

Wicker is made from new shoots from various varieties of willow, including Basket Willow, Almond Willow and Golden Willow.

Starting in 1830, the Petit-Morin valley was the main supplier of wicker baskets for Paris. The town of Bellot was the production centre, with willows then grown as far as Rebais, where a basket-weaving school was opened.

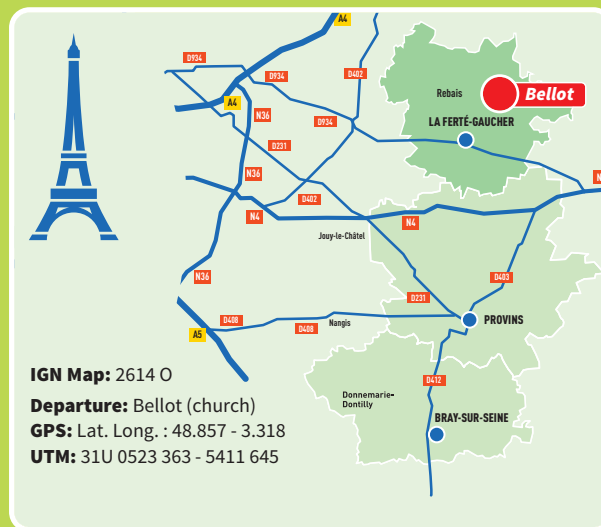
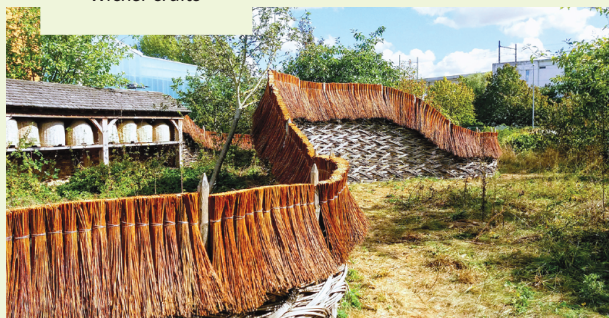
There were up to 280 basket-weavers in the valley, sending their crafts to Parisian markets, and especially the Halles market, where the baskets were used to ship foodstuffs. Nowadays, there are few basket weavers left in the valley.

In Verdelot, the firm Osier du Morin has set production in motion again, this time for new applications (fences, latticework for screens, arts and crafts).

In Bellot, the firm Oseraie de Saincy markets potted willows, wicker pencils, traditional basketry and decorative objects in plaster.



Wicker crafts



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Access: Bellot lies 42km to the east of Meaux via the D603, D407 (at La Ferté-sous-Jouarre), the D222 (direction Rebais) and D6.

Practical information: grocery and restaurant.
Upward slope: 211m

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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BELLOT Little Switzerland in Brie

Above the Petit-Morin river, there are plenty of drinking troughs and fountains in the villages. In the wet zones, willows form red hedges that look out of sync for the season.



7.8 km



Duration: 2h30



Blue



Easy



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Little Switzerland in Brie

- 1 From Bellot church car park, follow Rue du Pont-du-Rû on your left.
- 2 At the crossroads, take Rue du Pont-du-Rû, then turn left onto the D46, cross the Petit-Morin bridge and continue to Grand Fourcheret.
- 3 Take the D31 on your left for a few metres, then turn right onto Rue des Sablons. Continue until you reach the road to Château Renard, where you turn left (this road leads to a fortified farm). Turn into Chemin du Bois Vallée (before you reach the farm), on your right and continue to Rue du Montflageol.
- 4 Go down to Rue de Rocmont heading towards Villeneuve. Continue along Rue de la Miche, cross the high street and take Rue de l'Abreuvoir opposite. Turn right into Rue de l'Orme-Rond. Cut across Rue du Geai and go straight up the path. Take the road on your left for a few metres, then go up the winding track on your right.
- 5 Continue to the crossroads, turn right and pass the farm. Bear left then at the fork, turn right to get to the track.
- 6 Go down the track on your right then along the road, then take the D6 on your left to get back to the church.



Château-Renard
fortified farm



Bellot washhouse



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.