

The Bassée Nature Reserve

The Bassée Nature Reserve Centre is located in the town of Gouaix. The Bassée is a vast flood plain spanning both the departments of Seine-et-Marne and l'Aube. The nature reserve was created in 2002 at the centre of this wetland recognized as being of national interest. Covering 854 ha, it is the largest in Île-de-France.

The hills of Île-de-France

The landscape from Seine-et-Marne to l'Aisne and the Marne is dominated by rolling hills. It features the Côte des Blancs and the Montagne de Reims, which reaches an altitude of 288 meters at Mont Sinaï.

The national forest of Sourdun

It spans 740 ha, covering a rocky spur which dominates the Seine valley. An estate of the Counts of Champagne since 1665, it was later used by the religious orders, lords and the king. It provided Paris with lumber and firewood, which were floated down the Seine.



Church of Gouaix



Village of Gouaix

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Access: Gouaix, 29 km from Montereau-Fault-Yonne via D403, D18 then D1.

Practical information: 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.



Hiking

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GOUAIX On the hills of Île-de-France

This hike is an astonishing "roller coaster" ride through the countryside and forest. It lets you discover magnificent views from the village of Gouaix, of the Seine valley and the distant hills of the Yonne.



11 km



Duration : 3h40



Blue



Easy



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On hills of Île-de-France

- 1** Walk down Rue de l'Église, turn left on Ruelle de la Vierge. Cross a street, turn left on the next then right onto Grande Rue and then left onto Ruelle Billon. Cross the road and, after the greenhouses, take the path to the right. At the crossroads, go straight.
- 2** Continue straight at the next crossroads and turn right at the next two forks (just before the wood, outlook point and, at the corner of the wood, high point of the Île-de-France hill). Continue to follow the wood's edge, walk past two paths to the left and after a bend to the left take a wide path on the right. Cross the regional road (use caution!), follow it to the right for 80 m.
- 3** At the bend, take the sunken path that leads down towards Gouaix. Turn left and at the crossroads, turn left towards the wood; at the fork stay to the right to enter the forest.
- 4** Walk up the 2nd path to the right. Turn right and then left out of the forest. Follow the edge of the wood, passing a path to the right leading downhill and to the left and entrance to the woods. At the fork, continue straight.
- 5** At the crossroads, turn left. Before the woods, walk down to the left, walk back to the wood's edge, walk past an entrance to the forest and a path through the fields on the right.
- 6** Enter the woods. On the way out, (enjoy the beautiful view of the Seine valley) continue opposite towards the water tower.
- 7** Walk down towards Servolles on the path on the right, take the road to the right and then follow the path to the right before the bend. Walk up to the right then turn left and continue straight until you reach the entrance to Gouaix.
- 8** Cross Rue St Vincent, walk up Chemin des Fossés du Midi and turn right into the path to reach the Church.



Trail markings

- Continue straight 
- Turn left 
- Turn right 
- Wrong 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.