

MAYSEL

VISITS OF THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES ADVISED BY THE TOURIST OFFICE OF PIERRE SUD OISE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES

Maysel

Maysel is a municipality counting 276 inhabitants called Maysellois and Mayselloise and is extended on 371 hectares.

It belongs to the Montataire district and to the Senlis borough. It is a quarrymen's old village in what we can visit a very charming church. The municipality was called Macellum in 1157; it is from the Latin "Macelum" meaning "abattoir/slaughterhouse", "butcher's shop". Moreover, in old French language, the butcher is called "Maselier".

Maysel is connected to Cramoisy from 1826 to 1832. Maysel has a Castle flanked by towers that belonged to the Mello's baroness. It was habited by the Saint-Pol Earl for a long time, who was also a supreme commander of France under the Louis XI reign. Anchored in a stretch of wilderness, at the Edge of the Saint-Michel Wood, the village provides shelters for abandoned quarries used to be a nice place for film directors to shoot their movie! Today, they are entertainment sites for climbing and vertical speleological studies and also they are exploited by a riding school that made one of them a quarry of entertainment.

St-Didier Church

The 12th or 13th century Church was revised by the Saint-Pol Earl in the 15th century. In the 16th century the choir, the vault of the portal and the secondary foothills were remade.

In the 19th century, a bell-tower was built. The church was bombed the Sunday 19th of May 1940 at 5pm. The church houses a 15th century Virgin to the Child (classified Historical Monument in 1912).

Discover an oddity: the skeleton of the church with a hull of inversed boat dating from the 16th century.

Pottery

In front of the church, take your time to seek the pottery hit into a house wall. It actually is a gutter "tank".

Vines quarry, said wolves quarry

It is an old exploitation of stones on the Maysel municipality. The vines quarry said wolves', is abandoned today; at the top of the village, this sublime quarry is getting under the influence of the nature. This quarry was the ideal site to shoot movies like 'Brotherhood of the Wolf' or the first movie of the Asterix series. The vertical speleology and the rock-climbing are regularly practiced there. We should actually not walk around freely because the public access is regulated.

Saint-Michel Forest

The walkers will meet a forest composed by a multitude of much diversified natural sites. The alders, the ash trees, the maples, the wild cherry trees, the hornbeams, the birches, the beech, the oak trees, and the spruces are gathered according to the floors, the exposure or the men's work.

All along these landscapes, each of you will be satisfied by the calm and the discovery that is always renewed along walks and seasons. And if you are discreet enough, you will be likely to meet a roe deer or a wild boar.

Troglodytic equestrian relay

The "Relais de Mémont" horse boarding house welcomes riders and horses in a special event with old quarries of stones extraction. The Relais de Mémont proposes different accommodation options on meadow-box mode.

Your horse, in the meadow or back every night will enjoy feeds, a quarry and numerous kinds of riding in a pleasant site offering a direct access to the surrounding countryside and to the paths of hike.

Calvary

From the Latin "calvarius" linked to calva ("skull") small graves abroad the road incorporating an image of Jesus de Nazareth's crucifixion. It deals with monumental crosses (crucifix or Christian cross) aboard roads and ways. We meet lots of them along the paths in the country.

The Cross-Way is a catholic religious symbol very wide-spread from the 16th century to nowadays. We can distinguish two types: crosses due to communities' will and crosses set up by families.

They adorn villages and hamlets and symbolise the act of the community's faith. We often find them in the crossroads; they guide the traveller and protect him from bad encounters. Works of regional stonemasons succeeded to wooden crosses we piously replaced when they fell down. Monumental crosses often are high roads crosses or benchmarks replacing old pagan worship places. When the cross is set up, it is blessed and generally acts as worship: we often processed.

Walking paths

Departure of the walk "**At the edge of the Saint-Michel Wood**"

Token n°4 on demand

Distance: 6.8km

Duration: 1h45

Average difficulty (small difference in height)

Yellow marking (right direction – turn on the left – turn on the right – wrong direction – post)

Walk along the most awesome landscapes of the charming picturesque village: Maysel. And Cramoisy, real plea for the stone, and Saint-Vaast-lès-Mello, old quarrymen village...

Useful addresses

For more information:

Opened from Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 1:30 to 5:00 pm