The Doue hillock

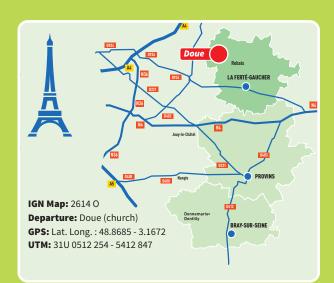
Legend has it that the giant Gargantua tripped over while carrying a sack of earth. The spilt mound then formed the Butte de Doue. The unusual position of this hillock has earned it the names Brie lighthouse and the Brie lantern. In geological terms, the Butte de Doue is the result of patchy erosion: the butte has not eroded as much as the surrounding zones, since it is protected by a strata of limestone.

Dating from the 4th-century, St Martin's church sits atop the Butte. St Martin was a Roman soldier from Hungary, famous for having shared his coat with a poor man in Amiens, then for evangelising the north of Gaul. The Butte affords a beautiful panorama of the Brie countryside and has a toposcope to help identify features.









Access: From Paris Porte de Bercy, A4 for 33km (exit 16), then D934 for 18km to Coulommiers.

Doue lies 10km north-east of Coulommiers via the D222 then the D37.









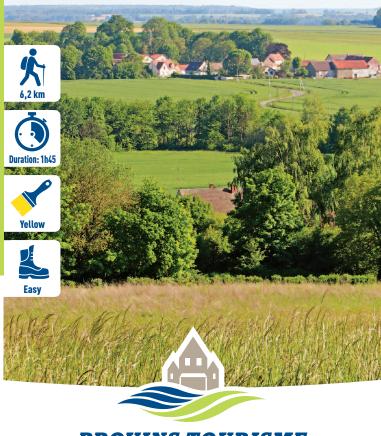
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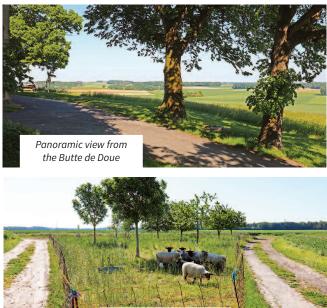
From the church, take the road 60m down to the village then take the path Ste Catherine on your left, going through the trail barriers. Continue along Rue de la Butte.

At the crossroads, turn right into Rue du Général d'Harville for 100m and turn left into the little path called Bout-d'en-Bas. Turn left into Rue de la Croissette, continue along Rue du Pont-de-Pierre. At the bend, follow the Chemin du Pont-de-Pierre on the right.

3 Cross the brook by the Motte lake, turn left into the path. 100m along, turn right then right again. Pass under the transmission line to reach Doue wood.

• The path takes you into the wood. Continue past a lovely path on the left until you come out of the wood. Continue across the fields. Shortly after passing under the transmission line again, turn right into the path taking you back to the transmission line. You will then reach a T-junction.

• Continue straight ahead along the road. It will take you over the brook, bear left and return to Doue. Cross the crossroads and turn left up Rue de l'Église to get back to the starting point.



If you want to know the right way, ask the sheep!



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