

THE SOUTH OF OISE BY HIKE (INDEX CARD N°5) "THE WALK ALONG THE SOURCES"

Rousseloy is the last marked out path of the Association of Municipalities, and this wonderful village will show you its most awesome hidden recesses. It is lined by the forest and its biggest pride is the title we give it: "la ceinture verte du territoire" ("the green belt of the territory"). A vast number of sources grouped on a point called "le ru des Flandres" ("the brook of the Flandres") by the name of the former hamlet, irrigate Rousseloy. Then, what are the surprises the way reserves to us? At the departure of the village, the raw nature is expecting you. You'll have to get further and further in the woods, you will be impressed by the beauty of vegetal even animal species if you can keep being discreet... you will discover extraordinary old stone quarries... You will arrive in Saint-Vaast-lès-Mello, a very surprising village near Rousseloy... You will pass close to the old Faisanderie with an amazing history. You will like the point of view towards the "Folle Emprise" farm (first name wearied by la Jacquerie). Do not forget to visit the beautiful church that makes inhabitants of Rousseloy so proud: the 12th and 13th century Saint-Maximin Church. One of the oldest bells of the region still rings in its bell-tower. Take also a look at the wash house in la rue de Clermont by going a little away.

Key:

Bypassing for bikes

Directions

Car park

Hunting zone

Dangerous crossing

Water source

Panorama

Quarry in activity

Abandoned quarry

Diverse oddities (little heritages)

Church, abbatial

1. Departure from the Rousseloy extracurricular room; cross the Main Street and take the street raising on the right, keep going straight to the Folemprise farm and take the way on the left, go along the field and take the path on the left in the wood.
2. Keep going straight and pass three ways on the right and take the fourth way on the right along the properties.
3. Cross the road with caution and take the way to the Mello ponds; bypass the ponds by the way on the right.
4. On the bitumen way, keep going straight to the centre villages.
5. Cross with caution the Main Street take the raising street that goes to the left and go to the left at the first crossing.
6. In front of the wood, go to the left and cross the Barisseuse hamlet.
Variant: go to the right towards the raising way, keep going straight to the road and go to the left to find back the Barisseuse hamlet. End of the variant.
7. Out of the hamlet, take the way leading to Rousseloy.
8. Keep walking straight then take the way forking to the left.
9. In Rousseloy pass a barrier and take the first way on the left.
10. After quarries' holes, go to the right pass a barrier and enter in the path going down and straight, at the next barrier, you will find back the departure point on the right in the crossing with the main street.

Variant 1: In Rousseloy go down to the road, cross carefully and go down again to the left in the main street; after the bus station, go up to the right, keep going straight, pass in front of the church and go down to the right at the crossing; go down again to the left in the tight bend and go to the main street on the right; in front of the wash house, take the bitumen alley on the left, take the little path and go down to the right at the crossing, pass the barrier and find back the starting point down on the right.

Variant 2: In Rousseloy, go down to the road, pay attention crossing it and go up to the right, at the crossing, go to the left and to the left again; in the farm, go down to the left; down there, you will find back the departure point on the left.

Recommendations to the hiker:

- Threw your wastes in the trash cans put at your disposal along 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

Rousseloy: “Là où l’eau ruisselle” (“Where the water streams”), the floods country.

Floods still are numerous today to stream the slopes and finish their way at the bottom of the valley. There are also numerous fountains and sources in the village.

We can count about ten of them, today.

In 1879, the city council decides to build two cover public wash houses. A third one is built in 1880. Because the water system of the village provided less and less water, these wash houses were destroyed one by one in 1970. The only one being saved is called “cavée des Bouillons” and was rehabilitate in 1994.