The Lamotte Circuit PR®

Imposing white cliffs, peaceful greenery belonging to the only woods of this coastline, all traversed by a village with a never-ending name - nothing is missing from this enjoyable walk!

Time: **4 hours**

Distance: **11.7km**

Route: **moderate**

Starting at: Car park behind the church at Ault.

Be careful: stay away from the edge of the cliffs, risk of landslides.



Ault, 32km west of Abbeville.



1. From the church, walk down Grande Rue and take the left turning along Rue Ernest Jamart. Walk up the path which will take you to the stone cross on top of the cliffs.
   ▶ *Despite its impressive size, this abrupt chalk cliff is vulnerable to the combined aggression of the rain, frost and sea and is slowly and inexorably eroding - "a colossal giant with feet made of clay".*
   Take the path to the left, which, after the junction will take you to the Bois de Cise. Walk down Route des Mouettes and Sentier des Muses. When you reach the avenue, climb Allée du Muguet to reach Route des Tilleuls. Turn right towards the orientation table.
   ▶ *From here, admire the unforgettable view of the sea and coastline. In 1837, Victor Hugo described this region in a letter to his wife, perhaps the basis for "Toilers of the Sea" which he wrote thirty years later.*
2. Follow the D940E to the D940. Turn right and follow this road for 100 metres.
3. Turn left and then follow the road to the right. At the D63 junction, which travels through Saint-Quentin-Lamotte-Croix-au-Bailly, turn left and then right along 20 metres. Follow the lane and then cross the road and continue straight on.
   ▶ *This village with its original 15th century restored church and 18th century chateau has the longest town or village name in the Somme! It takes its name from an elegant, spiral, sandstone cross; its origin is uncertain but it has lived an eventful past…*
4. Just before the crossroads, turn left along the path. Head left at the junction. Cross the D63 and then the D940 and enter the town of Ault passing in front of the cemetery.
   ▶ *To see in Ault: the 16th century, restored St. Pierre Church classed as a Historic Monument, in a check pattern of white stone and flint, with belfry; view over the sea and orientation table; automatic lighthouse, 25 metres high and 106 metres above sea level.*

Of Interest

A Patch of Green Amongst the Cliffs

Tucked away in the valley cut into the cliffs and facing the sea, the hamlet of the Bois de Cise is surrounded by a huge wooded area, criss-crossed with trails and lanes with thought-provoking names and protected from the sea-winds. Various styles of villas from the charming "Belle Epoque" also adorn this beautiful hamlet.

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In the Vicinity

8km away there are the sister-towns of:
Eu, with its Notre-Dame and St. Laurent Collegiate from the 12th, 13th and 15th centuries; crypt; chapels;16th century chateau enlarged in the 19th century and classed 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 and 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 and Cordiers Quarters.

Sign posts — Same direction — Wrong direction — Change of direction — Variation

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

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This hiking trail is maintained by the Communauté de Communes Bresle Maritime.

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