvados, open on weekends from 06:00 pm to 08:00 pm and by appointment on weekdays, +33 (0)2 35 90 25 65

Sainte-Geneviève-en-Bray:

- La Bergerie Holiday cottage **🏠🐄** sortie PN 67, +33 (0)2 35 90 42 07

Sommery:

- Les trois pommiers B&B ******* +33 (0)6 89 11 45 80.
- Le Gîte du Paradis Holiday cottage ******* +33 (0)2 35 60 73 34 www.gites-avenue-verte.com

- Les Escargots du Mont Fossé Farm, fresh products from the snail farm for sale, +33 (0)2 35 90 19 41 www.lescargotdumontfosse.com
- Peau de Leu Farm **🐷**, pig farm, traditional cold meats for sale, open on Fridays and Saturdays from 09:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 02:00 pm to 07:00 pm, +33 (0)2 35 09 81 00 www.viandefermenormandie.com

Rocherolles-en-Bray:

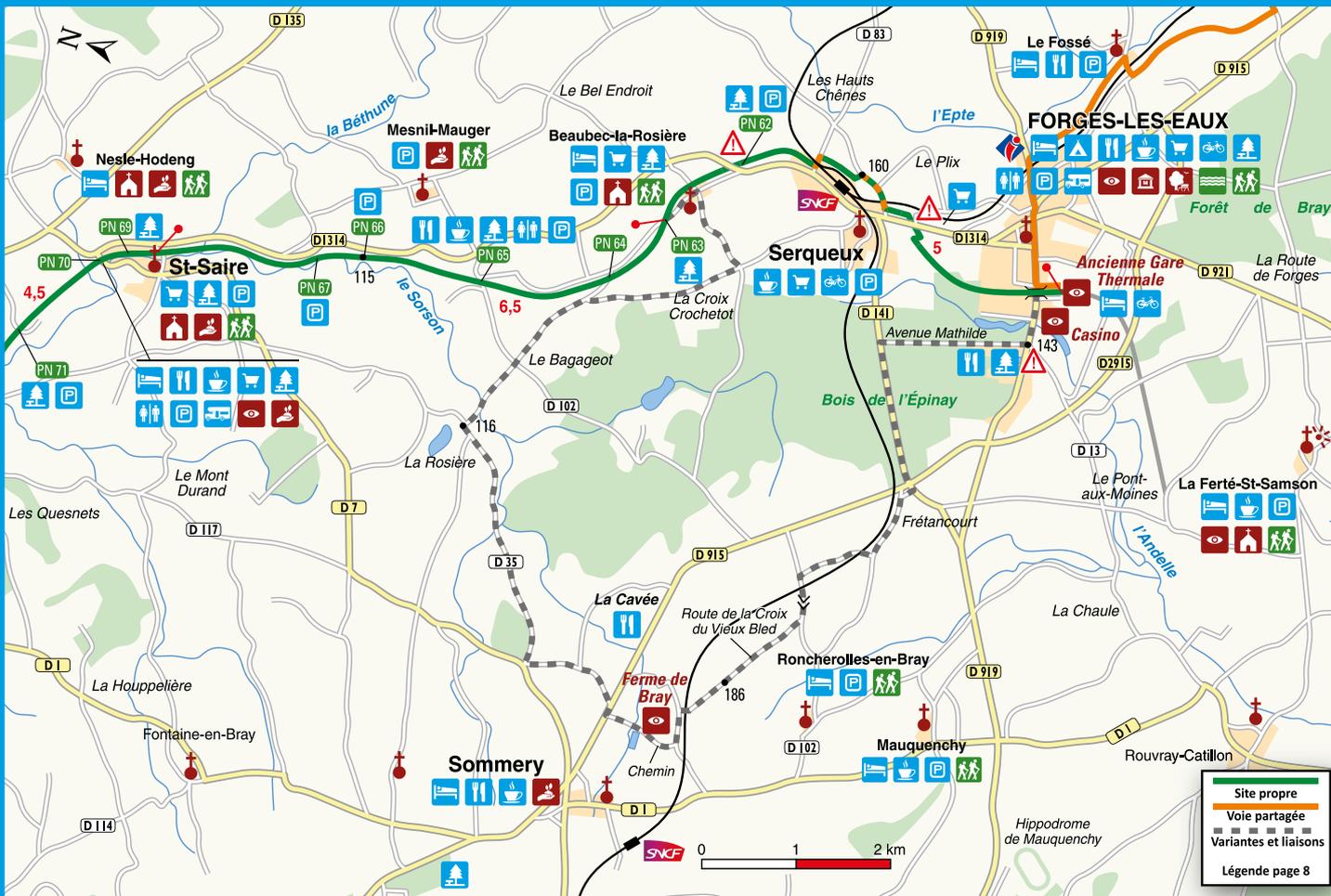
- Le Tilleul Holiday cottage ******* +33 (0)2 35 90 05 49
- Les Prêles ******* and Les cardères ****** Holiday cottages, +33 (0)2 35 34 70 64

