

Le Tacot: the railway line from La Ferté-sous-Jouarre to Montmirail

This 45-km metre-gauge short-line railway is no longer in operation.

It was granted to the departmental railroad company (CFD) and linked the two cities via the valley of Petit Morin from its opening in 1889 until it was closed in 1947.

During World War I, soldiers hiding behind the ballast of the track overlooking Le Petit-Morin, above the village of La Forge, succeeded in delaying the German advance.

This event is referred to by the sign "Battle of Petit-Morin" at this location.

At Sablonnières, travelers could take a connection to Rebais, Saint-Siméon, or even to Nangis or Bray-sur-Seine.



The Cotton Mill



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Access: La Trétoire is 18 km east of La Ferté-sous-Jouarre via D204, D31 and D55.

The Hiker's Code of Conduct

- Do not leave the marked paths.
- If there are any doubts regarding which path to take, markings take precedence over the description.
- Respect nature and private property.
- Don't litter.
- Avoid routes during hunting season (check with the town halls or the Seine-et-Marne hunting federation).
- Close gates and fences after you.
- Whenever possible, remove any obstacles from the path.



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LA TRÉTOIRE L'Emprunt

This pleasant circuit will allow you to discover a part of the Petit-Morin valley by following the route of the old "Tacot" railway line which ran from La Ferté-sous-Jouarre to Montmirail.



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L'Emprunt

- 1 From the car park follow the road to the village of La Trétoire. Take the path on the left and, after 250m, take the path to the left. It leads down through the woods, crosses D55 and continues to the hamlet of Coton.
- 2 Follow the road to the right for 30 m and then, to the left, the median of the old "Tacot" railway line that runs along Le Petit-Morin. Continue to follow the road in the same direction.
- 3 At the crossroads, cross the hamlet of La Forge via Rue du Moulin de La Forge. When it turns right, leave it to take the path opposite, which follows the course of Le Grand-Morin.
- 4 300 m after crossing the stream des Moines, turn right on the stone path, then take the second path to the right that leads into the underbrush.
- 5 Stay on this path until you reach the pond of La Trétoire.



The trail markings on this route are installed and maintained by 250 footpath wardens from the Seine-et-Marne departmental hiking committee. (Codérando 77). It is part of a network of 4,500 km of walking and hiking trails in the department. If you notice any irregularities during your hikes (errors or lack of markings, poor maintenance, illegal waste disposal), please inform Codérando 77 via the website <http://sentinelles.sportsdenature.fr/> by selecting the "hiking" activity.