




# The Eau Mignonne Valley

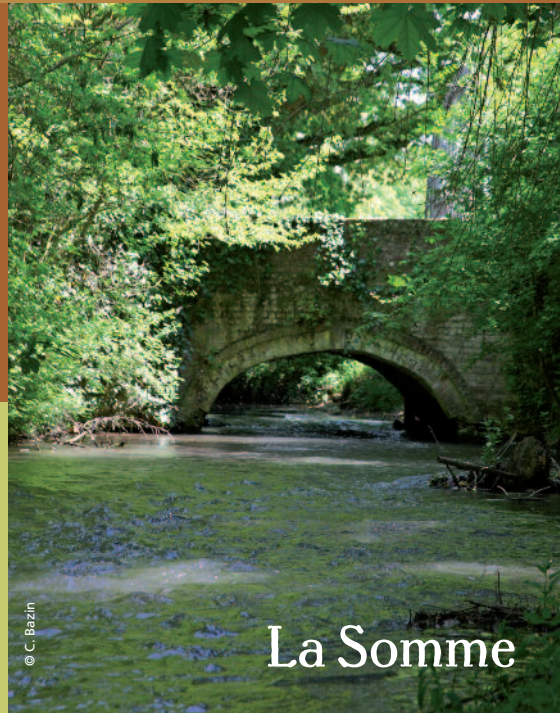
## (La vallée de l'Eau Mignonne)

A beautiful route through the heart of the Omignon Valley, where you can get to know the game and the surrounding countryside.

-  Time: 5 hours
-  Distance: 15 km
-  Route: challenging

**Leaving from:** Church in Monchy-Lagache

**Monchy-Lagache**, 14 km south-east of Péronne, 15 km north of Ham



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## La Somme

- ① Take the little footpath behind the church, and cross the footbridge. Turn left. Go round the electricity transformer. At the sign, cross the road and take the little footpath with all the poplars.
- ② Turn left. Continue to the edge of Montécourt, where you turn right.
- ③ Carry on towards the plain along an old airstrip dating back to the Second World War. Pass by a blockhouse, then turn left.
- ④ Walk alongside the Bois Passy. In Devise, cross the bridge over the Omignon. After the poplars, turn left onto the little lane. Walk through the wood, then come back through the public square.
  - ▶ *The War Memorial shows the sculpted figure of a former primary-school teacher surrounded by children and holding up a message of peace.*
- ⑤ Cross the road and take the little lane opposite. Walk along between the Bois de Devise and the Omignon. At the end of the little lane, turn left. Follow the road briefly, then turn right. Walk along the grassy path to go back up to Monchy-Lagache.
- ⑥ Pass in front of the old Real Tennis court. You'll come out into the Rue d'En-Bas. Turn right and go up the hill. Turn left into Rue de la Chapelle. Turn left again into Rue de Lanchy, where you'll see a wayside cross and a statue of Notre-Dame des Vignes.
  - ▶ *In the Rue d'En-Bas there is a fountain, where you can see a statue of Saint Peter.*
- ⑦ Continue along the plain. Cross the road and carry straight on.
- ⑧ Turn left into the lane down into Tertry, then turn right.
- ⑨ Follow the road, then cross it. Take the little lane.
- ⑩ Walk along the Omignon. Turn right towards the two ponds. Cross the footbridge and turn left to go back up towards the church.

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Bear left, cross the footbridge, and walk back up the footpath.

### Of interest

#### A really lovely church

Destroyed during the Great War, the church of Saint-Pierre in Monchy-Lagache was rebuilt, almost exactly as before, during the 1920s. This stone building in Romanesque style is notable for its Lombard tower belfry. Its stained-glass windows are listed. They were the work of Jacques Grüber, a famous master glazier and co-founder of the École de Nancy. He used antique glass, which has a special luminous character. One of the windows evokes the Great War and commemorates the inhabitants of Monchy who died in the conflict. The entrance is in pure Romanesque style. The south door dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> century.



Signage



Route continues



Change of direction



Wrong direction



This circuit is maintained by the group of communes of the Pays Hamois and the Haute Somme.

The paths are not suitable for motor sports.

### In the vicinity

- 10 km away: the ponds in Saint-Christ-Brost.
- 14 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.
- 15 km away: Ham: its Château dating from the 13th century, and transformed by the Luxembourg family in the 15th century. In 1846, Louis Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from there disguised as a builder called "Badinguet".
- The Crypt of the Abbey Church of Notre-Dame, built at the end of the 12th century is a blend of Romanesque and Gothic. It is considered as one of the most beautiful crypts in northern France and contains the recumbent effigies of Odon IV, lord of Ham from 1216 to 1234, and Isabelle de Béthencourt, his wife;
- The station frescoes depict the château, the sugar industry, wheat growing and the insignia of the communes and lords.