Mauquenchy:

- Le Clos du Quesnay B&B and table d'hôtes, holiday cottages in wooden caravans *****🏠** +33 (0)2 35 90 00 97 www.leclosduquesnay.fr

Serqueux:

- Vélo Loisir Passion **🚲🏠** bike hire and repair, +33 (0)2 35 09 80 21 www.velo-loisir-passion.com



Forges-les-Eaux

Awarded the "Station Verte" (Green Resort) and "Famille Plus" certifications and as part of "The Most Attractive Detours in France", Forges-les-Eaux counts on tourism. Nestled in a green setting, this former spa resort offers plenty of activities revolving around water, well-being and nature.

What to see

Forges-les-Eaux Tourist Information Centre

Tel. +33 (0)2 35 90 52 10
www.forgesleaux-tourisme.fr

The Three Source Statue, a beautiful bronze fountain created by Jean-Marc de Pas, a Norman artist. A symbol of the three ferruginous springs in Forges called the Reinette, the Royale and the Cardinale.

The Villa Richelieu, Switzerland's pavilion at the 1867 World's Fair, offered to the town in the anticipation of Empress Eugénie's, married to Napoleon III, trip.

The Bois de l'Épinay and its lakes.

75 hectares of listed Sensitive Natural Area protected by the Department of Seine-Maritime. Hiking trails and footpaths.

Forges Beach, a leisure area and a beach in the Domaine de Forges, free access, concerts and entertainment.

Musée de la Résistance et de la Déportation (Resistance and Deportation Museum), a collection of local objects and accounts to tell us more about how people from the Pays de Bray lived under the occupation of

Forges-les-Eaux during the Second World War, +33 (0)2 35 90 64 07.

Scale Model Horse-Drawn Vehicle Museum, it tells you about farm and country life in the villages from the 19th century to the 1950s in a setting that beautifully represents the Pays de Bray. +33 (0)6 33 01 75 73

Collection of tin-glazed earthenware from Forges-les-Eaux, called "Vieux forges". Visits: booking required at the Tourist Information Centre.

Hugues Duboscq Swimming-pool and SPA at the ForgesHotel  to unwind.

There are many hiking trails find out more about them at the Tourist Information Centre.

 Market in Forges-les-Eaux: On Thursdays and Sunday mornings.



