Around the Water

A walk around rivers, streams, ponds and marshlands - a reminder that water reigns in the capital of Ponthieu!

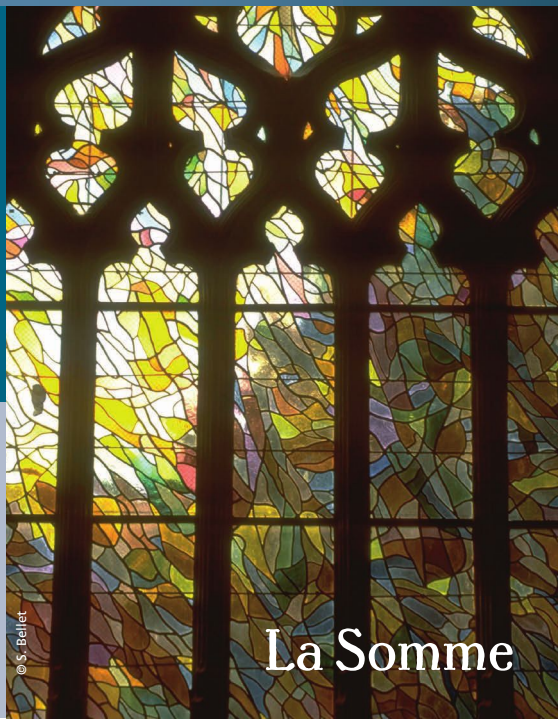
Time: **2 hours 50 mins**

Distance: **8.7km**

Route: **easy**

Starting at: Abbeville, Bouvaque Park, rue de la République, between numbers 68 and 74





① In the Bouvaque Park, cross the little bridge and turn right to follow alongside the River Scardon, fed by the Sautine.

② At the crossroads, continue through the Collart Meadow to the roundabout. Cross the footbridge and head right.

③ From the Sources Bleues (Blue Sources), leave the park and continue straight on along the Rue du Scardon to the band-stand.

④ From the band-stand, turn left and then right along Avenue Aristide Briand to reach the Ponthieu Crossing. Turn right.

⑤ Pass old fortifications.

⑥ Go past St Giles Church.

⑦ Continue across the St. Gilles marshlands. Before arriving at the old railway bridge, walk down to the right along the Chemin des Canotiers, alongside the River Somme. Pass the former swimming-pool.

⑧ Cross the bridge over the River Somme and take the immediate turning to the right. Cross the bridge, go down the steps on the left and follow the tow-path alongside the canal.

▶ *This path was used for towing boats and barges.*

Cross the Avenue de la Gare.

▶ *Monument in remembrance of the Chevalier de la Barre, executed in 1766 at the age of 19.*

Pass the locks. Cross the Route de Rouen and take the road opposite until you reach the River Somme. Follow the river on the right-hand side.

⑨ Pass the Hotel des Rames. Keep left, cross the bridge on the left and take the right turn down Rue Pasteur. Turn left down the little Rue Saint-Jacques and then head right and then left.

⑩ Pass the former emplacement of the St. Jacques Church. Turn right along Rue de l'Eauette and then continue straight on along Rue Jules Magnier. At n° 20: this building from 1909, in the Art Nouveau style, housed the public baths. At the 16th century house, take the Rue aux Pareurs.

▶ *Statue of Admiral Courbet; Boucher de Perthes Museum; Belfry, a UNESCO World Heritage site; Saint-Vulfran Collegiate.*

