

## SOUTH OF OISE BY HIKE (INDEX CARD N°2) "IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE BUILDERS..."

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The chain is full of stone quarries, buildings and monuments. You will walk along these three elements of the hike on the same order. You could imagine the hard work of quarrymen, the one of stone-cutters, as well as builders'. It reveals the extraction sites that are in activity and the abandoned ones, cutting rooms and masonry workshop, the transport of the stone, dwellings, prestigious monuments...

It also presents other activities like the production of beet sugar, the wine growing before the wreak havoc of phylloxera, the transport over the Oise river, the thermo-electric power station...

The monastic enclosure, of the Saint Nicolas priory church and the one of the Benedictine Monks who lived there, won't have any secrets for you anymore.

You could learn plenty things about la Grande Jacquerie dating from the middle of the 14th century as well as the editing of the V1 bombs during the Second World War, and about the bombardments taking place after this...

### **Key:**

*Loop of the hike*

*Variant*

*Bypassing for bicycles*

*Direction of the circulation*

*GR11*

*Descriptive panel of the heritage*

*Welcome panel of the hike*

*Hunting zone*

*Dangerous crossing*

*Car park*

*Maison de la Pierre (the House of Stone)*

*Hostel*

*Restaurant*

*Camping*

*Tourist office*

*Recreation range*

*Water source*

*Panorama*

*Diverse oddities (little heritage)*

*Garden/green space*

*Quarry in activity*

*Abandoned quarry*

*Castel*

*Industrial garden*

*Church, abbatial*

### **From Saint-Leu d'Esserent:**

1. From the departure at the council town car park you will find in front of the château de la Guesdière, raise the sente de la Jacquerie on the right. At the end of the path, go to the right

and walk along the abbatial foundations and at the first crossroads on the left, shortcut by the chemin de la Tour du Diable.

2. At the second crossroads, follow the pavement/sidewalk on the left and raise the chemin des Carrières on the left. Follow the street (arrival of the shortcut by the chemin de la Tour du Diable). At the end, turn on the left and in front of the abbatial, beginning of the pedestrian variant, continue in the street by going along the cemetery (water source) and on a little place, take the stairs on the left. Return on the rue de l'Eglise. Caution when going down the road. Go to the right.
3. On the second crossroad, turn on the left then cross the rue Jules Ferry and keep going on forking on the left. There will have a variant round trip towards the recreation range after the crossing of the railroad, on the right, pass the bridge.

**To Saint-Maximin:**

4. Take on the left immediately after the bridge. Keep continue on the way. At the crossing with a road, turn on the right. Cross with caution and on the left raise towards the technical services (rue Guy Cauvillé).
5. At the crossing on the right, rise towards the vallée de l'Oise panorama and the belvedere and keep staying on the right. Once back to the crossing, take the way on the right that goes along the allotments. Go to the left to take la rue du Four à Chaux. At the crossing, keep walking on the right at the opposite then on the right to discover le Trou du Tropic. For cyclists: back to the beginning of the cul-de-sac, take the rue du Four à Chaux, go down on the left and at the roundabout/traffic circle on the right, raise on the right. The Trou du Tropic is in the cul-de-sac on the left.
6. Go down the rue de la Poterne, go to the right. At the stop-light, go to the right in a housing development, then by-pass the building in back-seat by the left and cross the car park. Raise the butte du Larris; take the path on the left, then go to the right. After the stairs, take the next path on the left. You will be back on the Larris and go to the right.
7. Cross the car parks by going along the mound. Then take on the left. Keep staying on the right path. Go straight and rise by forking to the left, then at the end of the street, cross with caution to go back on a street at the opposite, a bit on the right. Turn left, then straight. Below, take the route on the left, and then turn on the right in the main street. At 50m, the Maison de la Pierre will be on your right.
8. Keep following the main street. Before the climb, take the tree-lined street on the right. For cyclists, raise the rue de la Poterne on the left, go down at the crossing on the right, and then on the left.
9. Follow the road and pass the barrier on the way on the right. Go along the pond and go straight by crossing the road to the bridge and then, cross it.

**To Saint-Leu-d'Esserent**

10. Take the quai d'Amont on the right and raise the sente de la Jacquerie on the left after the Hôtel de l'Oise. Keep going straight and cross the SNCF footbridge. For cyclists, before the footbridge, go to the left, then to the right, cross the railroad and go immediately to the right. Go under the footbridge then to the left and take back the sente de la Jacquerie.

**Recommendations to the hiker:**

- Threw your wastes in the trash cans put at your disposal on the trip
- For your safety, stay up on the trail.
- 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 trip and while crossing the road.
- Indicate as soon as possible to the Association of Municipalities Pierre Sud Oise any type of difficulty or deterioration you can notice on the trip: 03 44 53 76 79

### **The Oise**

The Oise is a 330km river. Its head is in Belgium, in Chimay, a town that belongs to the province of the Hainaut in the region of Wallone.

It finishes its way in the Seine, in Conflans-Sainte-Honorine in the department of les Yvelines (78).

This is the most significant affluent of the Seine before Paris.

It crosses the Aisne and arrives in the department of the Oise in Brétigny, meaning about five miles at the East of Novon.

The Oise goes along or crosses about fifty towns in the department including: Ribécourt, Compiègne, Verberie, Pont-Sainte-Maxence, Creil and Saint-Leu d'Esserent

The river passes from the Oise to the Val d'Oise.

It is navigable in the whole territory. The river of the Oise receives little affluents in the department like: la Verse, la Divette, le Matz, l'Aronde, l'Aisne, l'Authonne, la Brèche, le Thérain, la Nonette, la Thève...

Out of the department, there are l'Esches and la Viosne.