

The Machine Gun Way

(Le chemin des Automitrailleuses)

This magnificent circuit covers ponds, marshes and the Somme Valley, where you come upon lush landscapes and discover a traditional skill—fishing.

-  Time: 3 hours 20
-  Distance: 10 km
-  Route: easy

Leaving from: Mairie in Curlu

Curlu, 11 km west of Péronne, 10 km south-west of Combles



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La Somme

- ① Your route begins at the Mairie in Curlu, a very beautiful village nestling in the valley. From the hoarding, bear left, then turn right into the Rue de la Place. Turn left into the Rue de la Vigne. Continue to the edge of the village, by No. 38.
- ② Take the little lane on the right overlooking the ponds. Keep the little wood on your left, then the plain, before reaching a British cemetery and then a farm. Look out for the dovecote.
- ③ Take the Rue des Auges on your right, then turn left. Go through the village. Walk beside the ponds.
- ④ Keep on as far as Monacu. At the Give Way sign, bear right. Go into Feuillères and walk alongside the marshes, passing two fixed bridges, then a jack-knife bridge.

propelled guns) were used for the first time in the Battle of the Somme to liberate the commune. They were mounted on Renault or Peugeot chassis.

- ⑤ Turn right immediately. Take the grassy towpath. Follow it until you reach Frise.
- ⑥ In Frise, pass the bridge over the Somme. Go up through the village before moving out onto the plain and crossing Fond de l'île, then continue alongside the Étang de Fargny, passing two footbridges and two brick-built bridges.
- ⑦ Carry straight on, then turn right. Walk through Fargny, then keep straight on towards Curlu. Follow the Rue du Four, then climb up to the left to get back to where you started from.

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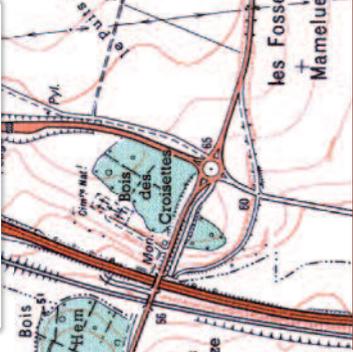
► On the hills above Fargny is a place known as "Le Chapeau du Gendarme" [The Policeman's Hat]. From there, you get a magical view of the Somme Valley.

Mrs Moorhen

The moorhen frequents ponds, lakes and watercourses where the vegetation is dense enough. Its plumage ranges from dark blue to black, with brown wings and a white mark on the rump, while its beak is red and yellow. Its feet are not webbed. It mainly feeds on plants, insects, earthworms and slugs. They nest in the leafy fringes of watercourses and defend their territory. Moorhens mate for life.

Both parents take care of the chicks. One pair can produce four clutches every year, between May and September. Youngsters from the first clutch help their parents to bring up the second.

Of interest



In the vicinity

- 3 km away, Belvédère de Frise: exceptional panoramic view of the Somme Valley.
- 11 km away, Péronne: Historical de la Grande Guerre, Hôtel de Ville, Hardines or floating market gardens, Musée Alfred-Danicourt, church of Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Étang du Cam, Porte de Bretagne, Ramparts, etc.
- 10 km away, Bouchavesnes-Bergen: statue of Marshal Foch.
- 6 km away, Étangs de Clérys-sur-Somme.
- 7 km away, Combles: Cross dedicated to Major Dickens.
- 9 km away, Longueval: Memorial and South African Museum, an essential stage in the Circuit of Remembrance.
- 12 km away, Rancourt: French Chapel of Remembrance, and French Necropolis, the largest in the Somme.
- 7 km away, Guilleumont: Cross dedicated to the 16th Irish Division.
- 15 km away, Albert: Basilica, Somme 1916 Museum, Art-Déco quarter, Circuit of Remembrance, etc.
- 13 km away, Bray-sur-Somme: Historical Heritage Museum, etc.

Signage

Route continues

Change of direction

Wrong direction

0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 km

This circuit is maintained by the Canton de Combles and the Haute-Somme groups of communes, and by the Poppy Country.

Route not suitable for horses or motor sports.