The Isle Circuit

Enjoy nature in the full during this walk through a mosaic of fields, silent woods and calm ponds.

Time: **4 hours**

Distance: **11.5km**

Route: **moderate**

Starting at: Dargnies Church.

Dargnies, 28km south-west of Abbeville, 9km north-west of Gamaches.





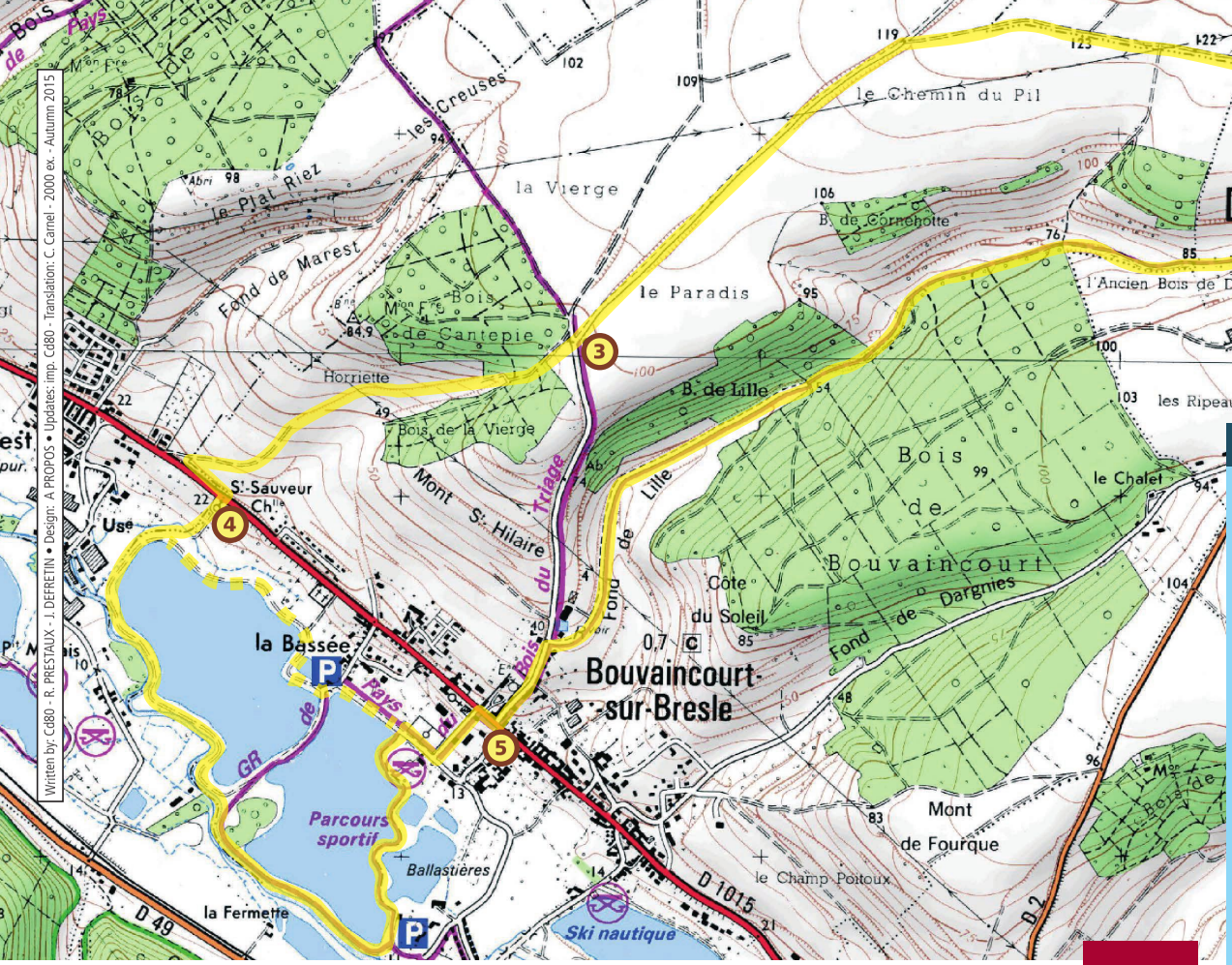
1. From the church, turn left along Rue Albert Camus (D 19).
   ▶ *This 19th century church is dedicated to St. Wandrille, founder of the Fontenelles Abbey, Seine-Maritime, in the year 649.*
   Carry straight on at the crossroads
2. At the junction follow the path to the left, ignoring adjacent paths. Head left at the next junction to reach the track.
3. Turn right and then left, and follow the paths alongside the woods. At the D1015, turn left towards the St. Sauveur Chapel.
   ▶ *This chapel was blessed on the 5th June 1852 and once welcomed a great number of pilgrims.*
4. Take the trail to the right and follow the track alongside the ponds. Ignore the track to the left and, when you reach the end of the wetlands, head left towards the sports ground. Follow along the right-hand side of the sports ground and turn left to the D1015 at the Bouvaincourt-sur-Bresle Church.
   ▶ *This 12th century church, with its square, four-tier steeple complete with arrow-loops, is of Roman architecture, which is rare in the Somme. It is dedicated to St. Hilaire, Bishop of Poitiers, who was well-known in the 4th century for his struggle against heretics.*
5. Turn right and then left, and follow the GR route. At the junction, take the track leading to the right alongside the woods towards Dargnies. Ignore adjacent paths.
6. *Turn right before reaching the village. Turn left at the RD2, and then right along Rue Ambroise Croizat. Turn left at the junction, and then right to return to the starting point.*

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Of Interest

Two Regional Resources

Dargnies did well during the industrial boom of the 19th century. Its great copper and cast iron smelter fed the many locksmiths and tap industries of the region. It was under Spanish influence that from the 16th century workshops of locks, keys and padlocks were developed. Beginning as a complementary activity for peasants and weavers to make from home, it soon led the way to larger factories. Very quickly the tap industry, another local production, joined the locksmiths and today three quarters of national production originates from this corner of Picardy.



In the Vicinity

7km away: The sister towns of Eu-Mers-les-Bains and Le Tréport
6km away, Friville-Escarbotin: Museum of Industries at Vimeu, history of the locksmith industry from the 16th century and tap manufacturing.
8km away, Gamaches: original 12th century church, listed as a Historic Monument; 17th century chapel; old houses; ruins of a castle; lake and fishing.
9km away, Ault: 16th century, restored St. Pierre Church, listed as a Historic Monument (check pattern of white stone and grey and black flint, huge square steeple with gargoyles, war memorial); cliff view over the sea with orientation table; elegant, automatic lighthouse, 25 metres high and 106 metres above sea-level.

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