1 Tourist Information Centre

2 Town Hall

3 Former spa station

4 Domaine de Forges

5 Covered market - Market

6 Campsite (outside the map)

Accommodation and services

- ForgesHotel Hotel-Restaurant ★★★ 
+33 (0)2 32 89 50 57
www.forgeshotel.com
- La Paix Hotel-Restaurant ★★ 
+33 (0)2 35 90 51 22
www.hotellapaix.fr
- Sofhôtel Hotel-Restaurant ★★ 
+33 (0)2 35 90 44 51
www.sofhotel.com
- Le Saint-Denis Hotel-Restaurant ★ 
+33 (0)2 35 90 50 70
www.hotellesaintdenis.fr
- Camping de la Minière Municipal campsite ★★
+33 (0)2 35 90 53 91
- Motorhome parking facility,
in front of the campsite.
- Le Milcipie VVF Villages,
+33 (0)2 35 90 47 62
www.vvf-villages.fr
- Lac B&B ★★★ 
+33 (0)6 52 25 36 02
www.lescambres-dulac.com
- Grand Hêtre Holiday cottage ★★★
+33 (0)2 32 09 86 28
http://gontran76.skyrock.com/
- Petit Cheval Holiday cottage
+33 (0)6 69 36 09 47
www.gite-du-petit-cheval.fr

- Les Hauts Brulins Holiday cottage★★
+33 (0)2 35 90 83 34
www.les-hauts-brulins.com
- L'Avenue Verte Holiday cottage★★
+33 (0)2 35 90 26 93
- Le Relais du Chasse Marée
Group accommodation ★★★  
+33 (0)2 35 09 68 37
www.lerelaisduchassemaree.fr
- Les Pitouks  and Villa La Minière 
Group accommodation
+33 (0)2 35 90 50 42
www.mfr-forges-les-eaux.fr
- Numerous restaurants, cafés
and bakeries in the town centre.
- Cycles Vauquet,
bike hire and repair,
+33 (0)2 32 89 02 64
www.velos-motoculture-vauquet.fr



Did you know?

There used to be many tileries and brickyards in the Pays de Bray. There were at least twenty of them in the 19th century, including three in Forges-les-Eaux only. One of the most important of them was located in Sommery and produced no less than 24 millions of bricks in 1865 for the construction of the railway tunnel. You can still see some of these stunning buildings with tall chimneys.

Focus

The town of iron and water

The history of Forges-les-Eaux, a town located at the heart of the bocage, a countryside area with many hedges, can be summed up by its motto: "Ferro et aqua", "The city of iron and water". As early as the Gallo-Roman period, the iron-rich soil supplied important forges. During the 16th century, with the depletion of the reserves, the town became a renowned spa town thanks to its ferruginous waters. Louis XIII, Anne of Austria and Cardinal Richelieu came to take the waters. La Grande Mademoiselle (the Duchess of Montpensier), Voltaire, Marivaux and Buffon also contributed to its reputation.

From the 19th century, the fashion for sea bathing and the construction of a Casino, led this Norman town, where, according to the legend, the King Louis XIV has been conceived in 1637, to embrace tourism.

The place for clay and earthenware

The subsoil of Forges-les-Eaux is rich in iron, but also in clay of outstanding

quality. This clay, which had been used since the Gallo-Roman period, led the British ceramic artist, Georges Wood, to create the first earthenware workshop in Forges in 1797. There were two kinds of earthenware that contributed to Forges reputation: the "terre de pipe", a fine and light clay, and the "culs noirs", which refers to earthenware dishes covered with a brown enamel on the other side to make them more resistant. Naïf decor like baskets of flowers or birds were painted on these earthenware pieces, which were made until the end of the 19th century. The most beautiful pieces can now be seen in the Earthenware Museum located in the wedding hall of the Town Hall of Forges-les-Eaux.

La Ferme de Bray (The Bray Farm)

Nestled in a small valley, overlooking Forges-les-Eaux, a stone's throw away from the former Beaubec Abbey, here is a traditional farm that has been beautifully restored by a passionate family. It is both a place of remembrance of rural life and an inhabited farm, the Ferme de Bray will make you travel through time and learn more about the work on a 17th century farm of the Pays de Bray: mill, dovecote, milking parlour, kitchen, bread oven, laundry room, barn and tools, hen house, press house, cellar and cider cellar. There are also fishing ponds and numerous activities for the kids. The owners, Mr and Mrs Perrier, can also accommodate visitors in the cosy guest rooms in their manor house.
Tel. +33 (0)2 35 90 57 27
<http://ferme.de.bray.free.fr/wp/>



> Forges-les-Eaux < > Dampierre-en-Bray: 13,2 km (8,2 miles)

Here, your trip continues along the marked out temporary stretch of the Avenue Verte London to Paris. You will get closer and closer to the heart of the Pays de Bray and its "buttonhole" and cross deep-green fields and pastures.



