

SOUTH OF OISE BY HIKE (INDEX CARD N°3) "ACROSS FIELDS AND VALLEYS"

This loop of hike goes along 13.8km from the departure in Thiverny to the car park of the Cité Belles Vues on the church grounds or on la Place de la République in Cramoisy.

Thiverny and Cramoisy are settled in la vallée du Thérain and Saint-Leu d'Esserent in la vallée de l'Oise. These municipalities are geologically situated on the slopes of the plateau de Mouy that is made of limestone and where we extract stone since Antiquity.

On this route, you can visit important touristic and patrimonial sites like the "abbatial" and its gardens in Saint-Leu d'Esserent, the classified churches of Thiverny and Cramoisy, the vallée du Thérain and its industry (the Parvillée brick-built factory with its Eiffel window built at the end of the 19th century), the panoramas of the vallée du Thérain and of the Oise. Through the hike, you will pass by a big quantity of sites that makes remember the different areas of the heritage: from the monastic enclosure of Saint-Leu d'Esserent in which the first part has been built at the beginning of the 11th century, passing by the medieval district of Cramoisy until the exploitation of the stone about ten years ago.

Curious visitors can discover stone sites like old wash houses and mills of Cramoisy, the very particular wooden church tower of the council town, the Saint Martin Church, the tithe barn, the Saint-Leu d'Esserent "Abbatial" and its garden, the Thiverny pond and its Saint-Leufroy 12th century church (considerate as one of the oldest of the department).

Key:

Loop of the hike

Variant

Bypassing for bicycles

Direction of the circulation

GR11

Departure point

Hunting zone

Car park

Dangerous crossing

Water source

Panorama

Natural site and recreational area

Quarry in activity

Abandoned quarry

Industrial heritage

Diverse oddities (little heritage)

Castel

Church, abbatial

Bench (only option 1)

Picnic table (only option 1)

Trash can

Stairs

Backfilling area

Descriptive panel of the site

Welcome panel of the hike

Crosswalk

Hike road sign

Highway sign

1. Departure of the hike on the church place, on the green space; bypass the church by the right then go on. At the crossroads, go to the right and take the way on the left of the electricity pylon.
1bis: **Variant of the plateau between Thiverny and Cramoisy:** before the electricity pylon, go to the right-hand-side way then fork on the left. On the plateau, at the first crossroads before to join Cramoisy, go to the right on a small way with grass. **Variant towards Montataire:** go down the way up to the crossroads and go straight to Montataire.
To keep walking on the variant of the plateau to Cramoisy, go to the next way with grass on the right going down to a wood. Move across the barrier and go down to a large way. Go to the left, move across a barrier and go to the next bitumen way on the left. Cross the road, go up to a way in front of you, a bit on the right. Go to the right towards the church then to the left, fork to the right and go towards the water tower.
2. If you don't take the variant, go straight after the electricity pylon.
3. Take the way going along the houses, then go to the left and go down towards the "abbatial".
4. On the right of the church, in the garden, you can watch a panoramic view of the vallée de l'Oise. Go back to the place of the church and go to the opposite of the rue du Cimetière.
5. After a little place, take a curved tree-lined driveway to the left and go along the (jeu d'arc). Go down the path then the cul-de-sac to the street. Go to the left and at the crossroads go to the right and cross. Take the second way on the left. On the road, go to the right and take the first way on the left.
6. Go straight during 2.5km.
7. Enter in the Saint-Michel wood and take the first way on the right. Keep walking on the way then walk along the wood. After this, keep your way during 1km.
8. On a crossroads, keep going straight by walking along another wood.
9. Pass the water tower and go down the street on the left.
10. At the crossing, go to the right, then take a way that is closed to cars on the left. **Variant towards the church:** keep walking on the main street towards the church then go up to the right after the Stop. Bypass the church and go down behind it. Raise the main street during about 10 metres then take the ruelle Gomot to the left. Go again to the left to the crossing. For cyclists, after having taken the street behind the church, go back in the main street on the left and then to the closed way for cars on the right after the Stop -**End of the variant and end of the track for bikes-**.
11. Go along the curved tree-lined way and a low wall on the right. Keep walking on the street to the Stop.
12. **Variant to the Parvillée factory:** Take the rue Paul Deschamps on the left, and then go to the right. Keep walking during 100m and once arrived on the station on your left, turn-back. For cyclists, take the second crossroads to the left and for pedestrians, take the first crossroad to the left. You are back to the crossing of the rue Paul Deschamps. **End of the variant.**
13. Keep walking on the street; when arrived on the dirt road go to the left and pass the barrier. Keep walking during about 2km. Pass another barrier then the allotments and to the crossroad with a bitumen street, go to the right. Raise the street to the green space near the church place.
14. You are back on the starting point.

Recommendations to the hiker:

- Throw 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 Thérain

It is the third river of the department after the Oise and the Aisne. It begins to flow in Seine-Maritime and finishes its way in the Oise in Montataire. It goes through the department during 94km.

Numerous sites use its energy: water mills were built in the 18th and 19th century. The milling, the optic, the tableterie and the brush factory needed them to develop their activity. The Vallée du Thérain is also a mining industry city.

There are plenty of oils sands and alluvial deposits.