

First trip by train

On August 12, 1849, the railway made its maiden voyage, carrying Prince Napoleon, President of the Republic, and the future Napoleon III from Paris to Tonnerre, with a stop at Fontainebleau.

The following year, the Compagnie de l'Est took over the Compagnie du Chemin de Fer from Montereau to Troyes, and launched construction of the Paris-Mulhouse line, with a depot in Gouaix, since a technical stop was necessary about every 100 km. When the Gouaix depot became too cramped, Longueville was chosen as the new depot for steam locomotives, at the foot of the big viaduct crossing Voulzie valley.

A rotunda and swivel bridge, used to reposition locomotives in the right direction, was in operation from 1911 to 1967. Thanks to the persistence of a group of enthusiasts, AJECTA was created in 1968. This association saves and repairs locomotives, passenger coaches, baggage cars and freight cars.

In the rotunda, which has been classified as a historical monument since 1984, the Living Railway Museum houses 12 locomotives dating from 1866 to 1943. Occasionally the locomotives and cars are overcome by a thirst for freedom, take to the "railways".



The Longueville rotunda



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Departure: Longueville (SNCF railway station).

GPS: Lat. Long. : 48.51317 - 3.25048

UTM: 31U 0518498 - 5373367

Access: Longueville, 7 km south-west of Provins via D403.

Practical information: bakery, butcher's shop, pharmacy.

• Departure from Longueville railway station for hikers arriving by train.
WARNING: for hikers arriving by car, there is PAID parking at the station (€10 per day). Instead, you can park at Tachy near point 8 and head to point 1, then 2 to end at 8.

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.



15,6 km



Duration : 4h



Yellow



Medium



Hiking

in Provinois, Bassée-Montois and Morin

LONGUEVILLE The Heights of Chalmaison

"I love the Voulzie and its woods black with berries" the poet Hégésippe Moreau once wrote. You can reflect on these words as you walk through the undergrowth towards the impressive railway viaduct and the Longueville Living Railway Museum...



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The Heights of Chalmaison

- 1 Turn right on Rue de Verdun and Rue Henri-Fouilleret.
- 2 Turn right on Rue l'Amourée under the viaduct, then right again on Rue Adrée, go under the railway bridge.
- 3 Follow the path overlooking the station on the right. Walk down the road to the stadium. Turn left and walk along the stadium, continue for 1 km. At the junction, turn right, cross a stream, pass under the high voltage line to an intersection.
- 4 Continue across the street and turn right to reach the charming church of Soisy-Bouy, alone at the edge of the woods, away from the village. Further down lies a "miraculous" spring which was once a pilgrimage site. Follow D49 to the left for 100 m. Turn right and take the first lane on the left. After 500 m, turn left again, continue straight towards the woods, follow the wood's edge to the left enter underbrush.
- 5 At the corner of the wood, turn left and continue 400 m, then turn right (during hunting season, continue straight to cross the landmark 6 at the crossroads). Walk to a wood, turn right, then take the road down to the intersection. Follow the road to the right, then the path to the crossroads.
- 6 Follow the road to the right, at the crossroads, turn left and then right at the fork. Walk through the woods, follow the path on the left and then the one on the right. Turn right and, 20 m further on, turn left.
At the bottom, turn right and continue 200 m back up towards the woods (very nice view of Bassée). Walk along the wood's edge for 80 m, then walk down to the left to a crossroads.
- 7 Turn right and continue along the edge of the woods. At the end, walk down to the left, then turn left. Pass under the railway and cross D122. Turn right on Rue du Château, follow D122 to the left, then left on Route de Jutigny.
- 8 Upon leaving Tachy, turn right at the edge of the woods and continue. At the crossroads, take the road to the right and continue on Rue des Abîmes. Take a left on Rue André Pineau and right onto Rue de Verdun, which leads back to the train station.



Trail markings

- Continue straight
- Turn left
- Turn right
- Wrong way

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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.