

Reading the scenery

The Montois region is small, with gently rolling hills, buffering the Brie plateau and the Seine. Even if there's not a huge difference in altitude between the Savins water tower and the valley channeling the Albert brook, you can easily see the link between woods and scenery.

Thénisy features springs and a brook running below. It sits on a slight ridge of the chalk strata which is the base of the entire landscape, leaving behind the marshes around the river Auxence. The other villages were all built higher up, on the edge of the plateau where the water table emerges from the Brie limestone.

Below, woods hug the slopes, with clay and limestone sometimes showing, while crops grow on the gentler slopes caused by the erosion of the surroundings.

Jutigny almost stretches to the Voulzie river, while the church in Paroy stands proud on a rocky outcrop.



Butte des Rochottes

Located in Sognolles-en-Montois, this hillock was inhabited during the Middle Paleolithic and Neolithic Ages. Gallic, Gallo-Roman and Merovingian remains indicate that people were still living there in the 1st to 4th centuries CE, worshipping and trading near the Via Agrippa.



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Access: Savins lies 11km south-west of Provins via the D403 and D49a.

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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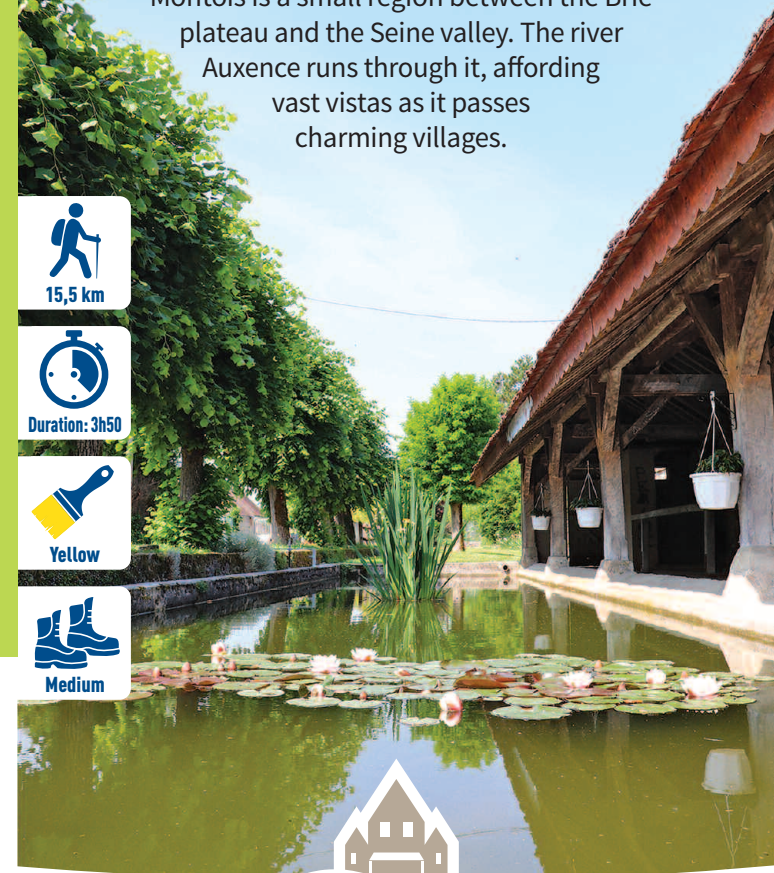


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SAVINS In the heart of the Montois region

Montois is a small region between the Brie plateau and the Seine valley. The river Auxence runs through it, affording vast vistas as it passes charming villages.



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- 1 From the church, take the street with the water tower, turn left into Rue La Fontaine, take the track on the left, climb up on the right. Continue along the road. Pass the Calvary (large cross) and the reservoir and continue through the wood.
- 2 Go down the track on your left through the wood, walk along the edge of the wood on your right (view of the Voulzie valley) and turn left. Climb the road on your right. Go left at the fork at the cusp of the wood. At the top, take the track on your right for 500m then the track on your left leading to the D209.
- 3 Cross the D209, continue opposite through the wood, then go down the track across the fields. Just before Thénisy, turn right past the cemetery and take Rue Grande on your right. Turn left into the path. After the church, take Rue des Bourgognes, the street on your left, the path on your right along the farm and Rue de l'Abreuvoir on your left. As you leave Thénisy, turn right onto the track, to the edge of the wood.
- 4 Go straight ahead for a few metres and turn right. The track bears left and continues through fields. At Mons-en-Montois, take the track on your right, then again the track on your right and the D62 on your left for 800m.
- 5 Take the track on your right along the valley, then go up on your left. The track zigzags and crosses through the wood. At the top, turn right, then follow the track on your left until you reach Sognolles-en-Montois. Take the track parallel to the village high street on your right then bear left twice to walk along the high street for 200m. Take the track on your right.
- 6 Go straight past the hangar, take the track on your right, cut across the road and go down into the wood. At the bottom, turn right, then go down the track on your left in the valley. Go back up the other side, then go left at the fork and follow the road on your right.
- 7 Take the track on your left for 400m, the track on your right, cut across the road and take the next road on your left. Cross the D209 and continue opposite via Rue du Carrouge which bears left. Follow Rue de l'Échelle on your right for 200m, then take the path on your left. This leads to a washhouse. Take Rue de l'Allet on your right to head back up towards the church.



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.