What to see

La Ferté-St-Samson: Henri IV's House / The Ferté Mound on which an indicator viewpoint has been installed, a stop along the Landscape Trail in the Pays de Bray. Get the "Kit Escapade" (Excursion kit), a scavenger hunt, from Forges-les-Eaux Tourist Information Centre.

Gaillefontaine: Une Fée dans l'Asinerie Farm, educational farm.

Haussez: Beautiful wash house in the centre of the village.

Ménéval: Church of Notre-Dame with a sculpted framework from 1506 (Historic Building) / Pont de Coq.

Dampierre-en-Bray: Beuvreuil Chapel dating back to the 10th century, it is one of the oldest chapels in the Pays de Bray. Open on the 1st Sunday of every month / 13th and 14th century Château des Huguenots (private property, can be seen from the road).

Accommodation and services

La Ferté-St-Samson:

- La Ferme de la Chapelle Holiday Cottage 🍷
+33 (0)2 35 90 72 07

Gaillefontaine:

- Municipal stop-over gîte 🍷
+33 (0)2 35 90 95 11

- Une Fée dans l'Asinerie Farm 🍷 beauty products made with donkey milk for sale, +33 (0)2 35 90 61 58
www.unefeedanslasinerie.com

Le Fossé:

- La Bellière B&B 🍷
+33 (0)6 14 31 68 04
<http://bedandbreakfast-labelliere.com/>
- Le Point du Jour Holiday Cottage 🍷 🏠
+33 (0)6 47 67 91 42
www.gitepointdujour.com

Saint-Michel-d'Halescourt:

- Domaine Duclos Fougeray, farm visit, cider, Pommeau (Apple aperitif), apple juice and jam producer, +33 (0)2 35 90 61 39
www.domaine-duclos-fougeray.com

Haussez:

- Rhubarb Farm 🍷
homemade jam,
+33 (0)2 35 90 68 23
www.confitures-dautrefois.fr
- Ferme du Mont au Bec 🍷
dairy farm, tomanou cheese (tomme cheese made with cow's milk), unpasteurised milk, butter, yogurts, etc.
+33 (0) 45 28 64 73
- La Chèvrerie d'Haussez Goat Farm,
goat cheese,
+33 (0)2 76 22 30 25

Saumont-la-Poterie:

