




# Marières Wood and Malamain Valley

## (Bois Marières et vallée Malamain)

Just a few paces from the Somme, a beautiful route will take you to unsuspected undulating landscapes and characteristic plains.

-  Time: 3 hours 10
-  Distance: 9,5 km
-  Route: moderate

**Leaving from:** Church in Cléry sur Somme



**Cléry-sur-Somme, 5 km north west of Péronne**



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## La Somme

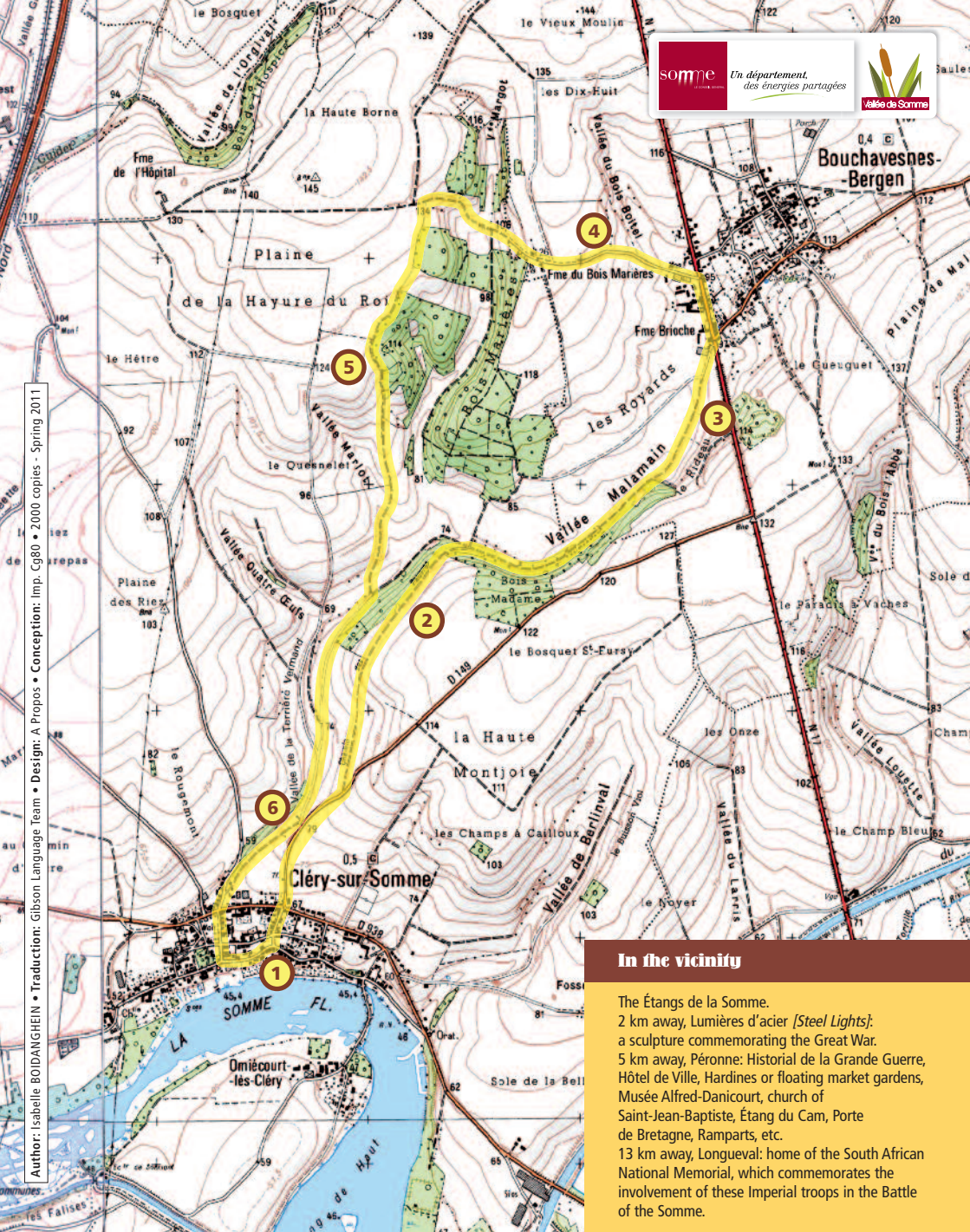
- ① Your route begins in front of the church of Saint-Martin in Cléry sur Somme. Turn left, into the Rue Anne-Marie Vion, then left again into the Rue Saint-Nicolas. Go straight up the street. Be careful when crossing the RD938 road. Carry straight on. At the wayside cross, take the lane on your right.
- ② Go down the Chemin des Pauvres. Walk along the edge of the Bois Madame, in the heart of the Malamain Valley. Here the route twists to and fro.
- ③ Walk up as far as Brioche Farm, which dates from 1925, located on the edge of Bouchavesnes-Bergen.
- ④ Just before the monument to Marshal Foch, take the lane going up to the very beautiful Bois Marières Farm.
  - ▶ During the First World War, the village, then called Bouchavesnes, was completely destroyed. Its reconstruction was in part financed by the Norwegian industrialist

- ⑤ Follow the lane down and enjoy the superb panoramic view, then follow the edge of the Marières Wood to the plain. Bear left. Keep following the Marières Wood.
- ⑥ You will come upon the Marlot Valley and the Bois Madame, before dipping towards Cléry-sur-Somme along Rue Leforest. Once again, take care when crossing the RD938 towards the Rue de l'Église, and continue as far as the church and journey's end.

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Of interest

**The tomb in the fields**  
 Maurice Gallé, a soldier in the 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, was mortally wounded in the belly while in the German zone. He died, aged 21, on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1916, and is buried here. He was originally reported missing in action, but his body was found in March 1917. His parents, who hailed from Creil, bought the piece of land from the commune, to build a tomb for their son. The monument, which also bears the names of the Bouchavesnes soldiers who fell on the field of battle, was inaugurated in 1922. The tomb is situated at the crossroads where the Moulin Fondu country lane meets that of the Paradis de Vaches, opposite the D149 from Cléry-sur-Somme. On the map, this monument is shown to the east of No. 3, with the legend Mont. 133.






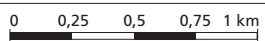
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**In the vicinity**

- The Étangs de la Somme.
- 2 km away, Lumières d'acier [*Steel Lights*]: a sculpture commemorating the Great War.
- 5 km away, Péronne: Historial de la Grande Guerre, Hôtel de Ville, Hardines or floating market gardens, Musée Alfred-Danicourt, church of Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Étang du Cam, Porte de Bretagne, Ramparts, etc.
- 13 km away, Longueval: home of the South African National Memorial, which commemorates the involvement of these Imperial troops in the Battle of the Somme.



- Route continues 
- Change of direction 
- Wrong direction 



This circuit is maintained by the Haute-Somme group of communes.

Route not suitable for motor sports.