

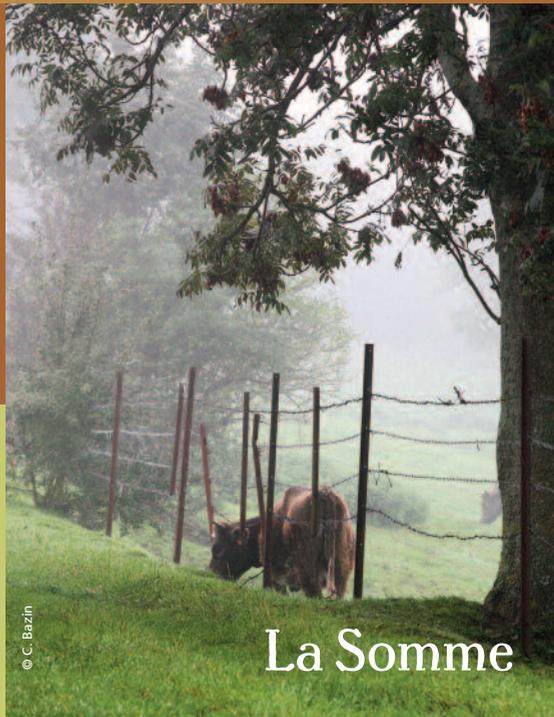
Les Royards

A stroll in the countryside near Cappy, followed by an exploration of the Somme and its ponds, along which runs the classic little tourist train.

-  Time: 3 hours
-  Distance: 9,2 km
-  Route: moderate

Leaving from: Boating centre in Cappy

Cappy, 38 km east of Amiens, 4 km east of Bray-sur-Somme



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La Somme

- ① From the car park, take the D1 to the left and cross the Canal de la Somme, then follow the D1 to the right. At the crossroads, turn right into Rue de Chuignes.
 - ▶ *In 1918, the Germans brought a massive canon into a wood belonging to this village. No trace of it remains.*
- ② At the fork before the railway bridge, take the lane on the left. After the farm, take the path up to the right and follow the wood as far as the road. Cross this and carry straight on along the lane opposite.

On 21st April 1918, the famous German fighter pilot Manfred von Richthofen, who was billeted here, fought his final aerial battle. The "Red Baron", so called after the colour of his triplane, with 80 victories under his belt, was shot down. But was his death due to machine-gun fire from aircraft or the trenches?
- ③ *No one will ever know!*
- ③ At the fork, take the path on the right, as far as the road. Turn right, and take the lane on the left.
- ④ At the intersection, take the lane on the right towards Froissy, ignoring the adjacent pathways.
 - ▶ *The tourist train leaves from the station here. There is also a Narrow-Gauge Railway Museum.*
- ⑤ At the crossroads, take the path to the right.
 - ▶ *Impressive viewpoint.*
- ⑥ At the end of the lane, continue to the right as far as the road running along Les Royards. Turn left along it and cross the railway. At the chapel, follow the street opposite back to the D1. At the War Memorial, turn left to get back to where you started from.

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Of interest

On the slow train...

What could be better than to take a trip on the P'tit Train de la Haute-Somme, humming that song from "At the Drop of Another Hat"?

It was originally built by the British Army in 1916 and subsequently used by the sugar refiners. Tootling along here, struggling up a gradient there, crossing a bridge or plunging through a tunnel, it carries its passengers off for an hour of delight. And yet, this testament to the past very nearly shared the fate of so many of its contemporaries by winding up in slow train heaven. Luckily, an association maintains the 7-km narrow-gauge track, along with dozens of steam and diesel locomotives, carriages and goods wagons.



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In the vicinity

4 km away, Bray-sur-Somme: church of Saint-Nicolas, dating from the 12th century, oratories, cross, Historical Heritage Museum, military cemeteries, old mill, washhouses.
 12 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 (arboretum and waterfall), Vélodrome Ponds.
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Signage

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-  Route continues
-  Change of direction
-  Wrong direction

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This circuit is maintained by the Poppy Country and the Haute-Picardie group of communes.

Route not suitable for motor sports.