Around Bailleul Wood PR®

A walk in the land of Jean de Bailleul - the last Lord of the region, and Sovereign of the Scots.

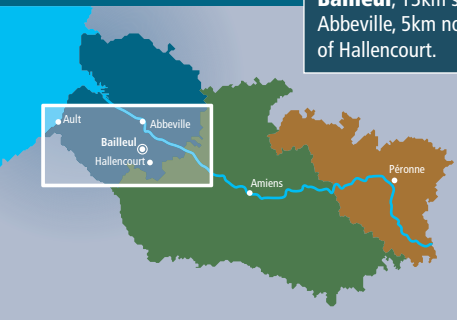
Time: **2 hours 30 mins**

Distance: **7.8km**

Route: **easy**

Starting at: Bailleul Church

Bailleul, 13km south of Abbeville, 5km north-west of Hallencourt.





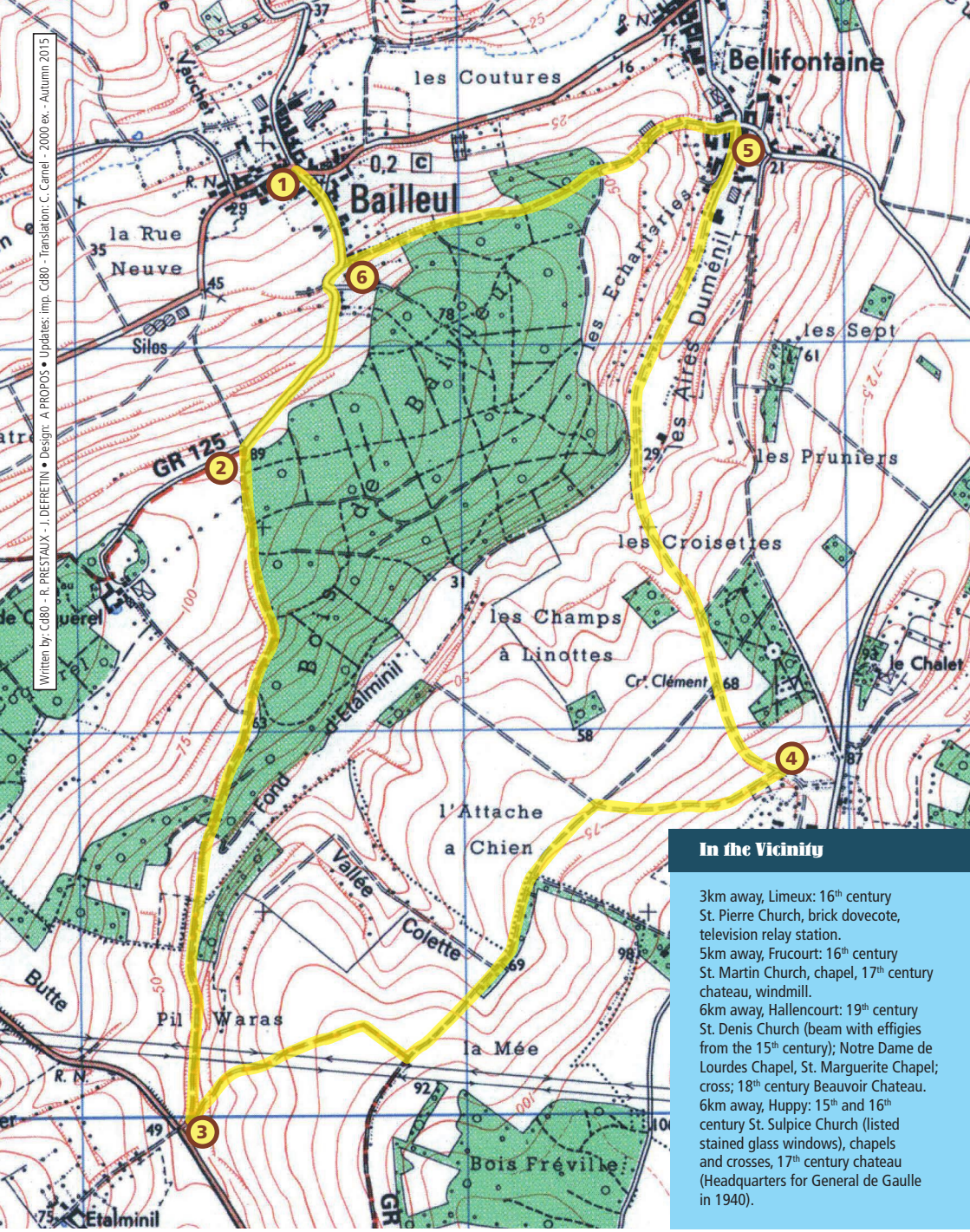
1. From Place de l'Eglise, walk up the minor road heading towards Bailleul Wood.
   ▶ *14th century St. Martin Church with spire in latticed stone. Continue straight on at the crossroads. Keep right at the fork, following the track and ignoring adjacent trails.*
2. At the crossroads, turn left along the GR125 which runs alongside Bailleul Wood.
   ▶ *GR routes are "Grande Randonnée" hiking trails that cover huge distances. The GR125 links the Ile de France to the Somme Bay with 250km of route.*
   At the corner of the wood, continue straight on through the fields.
3. Before reaching the D173, turn left along the GR route. At the junction near the electricity pylon, turn left to leave the GR route. Ignore adjacent trails and turn right towards Grandsart at the crossroads.
   ▶ *Grandsart is a hamlet of Bailleul, where you will find an iron cross on a sculpted, stone pedestal, which dates from the 13th century.*
4. Turn left before reaching the houses. At the Calvary, ignore the track to the left and continue straight on heading towards Bellifontaine.
   ▶ *Bellifontaine is another of Bailleul's hamlets. It is named after the little river that takes its source at Eaucourt and flows into the River Somme.*
5. At the crossroads turn left along Rue de la Cavée. Enter Bailleul Wood and walk along its border, ignoring adjacent woodland paths.
   ▶ *Woodland paths are called "layons" in French.*
6. At the road, turn right at the cross and return to the starting point.

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Of Interest

An Inhabitant of Bailleul - King of Scotland!

Until the end of the 13th century, Bailleul was part of the domain belonging to Lord Jean de Bailleul, a gentleman from Vimeu. King Edward I, cunningly putting a stop to any native contenders, and as he appreciated the great bravery of this country squire, offered Jean de Bailleul the crown of Scotland while he was visiting England. But this honour was only briefly held; three years later, having argued with his lord protector about precedence, our local Picard, His Majesty John Baillol, had been beaten, imprisoned and was destitute; he gave up the throne. Thinking he would never see his homeland again, and also to prolong the war, this short-lived King of Scotland had sold his land to the renowned Abbey of Séri.



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In the Vicinity

3km away, Limeux: 16th century St. Pierre Church, brick dovecote, television relay station.
5km away, Frucourt: 16th century St. Martin Church, chapel, 17th century chateau, windmill.
6km away, Hallencourt: 19th century St. Denis Church (beam with effigies from the 15th century); Notre Dame de Lourdes Chapel, St. Marguerite Chapel; cross; 18th century Beauvoir Chateau.
6km away, Huppy: 15th and 16th century St. Sulpice Church (listed stained glass windows), chapels and crosses, 17th century chateau (Headquarters for General de Gaulle in 1940).

Sign posts

Route continues

Change of direction

Wrong direction

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This hiking trail is maintained by the Communauté de Communes of the Region of Hallencourt.

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