The Woods Circuit

Discover another facet of this charming village dotted with ponds, green woods full of wildlife and fields of changing colours.

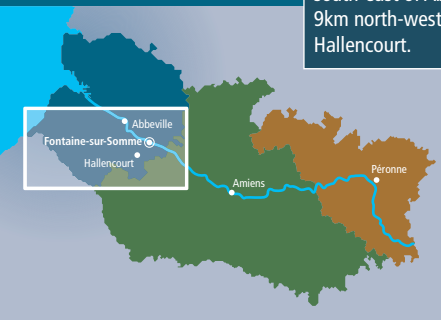
Time: **3 hours 30 mins**

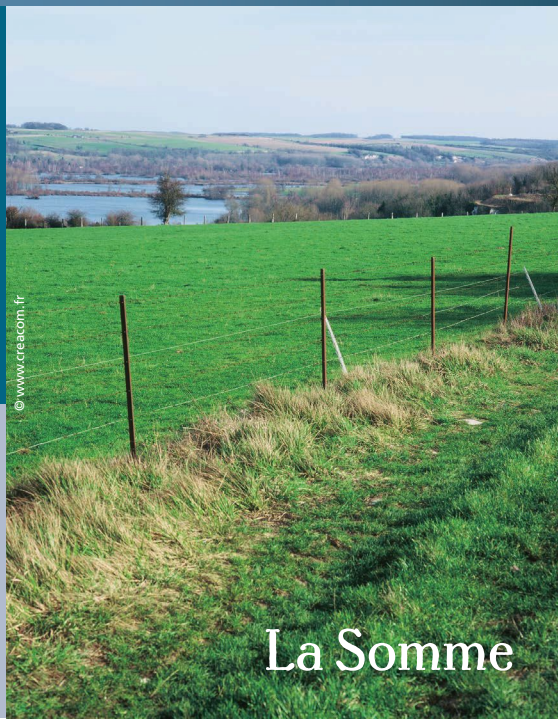
Distance: **11.7km**

Route: **moderate**

Starting at: Small square opposite the church at Fontaine-sur-Somme

Fontaine, 14km south-east of Abbeville, 9km north-west of Hallencourt.





