

## Clay quarry

On the hillsides, where woods alternate with limestone wilderness, the vineyards disappeared during the 19th century, giving way to clay quarries. Since 1906, the Pro vins basin has been providing two types of clay: fireclay and earthenware clay.

In the beginning, the extraction was done by wells or underground galleries called clay pits. The men who performed hard labour there were called "grey faces". The mining is now mechanized in open-pit quarries.

## Archaeological excavations at Poigny

The Poigny site was occupied as early as the end of the Iron Age in the 1st century B.C., the period of Gallic independence. In 1990, a paved path, Gallic habitat, mosaics and Gallo-Roman ceramic shards on an oppidum at 135 m. During the Merovingian then Carolingian periods, a village was established on the heights under the name Poigny, as proven by writing from 1265. Remains of the Saint Michel church from the 6th, 13th, and 17th centuries have been discovered.

At the the end of the Middle Ages in the 15th century, the inhabitants settled below along a road in the valley.



The banks of the Voulzie



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**Departure:** Pro vins (Tourist office car park - Chemin de Villecran.

**GPS:** Lat. Long. : 48.5611 - 3.28117

**UTM:** 31U 0520747 5378710

**Access:** Pro vins, 86 km south-east of Paris via D6, then N19, D319, D619.

**Practical information:** all shops, hotels, restaurants. Possible departure from the Ste Colombe or Longueville train stations (Paris-Pro vins SNCF line).

## 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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# PROVINS On the hills of the Voulzie river

From the Brie plateau, covered with fields, route leads you over both sides of the valley created by the Voulzie river. Mills and then industries settled along this river, urbanizing the wooded valley by a string of villages, some of which have become cities.



15 km



Duration : 4h



Yellow



Difficult



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## On the hills of the Voulzie river

- 1 Leave the tourist office car park, turning right onto the road. Cross the roundabout of D619 / D231 (use caution) and follow the path to the left for 700 m. At the fork, take the path on the right, and the street on the left before "Le Mez de la Madeleine" hamlet.
- 2 Turn right and then left. Follow D106 to the left, go down the road to the right and the path to the right. Cross Varailles ravine (springs), walk down a wide path and follow the path on the right which runs on the hillside.
- 3 Pass Ste-Colombe church and the cemetery and turn right along the cemetery. Turn left and then enter the town of Ste-Colombe by the road on the right that becomes a street. Walk down along the outer wall of the old leper colony. Cross the Voulzie aqueduct, walk past the stadium, cross D403 and cross the Voulzie river.
- 4 Turn right before the railway (Ste Colombe railway stop-Paris-Provins Line). The street becomes Le Chemin de la Voulzie. At the road make a left-right, pass under the railway bridge and follow the railroad tracks to the right. Turn left at the edge of the woods (Longueville train station 700 m to the right by following the white-red markings).
- 5 Walk up the path to the left through the undergrowth, continue on the plateau, pass the water tower and reach Septvieilles-le-Haut.
- 6 Walk down to the left, Chemin du Moulin, turn right at the crossroads (the lane changes names 3 times!) and walk through the village. At the exit, the street turns left; at the next bend, follow the path in front of you which descends 1.4 km in the same direction.
- 7 Go up the road on the right, cross a sand quarry area and at the top of the hill, go down to the left. Walk along the village of Poigny on the right, turn left onto the street and then left again. Follow D1E to the left, go right and pass under the railroad tracks. Cross the Voulzie, the Durteint and, by the path on the right, pass under D403 to go up the hill. Turn right on the road that becomes a path, cross the plateau, turn left to find point "2". Return to the car park by the same route as on the outward journey.



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.