The Ponds and Wetlands of Mareuil-Caubert PR®

A walk in the wetlands, close to fish-filled ponds, home to the characteristic fauna and flora of these habitats.

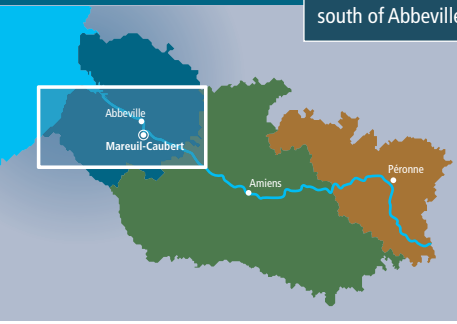
Time: **1 hour 15 mins**

Distance: **3.8km**

Route: **easy**

Starting at:
Mareuil-Caubert Church Car Park

Mareuil-Caubert, 5km south of Abbeville





1. From the Place de la Mairie (car park), cross the road and turn right. Turn left along the Rue du Petit Voyeul, which becomes a grassy track. Cross the wooden bridge, ignore a track to the left, and continue to the road (the Grand Voyeul).
   ▸ *12th century St. Christophe Church, restored and listed as a historic monument; St. Marguerite Chapel; chapel and cross at the cemetery; 16th century chateau; Peat Museum; Gaul oppidum on Mount Caubert.*
2. Turn left, cross a concrete bridge and leave the stony path to follow the fisherman's trail alongside the ponds.
3. Cross the footbridge and turn left.
   ▸ *A brick bridge is to the right*
   Cross the concrete bridge once more, turn right at the first track and, after 100 metres, right again. Cross two wooden footbridges.
   ▸ *Many species of birds live here such as the bluethroat and kingfisher, and you will also see countless dragonflies dancing on the breeze.*
4. After the 2nd footbridge, turn left and cross a 3rd footbridge (water mussels). You are crossing the Voyeul Maillefeu; swelling as it flows, it leads down to the Rue Maillefeu, which takes its name from the river.
   ▸ *These former peat-bogs are home to ground and predatory fish.*
5. Turn left at the junction and return to the starting point.

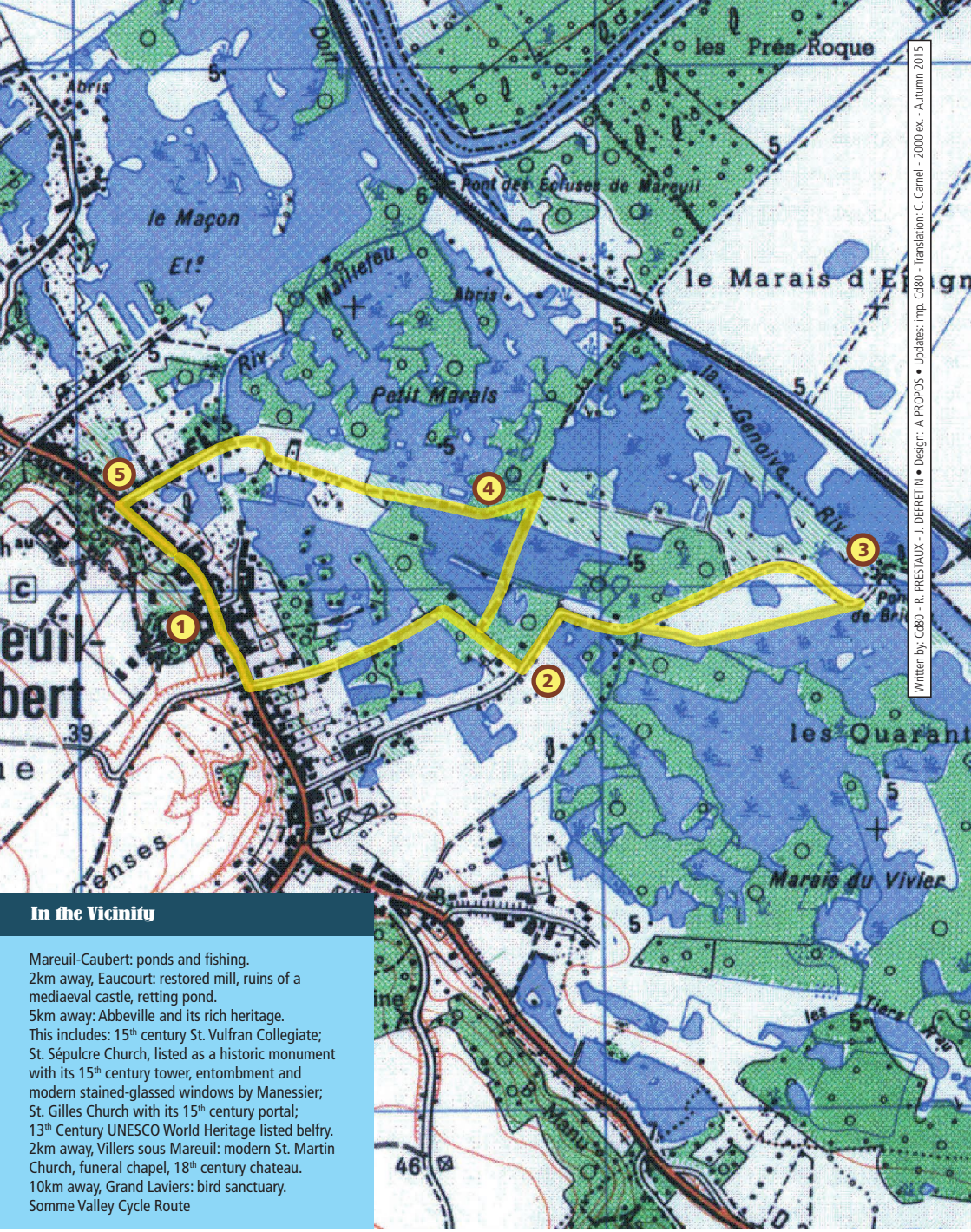

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Of Interest

Aquatic Plants

The snake's head fritillary can mainly be found in the centre, west and east of France; in the Somme, it is known as the tulip of the wetlands. Its bell-shaped flowers emerge from long green leaves and the colour of its chequered petals varies from creamy-white to purple. Water-lily stems emerge from rhizomes rooted in the silt. The wide, green leaves are adorned with large white or yellow flowers.
Close to the riverbanks, fragile clumps of reeds sway in the breeze.

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In the Vicinity

Mareuil-Caubert: ponds and fishing.
2km away, Eaucourt: restored mill, ruins of a mediaeval castle, retting pond.
5km away: Abbeville and its rich heritage.
This includes: 15th century St. Vulfran Collegiate; St. Sépulcre Church, listed as a historic monument with its 15th century tower, entombment and modern stained-glassed windows by Manessier; St. Gilles Church with its 15th century portal; 13th Century UNESCO World Heritage listed belfry.
2km away, Villers sous Mareuil: modern St. Martin Church, funeral chapel, 18th century chateau.
10km away, Grand Laviers: bird sanctuary.
Somme Valley Cycle Route

Sign posts

Route continues

Wrong direction

Change of direction

This hiking trail is not suitable for horse riding.

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This hiking trail is maintained by the Communauté de communes de l'Abbevillois.

Vallée de Somme

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