

Paper money

During the French Revolution, the noble buildings of the Royal Paper Mill in Jouy-sur-Morin were converted to manufacture paper money from rag paper.

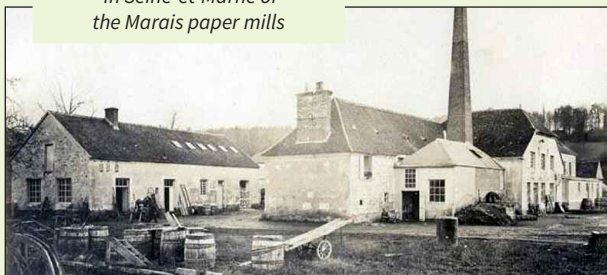
Starting in 1790, the Couralin factory started manufacturing paper for money. In 1791, the Marais paper mills were put back to work. Factory carriers taking the reams of paper to the Vincennes customs border were escorted by gendarmes to escape from lurking bandits and Royalists.

By 1791, galloping inflation had reduced the money's worth to merely 10 sous. By 1796, it was literally worth less than the paper it was printed on. It was then replaced by watermarked paper from the Marais paper mills.

Later, the Marais paper mills started manufacturing paper money mostly for countries in Asia and Africa, but had to close, because of the downturn in the use of paper money worldwide.



A few former production sites in Seine-et-Marne of the Marais paper mills



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Access: Jouy-sur-Morin lies 15km to the east of Coulommiers via the A4, N34 and D66b.

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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JOUY-SUR-MORIN Chemin des Gailles

Artists and schoolchildren all remember Marais vellum paper. The Marais paper mills, on the Grand-Morin, used to make paper money for the French Revolution and banknotes for the Banque de France.



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Chemin des Gailles

- 1** Opposite the railway station, take the pathway. Follow the D66 on your right and turn left at the fork, before the bend. Turn left onto the road and continue on to the small square. Head right towards Montigny and cross over two arms of the Grand-Morin.
- 2** Shortly after that, go left at the fork, then turn left, walk along the river and into the wood.
- 3** Just before you reach a villa, climb the hillside on your right. At the top, go straight over the crossroads and continue straight ahead. Turn left, when you get to Beauchien, go down the road.
- 4** At Bel-Air, take the acute right turn and go back up. Go left at the fork, then take the road on your left which bends right.
- 5** When you reach Le Hardoy, bear left, go down the road on your left, then turn right and continue straight ahead. When you reach Voigny, follow the road on your left.
- 6** Go down the road on your left to Champgoulin. Take the D66 on your left, then turn right. Cross the Grand-Morin. The road climbs up into the wood. Cross the railway.
- 7** At the last bend, turn left. Go over the crossroads, go down, then continue to your right.
- 8** Cross the railway on your left and turn right to Jouy railway station.



Little bridge over the Grand Morin



Lots of woods along the way



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.