The Frucourt Windmill PR®

A rural walk around the windmill, which, after having fallen into desuetude, has now found a second wind!

Time: **3 hours**

Distance: **9km**

Route: **easy**

Starting at: Square opposite the Town Hall (Mairie) of Frucourt.

Frucourt, 13km south of Abbeville, 8km west of Hallencourt.





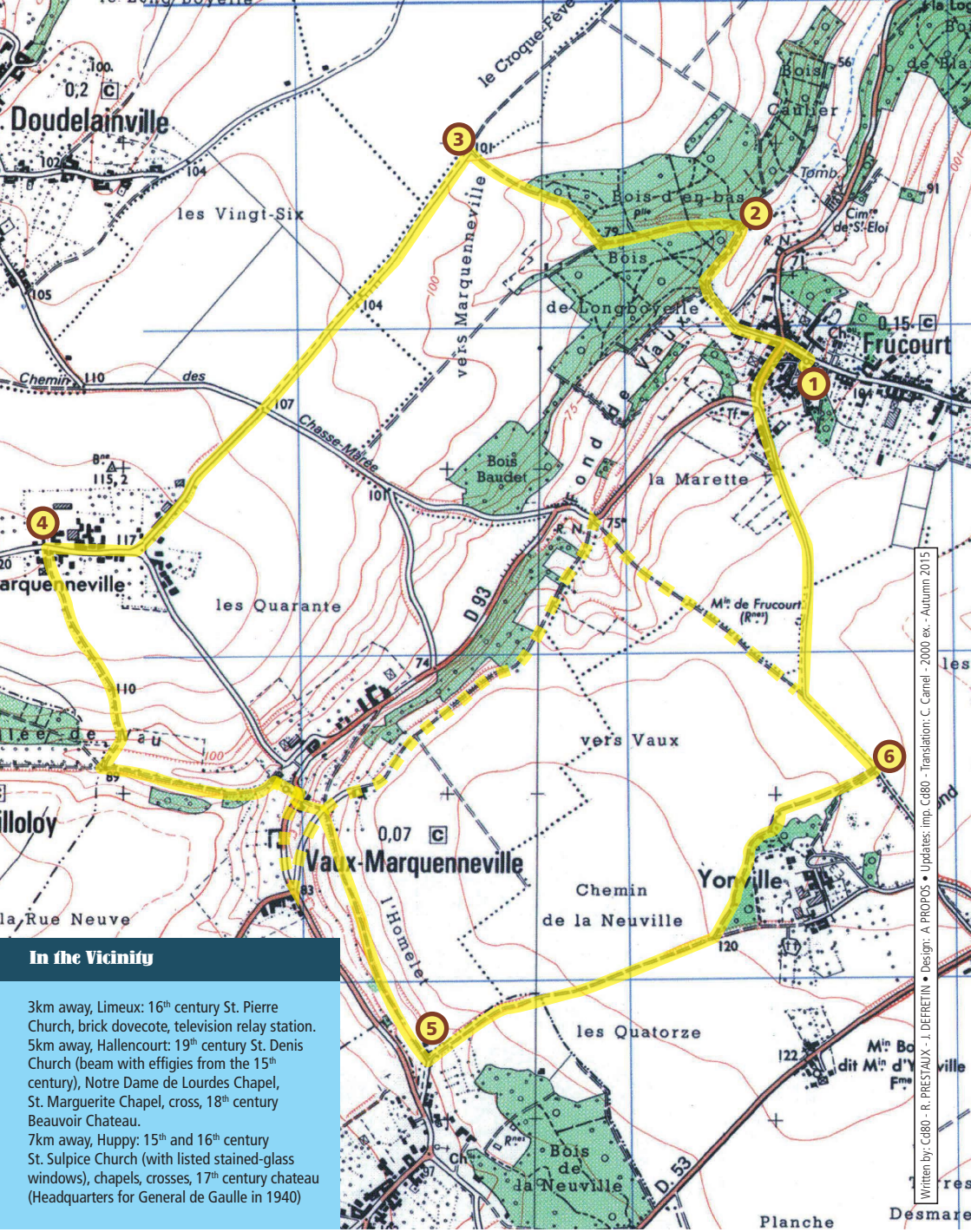
1. From the square next to the church, walk down to the crossroads.
   ▶ *This 16th century church is dedicated to St. Martin. The chateau was built in the 17th century on mediaeval foundations.*
   Continue straight on, along Rue des Bois. Ignore the track to the right and follow alongside the woods for 200 metres.
2. Turn left along the track that crosses "En Bas" Woods and Longboyelle Woods. Follow along the border of the woods and walk up the trail to the track leading off at a right angle. Ignore the trail to the right.
3. Turn left along this track to reach Route des Chasse-Marée, ignoring adjacent trails.
   ▶ *In the days before horsepower, this road saw real horses and carriages charge by in a cloud of dust. Pulled by Boulonnaise horses whipped into a frenzy by the coach drivers behind them, these coaches could carry fresh fish to the capital in record time.*
   Cross this road and continue to Marquenneville road. Turn right.
   ▶ *In the fields, the sails of the wind turbines turn.*
4. Before leaving the village, take the trail to the left until you reach the crossroads. Take the left turning to reach the D93. Turn right along this road. After the bend, opposite the church, climb the trail to the left. At the crossroads turn right towards Neuville-au-Bois.
5. At the entrance to the village, turn left along the track leading to Yonville, ignoring adjacent trails. Follow alongside the left of the copse to reach the track.
6. Turn left along the track. Turn right at the fork. Go past the windmill and continue straight on to the D93. Turn right along this road and return to the starting point.

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Of Interest

A New Life for the Windmill

The sails of this windmill with a rotating roof (to enable it to be positioned into the wind) have turned on the Frucourt heights since1641. Its sturdy brick tower, fortified with brattices and battlements, was also used as a watch tower. After the First World War, however, the windmill became a victim of progress, like many of its comrades, and was no longer used to grind corn. Abandoned, this testimonial of the past was left to ruin and invaded by weeds. That was when the Communauté de Communes (a group of municipalities) of the Region of Hallencourt, decided to give the windmill a new lease of life. The windmill is dressed once more in its former attire, and soon the great sails clothed in canvas will once more turn the pulleys and cogwheels that work the sandstone grinders!



In the Vicinity

3km away, Limeux: 16th century St. Pierre Church, brick dovecote, television relay station.
5km 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.
7km away, Huppy: 15th and 16th century St. Sulpice Church (with listed stained-glass windows), chapels, crosses, 17th century chateau (Headquarters for General de Gaulle in 1940)

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