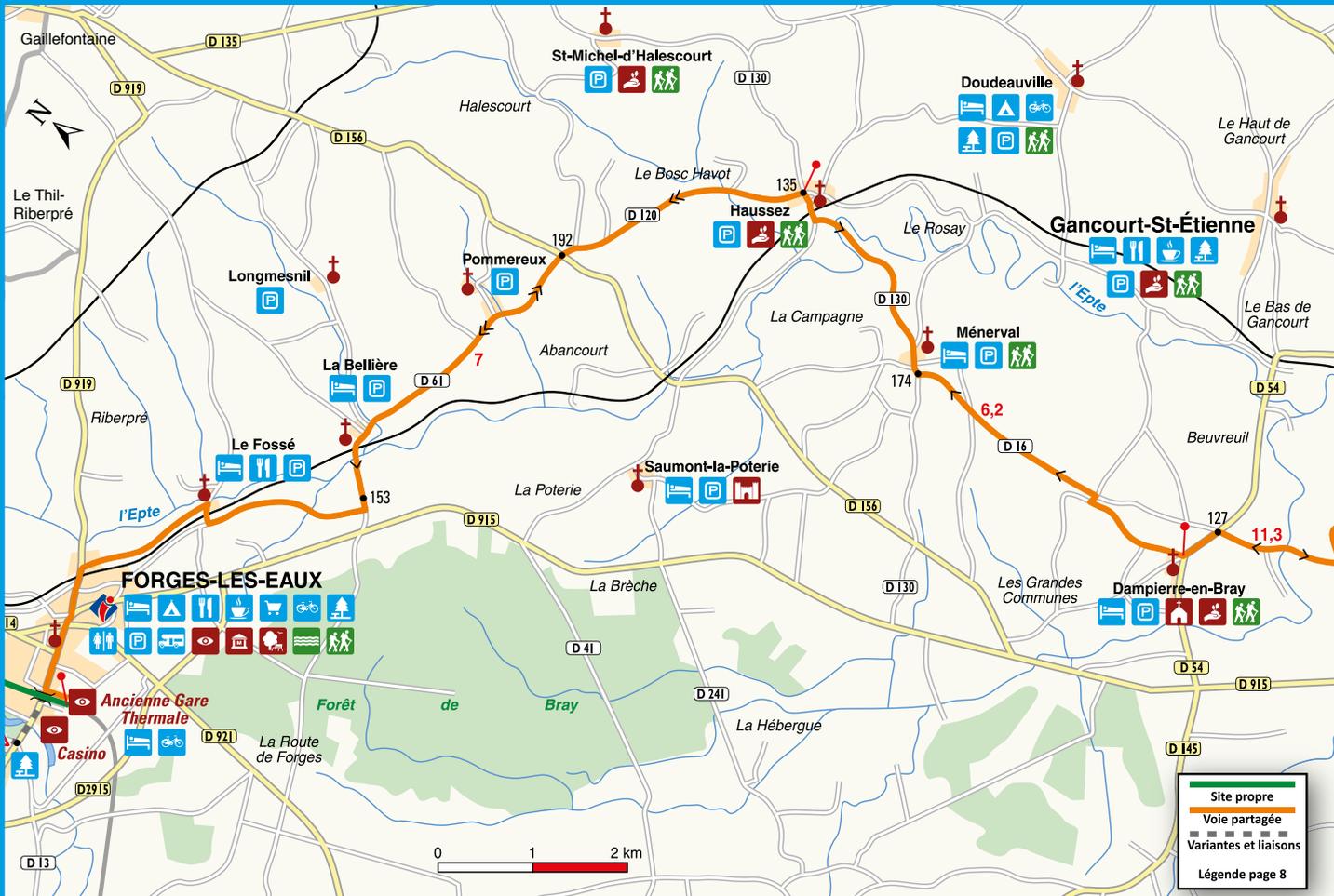
- Vigoratum B&B 🍷 🍷
+33 (0)6 08 98 52 54
www.vigoratum.fr
- Le Chat Chocolat B&B 🍷 🏠
+33 (0)6 84 93 57 15
<http://le.chat.chocolat.free.fr/>

Doudeauville:

- The Avenue Verte campsite,
+33 (0)2 35 90 60 39
<http://campingtipi.e-monsite.com>
- Les Templiers Normands Holiday cottage
+33 (0)6 86 83 45 50,
www.les-templiers-normands.com

Dampierre-en-Bray:

- La Brayonne B&B 🍷
+33 (0)6 70 36 92 70
www.chambresdhotesiabrayonne.com
- La ferme des Peupliers B&B and Holiday cottage 🍷
+33 (0)6 89 26 37 70
www.lafermelespeupliers.com
- La Ferme de William B&B
+33 (0)6 81 56 74 38
- Hyaumet Organic Farm.
Neufchâtel cheese, cream, butter, etc.,
+33 (0)6 87 39 29 33
www.earl-moinet.com



> Dampierre-en-Bray <> Gournay-en-Bray <> Neuf-Marché: 37,5 km (23,5 miles)

Still cycling towards Paris, you are now about to leave Seine-Maritime. But before, you will explore the area of Gournay-en-Bray and its green landscapes dotted with a strong rural heritage.



