


The Auteux

Discover sites as pleasant as they are varied in this charming Valley of the Trie.

 Time: 2 hours 20 mins

 Distance: 7.2km

 Route: easy

Starting at: Place de la Mairie at Miannay.

Miannay, 10km west of Abbeville, 4km north-west of Moyenneville.



La Somme

- ① From the Mairie (Town Hall), turn right along Rue de Cantereine and continue 50 metres. Cross the footbridge over the River Trie and turn right along Rue de Gouy-Cahon and then Rue de l'Abbaye. Cross the D925, pass to the left of the church and walk up the minor road.

▶ At Miannay: St. Pierre Church, rebuilt after the 2nd World War and a fully restored 16th century manor.

- ② At the first junction, before reaching the top of the hillside, climb the path to the right and descend towards Bouillancourt. Cross the bridge over the River Trie (or cross via the ford) and join the D86.

▶ St. Samson Church, in flint, from the end of the 17th century, with two stone crosses on the cemetery wall; 18th century chateau; wooden Oratory. The River Trie is a short river

measuring only 13km in length; this is not through lack of water however, tens of sources like this one at Rogeant feed it as it journeys from Rogeant into the Somme Canal at Petit-Port

- ③ Turn left along the D86 and continue for 100 metres. Climb the track in front of the camp site and walk through the woods to reach the plateau.
- ④ Just before Zoteux, turn right and follow the track that winds through the Fond des Auteux to the road.

▶ The hamlet of Acheux-en-Vimeu has a very important religious past. Its name comes from the Latin word "altus" or "autel" or in its plural form "auteux", pronounced Zoteux. It is said, however, that less commendable events also took place here including paganism, the cult of the false gods, for example. On the altars, Druids

are said to have carried out more than just harvesting mistletoe with their golden scythes.

- ⑤ Follow the road for 100 metres and, just before the Miannay signpost, follow the trail to the left. Cross the D925 and return to Place de la Mairie.

Chés letcheus d'gattes ed Zotiù

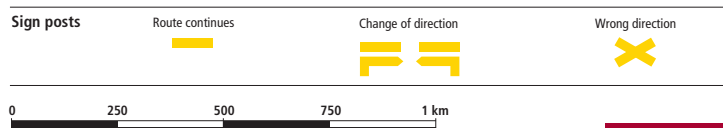
Almost every village used to have a nickname. And as jealousies and rivalries were rife in the countryside, the nicknames were more often than not mocking, rude or even slanderous. The Picard nickname for the inhabitants of Zoteux was "those pot lickers" (ces lécheurs de gamelle), mocking their poverty.... Unless it was to tax their avarice!

Of Interest

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In the Vicinity

7km away: Abbeville and its rich heritage. This includes the 15th century, St. Vulfran Collegiate; St. Sépulcre Church, listed as a historic monument with its 15th century tower, entombment and modern stained-glassed windows by Manessier; St. Gilles Church with its 15th century portal; 13th century, UNESCO World Heritage listed belfry; Boucher de Perthes Museum of Archaeology; monument to Admiral Courbet and the Chevalier de la Barre; different hotels and houses from the 16th century; Emonville Park and municipal library: Bagatelle Chateau...