




Circuit du Caribou

A tragic page in the history of the British troops on French soil during the First World War.

-  Time: 2 hours 40
-  Distance: 8 km
-  Route: easy

Leaving from: Church in Auchonvillers

Auchonvillers, 35 km north-east of Amiens, 11 km north of Albert



La Somme

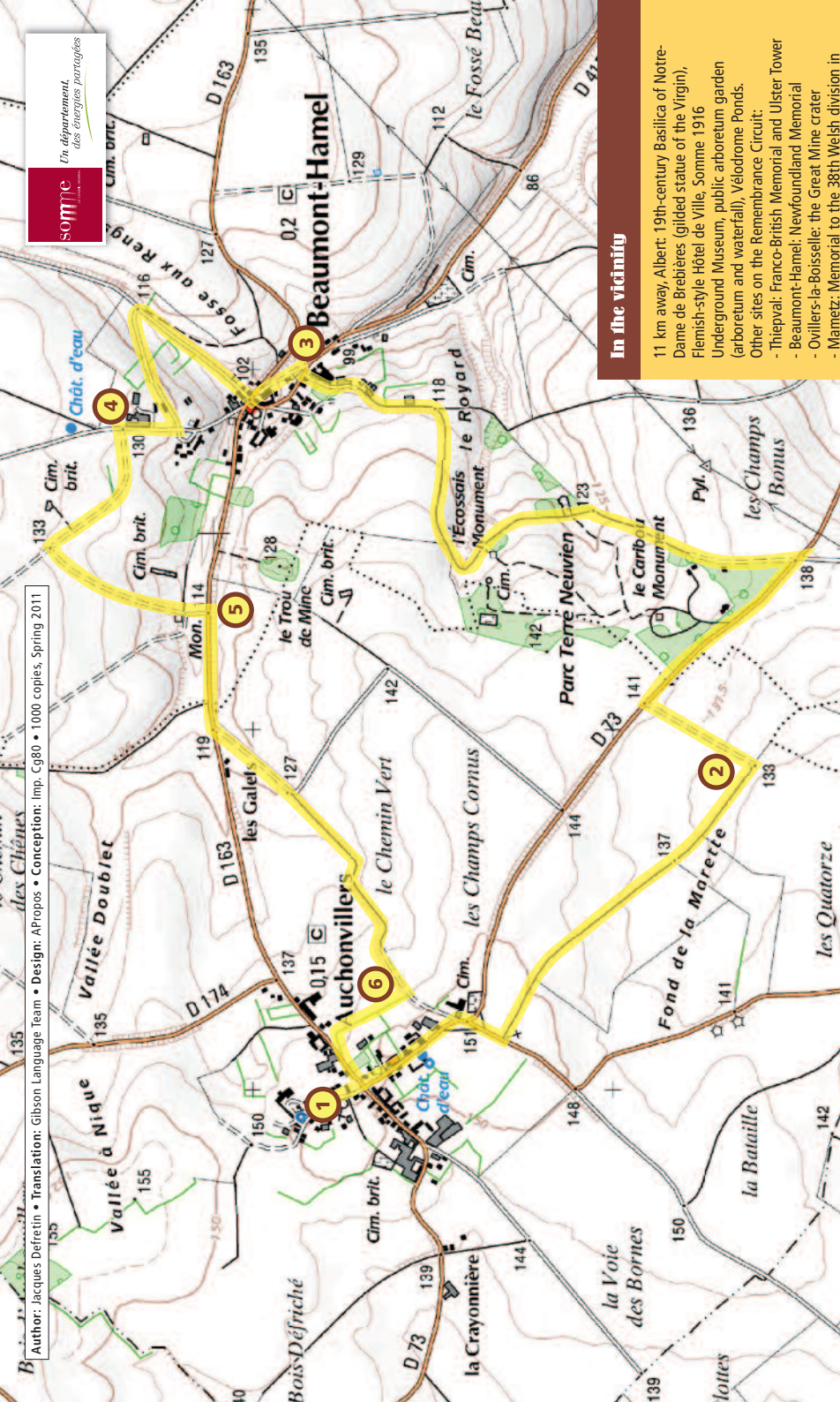
- ① Starting from the church, head toward the Memorial. At the crossroads as you leave the village, go straight ahead toward the wayside cross, and take the lane to the left for 1 km.
 - ▶ One of the many military pilgrimages to Poppy Country, the emblematic flower of the "Tommies".
- ② Turn left toward the D73. Turn right onto it, pass in front of the Newfoundland Memorial and take the lane on your left as far as the intersection with the D163 E to Beaumont.
 - ▶ The two war memorials, one in Beaumont and the other in Hamel, depict a "mater dolorosa" crying over a dead soldier.
- ③ Make a "right-left" hook to get to the crossroads. Take the lane to the right, then turn left. At the intersection, take the road on your right for 200 m.
- ④ Take the lane to the left then the second path once more on the left toward the D163. Pass close to one of the many British Empire cemeteries.
 - ▶ Situated right there where the British soldiers fell, all these cemeteries have a tall stone cross showing a bronze sword. Beside it stands the Scottish monument, a large white stone Celtic cross evoking the sacrifice of the 8th battalion of Highlanders who died to the sound of the bagpipes.
- ⑤ Take the road to the right for 300 m, then go left onto the Chemin Vert toward Auchonvillers ignoring adjacent lanes.
- ⑥ As you come into the village, turn right toward the D163. Follow it left and at the crossroads, turn right to get back to where you started from.

Of interest

The Newfoundland Memorial.

At dawn on the 1st of July 1916, the Royal Newfoundland Regiment was wiped out. Hardly had they emerged from the trenches, when these young subjects of His Britannic Majesty, come to defend a land they had never seen, were mown down by German machine guns. This tragedy has been immortalised in the form of a bronze caribou, an emblematic animal for that country. A view of the whole battlefield, left just as it was after the conflict, allows us to imagine just what that horrible trench warfare must have been like. In addition to the cemeteries, the site also includes the explicitly-named Danger Tree, a Celtic cross, as well as a statue of a kilted Scotsman from the 51st division of Highlanders.

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In the vicinity

- 11 km away, Albert: 19th-century Basilica of Notre-Dame de Brebières (gilded statue of the Virgin), Flemish-style Hôtel de Ville, Somme 1916 Underground Museum, public arboretum garden (arbooretum and waterfall), Velodrome Ponds.
- Other sites on the Remembrance Circuit:
 - Thiépal: Franco-British Memorial and Ulster Tower
 - Beaumont-Hamel: Newfoundland Memorial
 - Ovimers-la-Boisselle: the Great Mine crater
 - Mamezet: Memorial to the 38th Welsh division in the form of a dragon
- Longueval: Memorial and South African Museum
- Pozieres: Tank Memorial and Monument to the Australian Divisions.
- 3 km away, Mailly-Maillet: Church and Funerary Chapel

Signage

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Change of direction

Wrong direction

0 0,25 0,5 0,75 1 km

This circuit is maintained by the Poppy Country.

Route not suitable for motor sports.