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Following this trail through the Low Lands, come and explore the Hâble d'Ault, tucked away on land reclaimed from the sea.

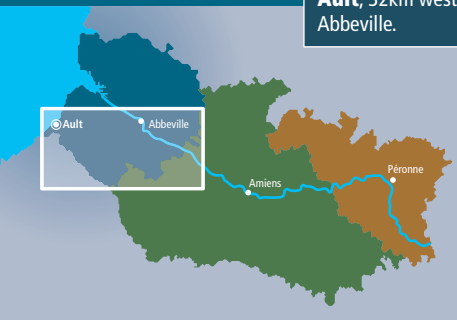
Time: **4 hours 20mins**

Distance: **13km**

Route: **difficult**

Starting at: Parking at Onival harbour, hamlet of Ault.

Ault, 32km west of Abbeville.





1. From the car park, walk down Esplanade de la Plage and Boulevard de la Mer towards Ault. Follow Rue de Saint-Valéry and then Rue du Moulin on the left.
   ▶ *At Ault: 14th century restored St. Pierre Church listed as a Historic Monument, in a check pattern of white stone and flint, with bell tower; Victor Hugo trail with views over the sea and orientation table; automatic lighthouse, 25 metres high and 106 metres above sea level.*
2. Turn left along Chemin Mélinda passing behind the Onival Camp Site. Turn right at the crossroads.
   ▶ *In the 1900's, Ault-Onival was a well known seaside resort.*
3. Head left and continue on to the junction.
4. Carry straight on. At the junction turn left and follow the little path.

4 bis Cross the road and then follow the path opposite, heading left. At the bottom of the track, turn right to reach the domain of Hautebut.
   ▶ *Hamlet of Woignarue.*
5. Turn left and follow Chaussée Blanche. Head right at the crossroads.
6. Continue and turn left when you arrive at the Chaussée Verte. Walk around the pond.
7. Turn right at the second crossroads. Return to the pebble seawall and, following the path alongside the seawall, return to the car park.

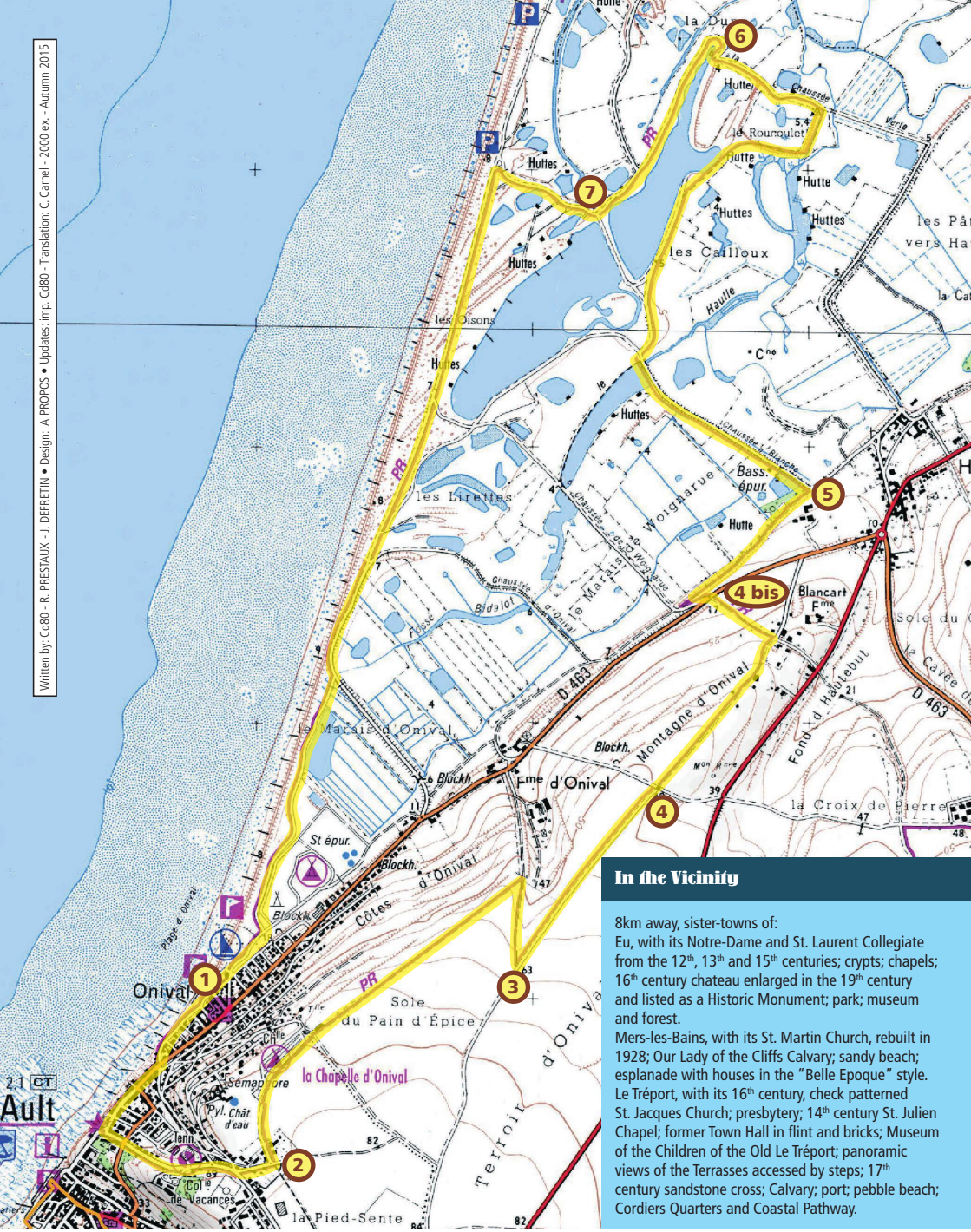


Of Interest

The Hâble d'Ault

The Low Lands were reclaimed from the sea and offer a mosaic of natural habitats (pasturelands and wetlands...) criss-crossed by paths, ditches, hedges and seawalls, or renclôtures as they are known locally. In these areas, a diverse and rare flora and fauna flourish; birds shelter and the emblematic Henson horses graze. A wall of pebbles protects the land from storms and flooding but it is vulnerable and needs to be reinforced with concrete and sheet pile groynes. The area is dotted with ponds bordered by reeds, rushes and marshlands making the Hâble d'Ault a veritable ecosystem in a natural state. A haven of peace, this paradise for birds is also home to the rare sea kale, a plant with colours worthy of an impressionist painting.

Tourist Office:
Ault: 03 22 60 57 15



In the Vicinity

8km away, sister-towns of:
Eu, with its Notre-Dame and St. Laurent Collegiate from the 12th, 13th and 15th centuries; crypts; chapels; 16th century chateau enlarged in the 19th century and listed as a Historic Monument; park; museum and forest.
Mers-les-Bains, with its St. Martin Church, rebuilt in 1928; Our Lady of the Cliffs Calvary; sandy beach; esplanade with houses in the "Belle Epoque" style.
Le Tréport, with its 16th century, check patterned St. Jacques Church; presbytery; 14th century St. Julien Chapel; former Town Hall in flint and bricks; Museum of the Children of the Old Le Tréport; panoramic views of the Terrasses accessed by steps; 17th century sandstone cross; Calvary; port; pebble beach; Cordiers Quarters and Coastal Pathway.

Sign posts Same direction | Change of direction | Wrong direction

This hiking trail is not suitable for horse riding or cycling.

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