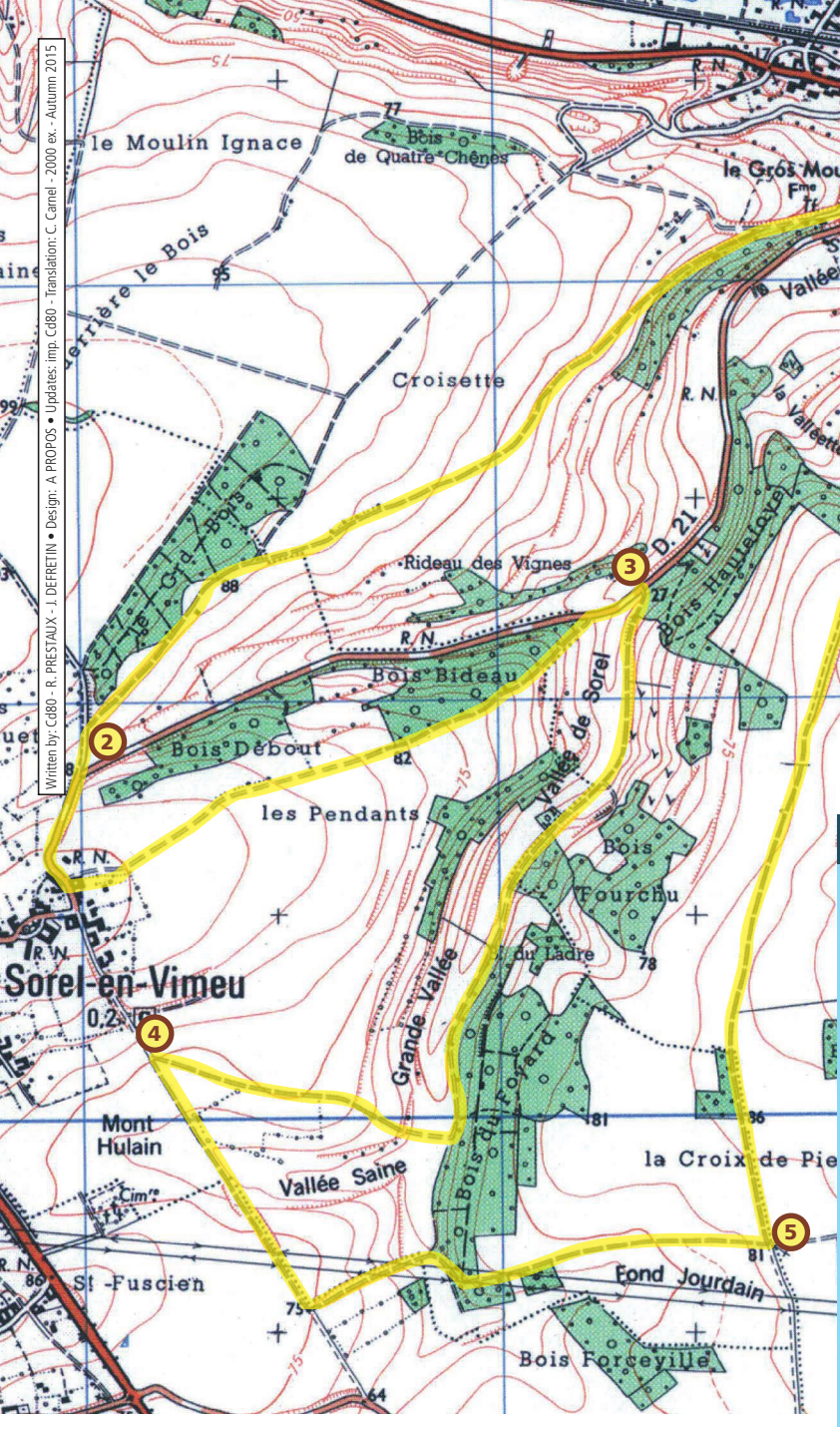
1. From the car park, cross the D3 and enter the churchyard.
   ▶ *The church from the 15th century, with spire in latticed stone, is dedicated to St. Riquier and listed as a Historic Monument. A beautiful iron cross can be found on the wall to the right of the portal. The war memorial is by Albert Roze.*
   Cross the right-hand side of the graveyard. At the stone wall (remains of the chateau), continue straight on, following the road that becomes a track. Go past the copse, walk across the fields and then walk alongside Grand Woods until you reach the track.
2. Take the track to the left and then follow the D21 to the right until you reach the entrance to Sorel-en-Vimeu. Turn left along the track and walk alongside Debout Woods and Bideau Woods until you reach the D21. Turn right along this road.
3. At the Hautefoye Woods, turn right following the track alongside Fourchu and Ladre Woods. At Foyard Woods, the track leads off to the right.
4. Turn left at the junction and then left along the trail heading towards the woods. Cross to the right of the woods and continue straight on to the cross at the crossroads.
   ▶ *There are several legends about the origin of the tufa cross (tufa stone is a porous type of limestone). The most likely evokes the English massacre of the villagers during the Battle of Crécy in 1346.*
5. Continue to the left along the track traversing fields. At the fork, continue left to reach the D3.
   ▶ *Panoramic views of the Somme Valley.*
6. Turn left along the D3 and return to the starting point.
   ▶ *The Fontaine Town Hall (Mairie), which is well named because water is abundant here, houses the Communal Charter granted in 1282.*

Of Interest

Roe Deer, Inhabitants of the Woods.

The roe deer is an elegant species of deer, which has a russet coloured coat that turns grey in autumn, and a white patch on its behind. It weighs 35kg (77lbs) and can reach 70cm (27") in height and measure 1,20m (47") in length. The adult male, or buck, has antlers that fall each winter. They grow back almost straight away, covered in a velvet-like fur to begin with. From the age of two, the doe gives birth to one or two fawns every spring.

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In the Vicinity

2km away, Long: Hydro-electric plant.
3km 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.
5km away, Airaines: 12th century priory, 16th century St. Denis Church, 18th century Hotel-Dieu Chapel, remains of a castle.
7km away, Longpré-les-Corps-Saints: 12th century Notre Dame de l'Assomption Collegiate, rebuilt in the 18th century, with a portal from the 13th century and Roman crypt from the same period; Néo-gothic chapel at the cemetery; ponds;
Somme Valley Cycle Route
Longpré-Oisemont Cycle Path

Sign posts

Route continues

Wrong direction

Change of direction

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

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