

SOUTH OF OISE BY HIKE (INDEX CARD N° 1) THE QUARRIES' HIKING

Through this surprising and outlandish walk you will discover the heritage in every typical point of the territory (examples: St Vaast-Lès-Mello is a hillside quarrymen's village with a classified church, calcareous grasslands and ponds, open-pit quarries in activity and abandoned quarries where nature takes over, the Barisseuse farm made with ashlar and the Saint Nicolas chapel).

Stones and quarries are St Vaast richness. The stone was the main building material for local buildings and it has also been well sold outside the borders, particularly in the Parisian one. Buildings in Paris are built with stones from Saint-Vaast (Eglise de la Trinité, Préfecture de Police, Ecole Militaire, Mairie du 3ème, Hôtel du Louvre, Palais de Justice...). Old quarries now are ponds, housing development, working faces, and also climbing sites. The quarries in activity make discover these knowhow that have evolved since the 19th century.

To practice this interactive, educational and playful walk you will be led by descriptive panels to be able to discover or discover again this stoned heritage.

Distance:

Time:

Marking:

Difference in height:

Key :

Itinerary of the hike and bike ride

Starting point

Car park

Hunting zone

Dangerous crossing

Water source

Access to the road of the Glachoirs (private property)

Panorama

Quarry in activity

Abandoned quarry

Diverse oddities (little heritage)

Castel

Industrial heritage

Church, abbey church

1. From the car park, raise the road of Cramoisy on the left, cross the D123 and take the street in front of you. Rise towards the Glachoirs climbing site on your right.
2. On the left, raise the rue Henri Carballet. Take the next street on the right towards le chemin de la Gueule Flageole. Continue during 200m, on the plateau, cross a rip-rap on your right.
3. At the fork, go to the right to the quarry panorama. Retrace your steps to find back the trip, take the way on the right towards Barisseuse. Go along a wood during 500m.
4. To the crossroads, go to the left and go along the houses to the road.
5. Take the asphalted road on the right during 1.2km. Pass between stoned farmhouses.
6. At the end of the hamlet, take the way on the left. Pass along the edge of the wood and go to the left on the second way.
7. Down the way, turn on the left and 100m further take the rising way on the right.

8. In 300m, go to the right to the village (water source in the cemetery). To the next crossroads, go straight in Saint-Vaast-lès-Mello.
9. When arriving at the church, go down the rue Ernest Bianchi on the right and the rue des Fontaines (wash houses in wall bars and watering place on the right) up to the D123 and cross it (caution!).
10. Keep walking on the way that follows the pond by the right. 500m further, go to the left and get around the barrier. Follow the pond during 1.2km. Then go out there by turning to the way on the right. After the barrier, keep walking a bit and take the road of the car park that will be on the left to 100m.

Recommendations to the hiker:

- Throw your wastes in the trash can put at your disposal on the way.
- For your safety, stay up on the marked path.
- Keep your dog on your leash.
- Respect the environment and do not pick the plants.
- Remain careful during hunting periods (from the end of September to the end of February, specified dates in the town council).
- Attention must be paid during the way and while crossing the road.
- If you notice any type of difficulty or deterioration on the trip, please indicate it as soon as possible to the Pierre Sud Oise Association of Municipalities: 03 44 53 76 79

History of Saint-Vaast-lès-Mello:

The village bears the name of the man who taught Christianity to Clovis before his baptism by Saint-Rémi. Saint-Vaast-lès-Mello welcomes most of its 900 inhabitants on the part of its 793 hectares. The village is composed of trees all along the way that led the quarrymen to their work. For centuries, the stone is omnipresent here, and people that some quarrymen had enough stones extracted from their cellar to build their own house!

From the hamlet of Barisseuse and its Chappelle Saint-Nicolas to the accesses to the church dedicated to Saint-Vaast, the village seems to be frozen in time, still escaping the land pressure of Ile de France.

From the fountains to the wash houses, from the 17 hectares municipal pond to the banks of the Thérain, Saint-Vaast-lès-Mello demonstrates its stones and water to those who are fond of nature.