What to see

Ferrières-en-Bray: Saint-Martin Church and its amazing stained-glass windows / The Laudencourt wash house.

Saint-Germer-de-Fly: Abbey Church, a Gothic masterpiece / Popular arts and traditions Museum.

Saint-Pierre-ès-Champs: the Sainte-Hélène Hill and its viewpoint indicator that allows you to observe the entire "buttonhole" of the Pays de Bray / Tourbières Lakes.

Neuf-Marché: The Romanesque Collegiate church dating back to the 10th and 12th centuries. Listed a Historic Building in 2004, it is one of the oldest ones in Normandy and in France / Presbytery dating back to 1728.

Accommodation and services

Gancourt-Saint-Étienne:

- Saint-Joseph Farm 🏡
Organic goat cheese and cider.
Le Cabray Holiday cottage 🏠
+33 (0)2 35 90 26 36
www.ferme-saint-joseph.com

Brémontier-Merval:

- Domaine de Merval 🏡
apple-based products, Neufchâtel cheese,
+33 (0)2 32 89 96 67

Saint-Germer-de-Fly:

- Le Clocher du May B&B 🏠
+33 (0)3 44 82 12 43
www.leclocherdumay.fr
- Les Chambres de l'Abbayes B&B 🏠
+33 (0)3 44 81 98 38
www.chambres-abbaye.com
- Les Roulottes de Manon "Crew"
wooden caravan 🏠
+33 (0)6 80 99 31 79
www.gite-oise.com

Montroty:

- L'Étape Normande B&B 🏠
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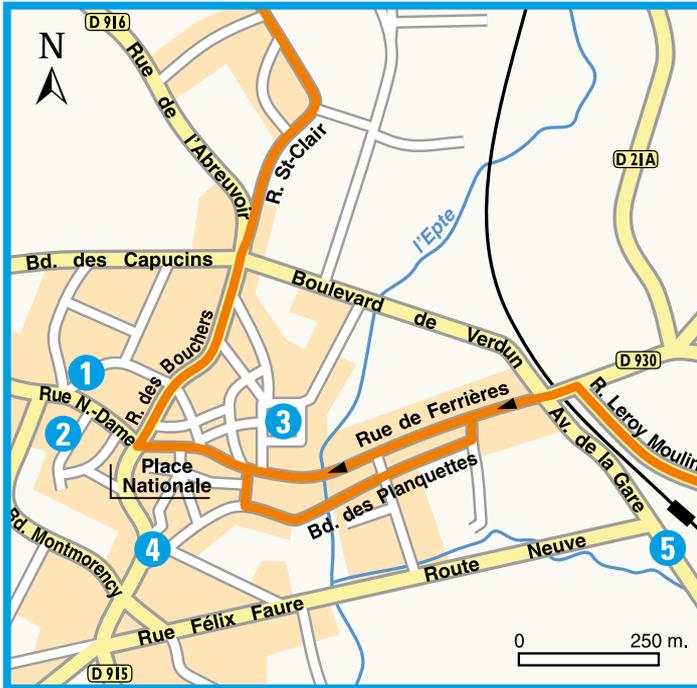
Neuf-Marché:

- Juliette Holiday cottage 🏠
+33 (0)2 35 90 80 69
- Restaurant À l'Époque
+33 (0)2 35 35 09 46 49



Gournay-en-Bray

Located at the entrance of Seine-Maritime, the town of Gournay-en-Bray is blessed with the charm of those little countryside towns while offering many facilities and services in a peaceful living environment.



- 1 Tourist Information Centre
- 2 Cinema (Kursaal)
- 3 Collegiate Church

- 4 Porte de Paris (Paris Gate)
- 5 SNCF train station

What to see

 **Tourist Information Centre of the Gournay-en-Bray Area** 
Tel. +33 (0)2 35 90 28 34
www.gournayenbray-tourisme.fr

The collegiate church of Saint-Hildevert built in the 11th century thanks to miracles seen on its site which housed the reliquary of the Saint. Beautiful 17th and 18th century stained-glass windows. Listed a Historic Building in 1887.

