

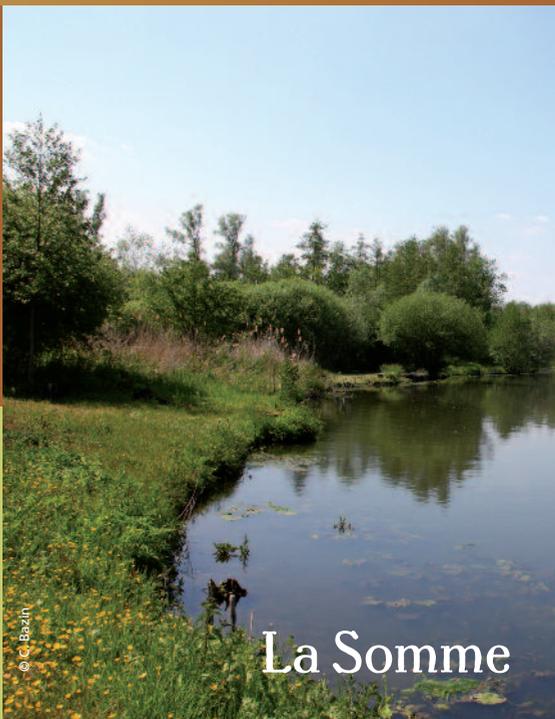
The Templars' Circuit (la Ronde des Templiers)

A walk around Voyennes in the footsteps of fishermen. The area is teeming with all kinds of fish such as roach, pike, carp and eels.

-  Time: 1 hour 10
-  Distance: 3.5 km
-  Route: easy

Leaving from: Square in Voyennes, follow signs to the hoarding

Voyennes, 21 km south of Péronne, 7 km east of Nesle



La Somme

- ① From the car park, walk towards the marshes. The Canal du Nord is on your left, beyond the trees. The first pond stretches away in front of you; turn left and follow it round.
- ② Stride onto the first wooden bridge, and enjoy the gardens at the water's edge. Cross over the second wooden bridge, and follow the left bank of the next pond, presided over by a kind of peninsula in the centre.
- ③ Cross the road. Take the pebbly path, then the grassy one. Stroll round the ponds, then cross a wooden bridge.
- ④ Turn left to follow the towpath on the Canal du Nord for 50 m. Cross the wooden bridge and carry on. Entering a copse, walk along first the marsh, then the Somme.
- ⑤ Crossing an iron bridge, continue your stroll between the Somme on your left, and on your right

the trees and marshes, including the Cows' Marsh. Take care, as the vegetation is denser here, with holes and roots.

⑥ Keep on until you reach the towpath. Turn right and follow it along, then cross the road and you are back at the car park.



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Of interest

The shadow of the Templars
In 985, it would seem that King Lothaire entrusted the defence of the Somme crossing at Voyennes to the Chapter of Noyon rented to Nivelon de Montdidier, master of the Temple in the diocese of Noyon, its mills, roads and fisheries in Voyennes, for ten hogsheads of wheat and 40 *sols* in Vermandois money. The Temple monks undertook to pay the agreed rent to Noyon, bearing the cost of transporting the grain themselves, and to allow horses, carriages pulled by two or four horses and any other vehicles belonging to the Chapter free passage on the roads. As for the canons, they had to make sure that their men would use the Templars' mill and no other.

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Route continues

Change of direction

Wrong direction

This circuit is maintained by the group of communes of the Pays Neslois.

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The paths are not suitable for horses, mountain bikes or motor sports.

In the vicinity

9 km away is Ham, with its Château dating from the 13th century, and transformed by the Luxembourg family in the 15th century. In 1846, Louis Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from there disguised as a builder called "Badinguet".

The Crypt of the Abbey Church of Notre-Dame, built at the end of the 12th century is a blend of Romanesque and Gothic. It is considered as one of the most beautiful crypts in northern France and contains the recumbent effigies of Odon IV, lord of Ham from 1216 to 1234, and Isabelle de Béthencourt, his wife;

The station frescoes depict the château, the sugar industry, wheat growing and the insignia of the communes and lords.

7 km away in Nesle, is the P'tit Baltar, a cabaret club. The architect of this establishment was none other than Gustave Eiffel. It is a pavilion from the 1890 World's Fair, dismantled and reassembled in Nesle in 1900 for the ironmongers Gobin and Deloire. Colligiate church of Notre-Dame, with its Art-Deco façade, in the town centre.