

La Régale

A very moving walk. Your route begins in the ruins of the former village of Faÿ, destroyed during the First World War...

Time: 3 hours

Distance: 9 km

Route: easy

Leaving from: Faÿ, lane leading to the remains of the former village

Faÿ, 14 km south-west of Péronne, 9 km north of Chaulnes



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La Somme

- ① Your route begins at the former village of Faÿ. Follow the lane downhill, then carry on uphill again through the Bois de Faÿ. Turn right. Follow the plain, then the Bois de Faÿ. Go right, then left. Continue through the plain.
- ② Follow the Bois de Fontaine. Turn left. Cross the plain. Turn right and follow the little lane down as far as the road.
- ③ Turn left onto the road. When you reach the stone in memory of an officer, turn right.
- ④ Make your way between the Bois du Bus on your right and the plain on your left. A few dozen metres beyond the wood, turn left. You get a good view of the village of Fontaine-les-Cappy in the distance. Cross the plain. Turn right.
- ⑤ Walk downhill to follow the Bois de Chuirnes and find yourself back at the plain.
- ⑥ Follow the Bois Grignon and the Chuirnes valley. Your route can wander at will.
- ⑦ Head for Fontaine-les-Cappy. Keep straight on, leaving the church on your right. Follow the road through the village.
- ⑧ Leaving the road on your right, take a grassy path for several dozen metres. Now follow the wood and the Fontaine valley. Go up the road to your left and return to Faÿ and the ruins of the former village.

Of interest

This was a village
Look at the still visible remains of the old church and farm buildings of the village of Faÿ, evidence of the fighting in 1915 and 1916. The remains of the old listed church, noted for the old paintings it contained, and of the farm buildings of the village of Faÿ have been made safe by the Somme Conseil Général. You can go where you like. After the front was stabilised in October 1914, the immediate surroundings of the village were shaken by the murderous minefield warfare of 1915. Situated on the front line, Faÿ was captured in a pitched battle by Breton troops on the 1st of July 1916. It was rebuilt in the thirties, a few hundred metres away.



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