

## Roman Roads

La Ferté-Gaucher has been an important crossroads for transport routes. According to some documents, the road from Soissons to Troyes or Provins, which followed a path called "Le Petit Paré", led through Montblin, as did the Paris-Reims road, which crossed the Route Impériale from Paris to Sézanne at la Maison Dieu.

## The Grand-Morin Valley

The Upper Grand-Morin Valley was once a source of industrial jobs, with the printing works in Coulommiers, and the paper mill and the pottery works in La Ferté-Gaucher. The closure of the SNCF Coulommiers / La Ferté-Gaucher line and that of the industrial sites led to a decline in this region's industrial activity. It must now reinvent itself and focus on green tourism with initiatives like the Rail bike. For decades, the Villeroy and Boch factory provided wealth for La Ferté-Gaucher by making earthenware for wall decorations, sanitary facilities and household items. Its closure in 2019 has left more than 100 people unemployed.



Church of Lescherolles



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**Access:** La Ferté-Gaucher, 18 km from Coulommiers via D934 and 27.6 km from Provins via D204 and D403.

**Practical information:** car park and supermarket. All shops.

## 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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## Hiking

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## LA FERTÉ-GAUCHER Roman Bridge

The route runs along Le Grand-Morin and its southern slopes. It's far from monotonous, leading through valleys, groves and a plateau, with a view of the old paper mills in Crèvecœur and Chaufour castle.



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## Roman bridge

- 1** With the Tourist Office behind you, turn right on Rue des Promenades, take the next street on the right that crosses Le Grand-Morin, and D934 on the right. Turn onto the street on the left. It becomes a path. Continue walking straight. Cross Rue des Sapins to climb up to the plateau.
- 2** Go right onto the path. Cross the street, walking alongside the warehouses, cross D204, continue straight on Montblin until you reach the woods.
- 3** At the corner of an estate, follow the path to the left. It leads through the fields, and along the woods. At the entrance to Laval en Haut, turn right and then right again on the next two roads. Just before Laval en Bas, follow an asphalt road to the left which becomes wide and grassy. At the crossroads, turn right, cross D934. Continue along the road opposite and walk past the road on the right.
- 4** Walk left on the wide road, continue through the undergrowth and after a slight rise, walk down the road to the right which zigzags. In front of the factory, take Rue du Gué-Blandin to the right becoming a path along Château de Chauffour.
- 5** At the entrance to the park, turn right onto the road. After 250m, turn right, pass under the railway and then, at the crossroads, follow the street to the left. Cross the road, turn left on the path that follows the woods. Cross D934 to go left on the Roman road called Chemin Paré and cross the Pont des Romains. Walk up through the undergrowth until you reach point 3, take the same path you followed in.
- 6** At the hamlet of Montblain, walk left down Rue du Piat, take D204 on the left and then D934 on the right. Turn left onto Route de Nageot, cross Le Grand-Morin, return to the Tourist Office via Ruelle des Grenouilles to the right and Rue des Promenades on the right.



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.