

Les Malaquettes

From the heights of this lush green site, you can see a valley scattered with ponds and marshes beside the Canal de la Somme.

-  Time: 2 hours 50
-  Distance: 8.5 km
-  Route: moderate

Leaving from: Boating centre in Cappy

Cappy, 38 km east of Amiens, 4 km east of Bray-sur-Somme



La Somme

- ① From the car park, turn left and cross the jack-knife bridge. Follow the D1, then turn left into Rue du 8 mai 1945. Pass in front of the church.
 - ▶ *The church of Saint-Nicolas has a listed bell tower with bartizans from 1654, and a Romanesque nave.*
- ② At the crossroads, turn right into Ruelle Daras and continue along Rue du Château. Turn left into Rue du Haut, which dwindles into a path. Cross the intersection and continue on this path as it bends right then left.
- ③ At the intersection, go right then turn left. Follow the path on top of the bank toward Les Malaquettes.
- ④ When you get to the hamlet, go left, right and left twice more as you follow the path on top of the bank overlooking the valley.
- ⑤ At the cemetery of Éclusier-Vaux, take the road to the right.
 - ▶ *19th-century church, Virgin, cross and chapel, Belvedere, eel trap.*
- ⑥ At the crossroads, turn left. Before the jack-knife bridge over the canal, follow the towpath left. Carry straight on as far as Cappy to get back to where you started from.



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Of interest

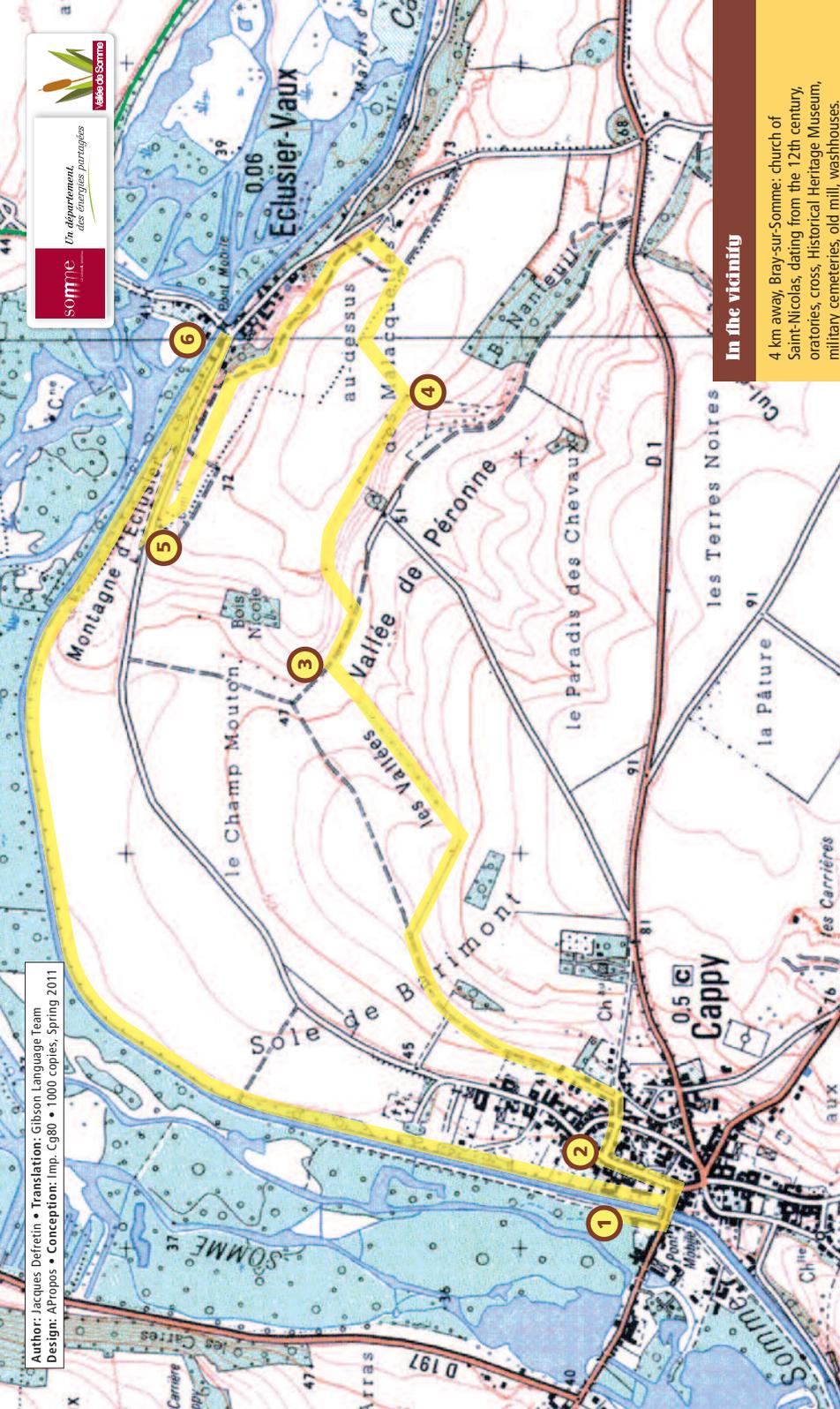
Residents of the ponds

Carpeting the surface are long stems rising from the depths and bursting into huge green leaves bearing yellow and white water-lilies. Near the edge, the stems in the reed-beds tremble. On the banks grow coppiced willows, their trunks bristling with flexible branches. In this lush green setting, winged creatures twitter and fly, dragonflies and butterflies perform acrobatics while the amphibians croak.

The ponds also host the kinds of fish that appreciate their calm waters. Roach and common rudd live side by side with bream, tench and carp, avoiding dangerous encounters with pike, brill and perch while their progeny have misgivings about eels.

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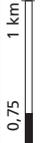


Route continues

Change of direction

Wrong direction

This circuit is maintained by the Poppy Country.



Route not suitable for horses, mountain bikes or motor sports.

In the vicinity

- 4 km away, Bray-sur-Somme: church of Saint-Nicolas, dating from the 12th century, oratories, cross, Historical Heritage Museum, military cemeteries, old mill, washhouses.
- 12 km away, Albert: 19th-century Basilica of Notre-Dame de Brebrières (gilded statue of the Virgin), Flemish-style Hôtel de Ville, Somme 1916 Underground Museum, public arboretum garden (arboretum and waterfall), Vélodrome Ponds.
- Gastronomy: smoked eel.