⑪ Go past Carmel

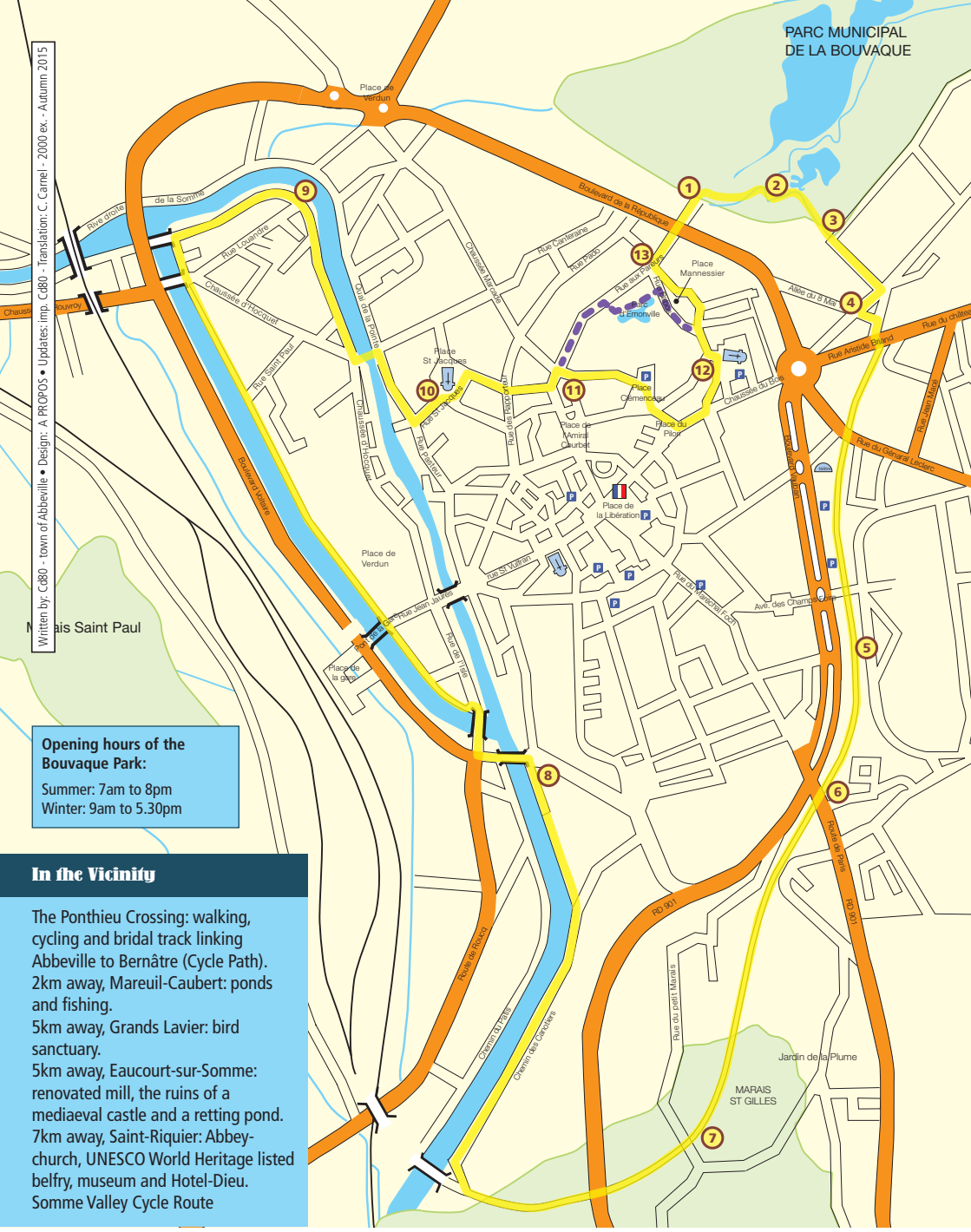
⑫ From the Place Clemenceau, walk to the Place du Pilori.

▶ *The name "pilori", or "pillory" in English, reminds us of a severe punishment in days gone by; 16th century half timbered house; the Emonville Park*

Turn left along Chaussée du Bois and then left again along Rue Charlet. At the Saint Sépulcre Church, continue along Rue de la Briderie to reach Place Manessier.

⑬ Continue straight on along Rue d'Avignon. Turn right along Rue Mellan, cross the Boulevard de la République and enter the Bouvaque Park opposite.

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Opening hours of the Bouvaque Park:

Summer: 7am to 8pm
Winter: 9am to 5.30pm

In the Vicinity

The Ponthieu Crossing: walking, cycling and bridal track linking Abbeville to Bernâtre (Cycle Path).
2km away, Mareuil-Caubert: ponds and fishing.
5km away, Grands Lavier: bird sanctuary.
5km away, Eaucourt-sur-Somme: renovated mill, the ruins of a mediaeval castle and a retting pond.
7km away, Saint-Riquier: Abbey-church, UNESCO World Heritage listed belfry, museum and Hotel-Dieu.
Somme Valley Cycle Route

Sign posts

Route continues

Change of direction

Wrong direction

Not suitable for horse-riding (by municipal decree)

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This hiking trail is maintained by the town of Abbeville

Vallée de Somme

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