




Montagne de Vaux

From the Belvédère de Vaux, you get a panoramic view of the valley of the Haute-Somme, with its ponds and marshes.

-  Time: 3 hours
-  Distance: 8.6 km
-  Route: moderate

Leaving from: Belvédère d'Éclusier-Vaux

Éclusier-Vaux, 42 km east of Amiens, 7 km east of Bray-sur-Somme



La Somme

- ① From the car park, take the road running alongside the wood toward Vaux, the hamlet of Éclusier. When you come to the fork, take the lane up to the right toward the Fauvel woods. Follow them, then go through them.
- ② At the crossroads, take the road straight ahead toward Éclusier-Vaux.
 - ▶ 19th-century church of Sainte Marie-Madeleine, jack-knife bridge over the Somme relief canal, eel trap (wooden trap fitted with grilles and flaps acting as keep-nets).
 At the crossroads, take the left-hand path, which goes past the ponds, marshes and copses to return to Vaux. At the intersection, continue on the road past the church.
 - ▶ The arcades were originally part of an old priory, founded by Saint Vaast, the first bishop of Arras. The legend also has it that he used the hollowed out stone that can still be seen, to give water to a bear that had become his companion.
- ③ After the cemetery by the fork, follow the road to the right, along the grazed slope (*larris*) of the Montagne de Vaux.
 - ▶ *Larris* is the Picardy word for a chalky slope grazed by sheep and goats, which have been reintroduced to this site, giving its flora and fauna a Mediterranean character (cf. Leaflet 9 of the "Découverte des sites naturels" collection published by the Somme Conseil Général and the Departmental Tourism Committee).
- ④ Go straight ahead at the crossroads. At the intersection, turn left, then go up the path through the Bois des Quoquelins.
- ⑤ When you reach the road, go left toward the Bois de Vaux to get back to where you started from.

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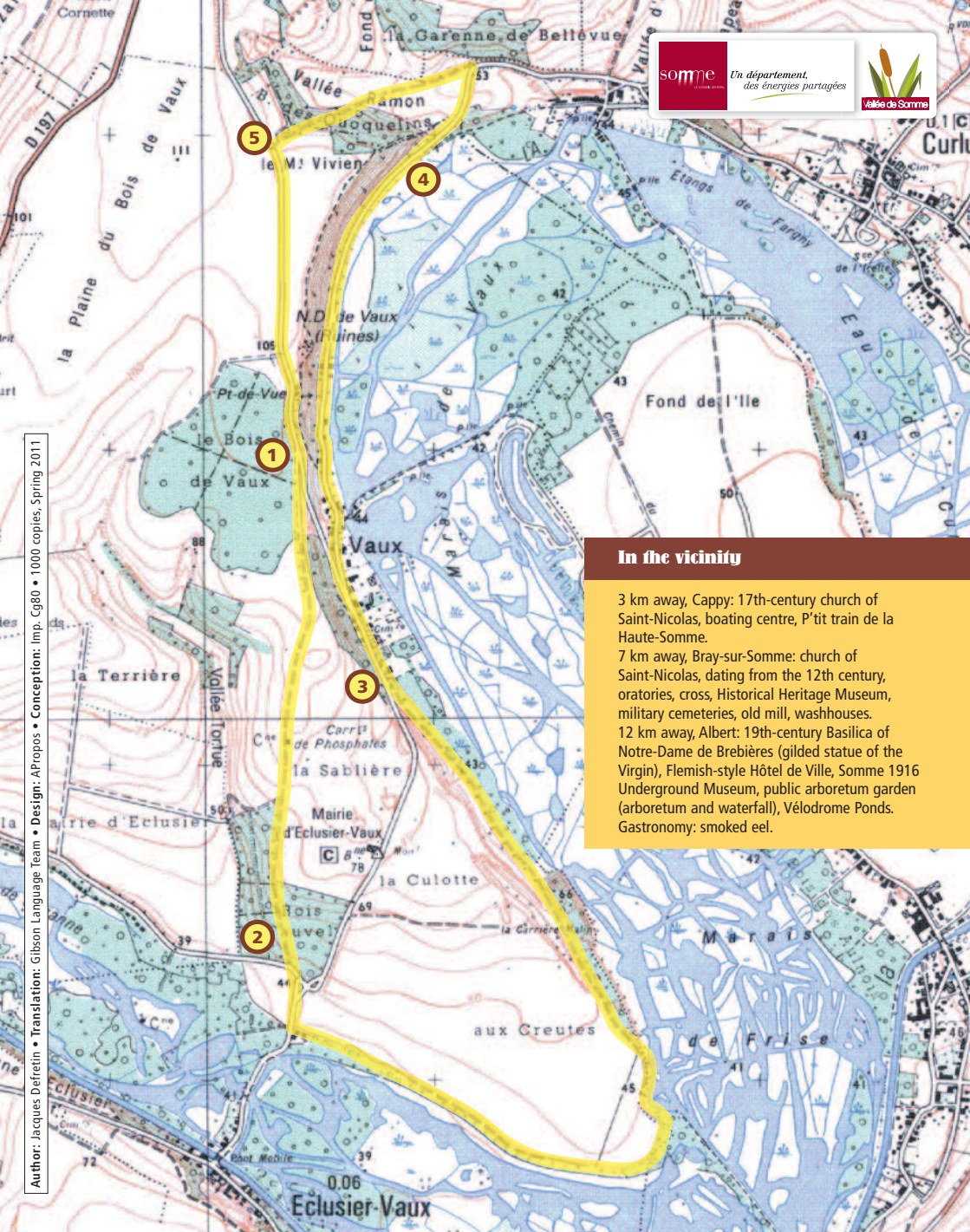
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Of interest

The mysterious eel
Why travel so far for a wedding celebration? What could be the reason for heading to the Caribbean, to the Sargasso Sea, named for the seaweed with which it is carpeted? And yet, on a moonless night, obeying an irresistible natural urge, eels leave for their strange rendezvous. The fruits of these unions, *civelles* and *piballes* (local names for elvers), then return to the continent, carried on the ocean currents. This is a perilous journey that ravages their numbers before they reach calmer waters. But beware, little eels of the Haute-Somme, should you wish to increase the family in your turn, don't fall into one of the nine eel traps!



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In the vicinity

3 km away, Cappy: 17th-century church of Saint-Nicolas, boating centre, P'tit train de la Haute-Somme.

7 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.

Gastronomy: smoked eel.

Signage





0 0,25 0,5 0,75 1 km
 This circuit is maintained by the Poppy Country and the group of communes of the Canton de Combles.

Route not suitable for motor sports.