## Climbing frogs in Bassée

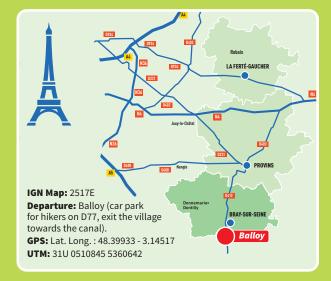
The unique fauna and flora of the gravel pits, a distinctive part of the Seine Valley, has been greatly marked by the flooding of the river.

The protected flora species include the tall violet, which has disappeared from the other sites in the Île-de-France region, mouse garlic, found in Jaulnes, the British yellowhead and gratiole officinale purgative. These meadows are protected areas.

The fauna is also delightful, and includes the tree frog (which climbs trees). It is often hard to see. A common French children's song says "it's raining, it's wet, it's a frog party!" Many migratory birds rest in the gravel pits on the left bank of the Seine







Access: Balloy, 15 km east of Montereau-Fault-Yonne via D411 and D77, or via the A5 motorway, exit 18.

## 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.

















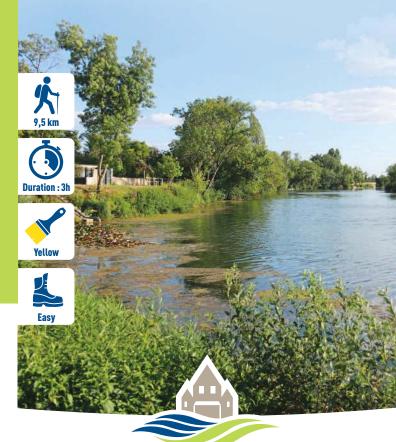
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in Provinois, Bassée-Montois and Morin

## **BALLOY** The little Seine

This route offers distinctive landscapes, ponds, canals and marshes in the former of the little Seine. Unexpected encounters with the fauna and flora of the sandpits.





## **The Little Seine**

① Walk down towards the stream, pass under the bridge and then cross the stream. Take the road to the left, pass the town hall and then take the path to the right to Rue du Parc, then turn left on Avenue du Château and right on Rue de Gravon. When you exit Balloy, bear left and continue 2 km. Opposite the cross, take D77a on the right.

2 Before the bridge, turn left and follow the path between the ponds and canal.

3 Before the La Folie farm, take the road on the right and cross the bridge. Take the path on the left along the Seine.

4 At the crossroads, on the edge of Gravon, turn left. Without leaving the Seine, cross a footbridge and enter the undergrowth.

**5** Upon exiting the wood, turn right. Continue between the pond and the woods for 500 m, then take D77 on the right (picnic area on the right). Return to the starting point.







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 <a href="http://sentinelles.sportsdenature.fr">http://sentinelles.sportsdenature.fr</a> by selecting the "hiking" activity.