The Porte de Paris (Paris Gate). Two pavilions and two pillars dating back to 1778-1780. Listed a Historic Building in 1930. Learn about its history during a tour entitled "Gournay au fil des pas".

There are many hiking trails

find out more about them at the Tourist Information Centre.

 **Markets in Gournay-en-Bray:**
on Tuesdays and Friday mornings.

Accommodation and services

- Le Saint-Aubin Hotel-Restaurant ******* 
+33 (0)2 35 09 70 97
www.hotel-saint-aubin.fr
- Le Cygne Hotel ******
+33 (0)2 35 90 27 80
www.hotelecygne.fr
- Le Normandie Hotel ******
+33 (0)2 35 90 01 08
www.hoteldenormandie.fr
- Motorhome parking facility, Quais Sadi Carnot.
- Motorhome parking facility Au Vieux Saint Clair
www.auvieuxsaintclair.fr
- Numerous restaurants, cafés and bakeries in the town centre.
- Re Cycle
Cycle repairs
+33 (0)6 83 43 45 10



Focus

The market

The market in Gournay-en-Bray has been held since 1830. It had to meet the growing needs of the nearby capital. Every Tuesday, large quantities of veal, butter, eggs, poultry and game were taken by cart. The development of the Dieppe-Paris railway line in 1872 contributed to its success. It has become a long-standing tradition that now takes place every Tuesday and Friday morning (live poultry market on Tuesdays only).

It is a place where people meet and chat. There, you will be able to find a wide range of local products from the Pays de Bray: Neufchâtel cheese, cider, Calvados and other apple juices, poultry and eggs, honey, home-grown vegetables, fruits from the orchards, etc.

The Gournay Chicken

It is an endangered species that intrigues by its mottled black and white plumage. This chicken from the Pays de Bray had almost disappeared when industrial poultry appeared on markets.

The legend has it that a local peasant covered her white chickens with black soot in order to make them look like crows. Thanks to this trick, she managed to avoid paying part of the feudal rent (a rent that peasants paid to the local Lord in exchange for land).

Nowadays, many enthusiasts take care of the conservation of the Gournay Chicken.



Temporary road signs

Before and after Gournay-en-Bray, the road you will take is shared with cars and other vehicles. Even though these roads tend to have low-traffic volumes, this section is not definitive. Indeed, the Departement of Seine-Maritime is working on a separate route, which is to say away from motor vehicles and accessible to people with disabilities. While waiting for this new route, a temporary itinerary has been marked out. You just have to follow the Avenue Verte London to Paris signs, which are black on a yellow background.

Seine-Maritime by bike (cycle routes or local itineraries)

With your family, friends or children, Seine-Maritime comprises safe tracks and traffic-free routes, cycle routes and greenways, which allow you to go for a bike ride for a couple of hours or spend a few days cycling, thus combining pleasure and visits.



A route for each destination:

- In the Pays de Bray, the Avenue Verte London to Paris reveals the landscapes of a green and gourmet countryside.
- The Seine Valley Cycle Route will allow you to see more of the important architectural heritage built over the centuries along the meanders of the well-known river.
- More experienced cyclists will be able to combine effort and sightseeing on the impressive cliffs of the Alabaster Coast along the Alabaster Coast Cycle Route.
- Finally, the Flax Cycle Route is being developed in the Pays de Caux. It is an alternative route for families – easier than the Alabaster Coast Cycle Route – that will allow you to learn more about another aspect of Seine-Maritime's heritage: flax.

In addition to these routes, meant to spend a few days cycling, there are also numerous shorter tracks in the various areas of Seine-Maritime.

Please visit www.seine-maritime-tourisme.com to read all about them and prepare your next cycling trip!



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