The Heights of Pont-Rémy PR®

Follow alongside the River Somme and its ponds, then climb towards the fields and woods and head towards Pont-Rémy, well named with its many bridges or "ponts" in French.

Time: **3 hours 20 mins**

Distance: **9.5km**

Route: **moderate**

Starting at: The Canal Mooring, 250m from the church at Pont-Rémy on the tow-path (car park at the church)

Pont-Rémy, 9km south-east of Abbeville, 9km south-west of Ailly-le-Haut-Clocher.





1. Follow the tow-path to the bridge. Cross the bridge and continue to the Cocquerel bridge.
   ▸ *Ponds nestle in the greenery close to this path that was formerly used to tow boats and barges. A sign states that the River Somme starts its journey from Saint-Simon, 129km away.*
2. At the bridge, head right and then left, cross the bridge and follow Rue Coquette through Cocquerel to the D112. Turn left along this road.
   ▸ *16th century St. Martin Church built in stone with a stepped steeple and wooden cross. At the hamlet of Longuet there is a 19th century chapel and 18th century St. Julien Chapel-church with a latticed steeple.*
3. After the lay-by as you exit the village, follow the Cadet Roussel track to the right climbing towards Francières. Ignore two paths to the right. At the woods, turn left and then right and follow alongside the woods to the junction.
4. At the junction, head left towards the woods and descend via the Francières Valley to the road. Turn left and continue to the D112.
5. Turn right along the D112, and then take Rue Pasteur to the left. Turn left again along Rue des Flaques and return to the starting point.
   ▸ *Like the chateau the St. Pierre Church dates from the 19th century. Before leaving the Pont-Rémy area, you must take a look at the lock.*

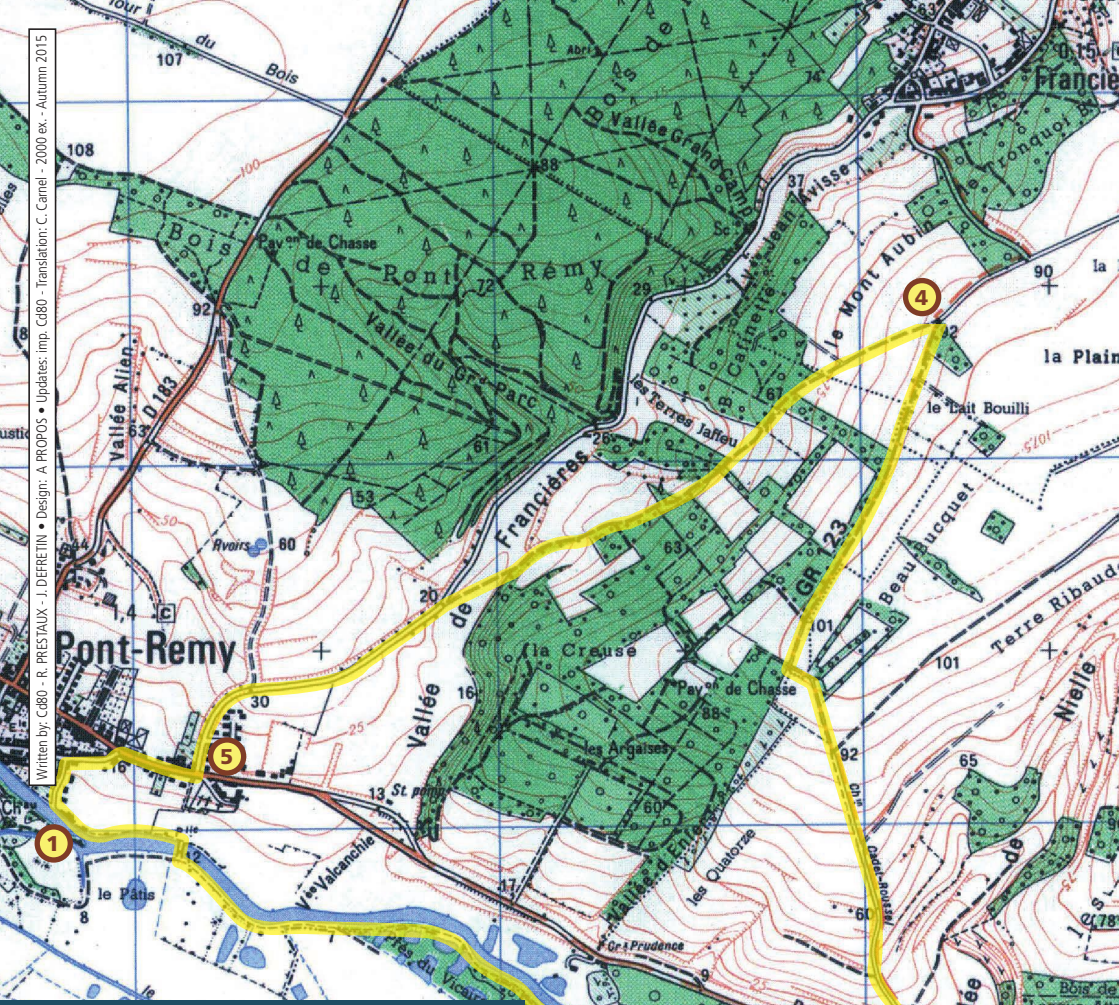
Tourist Offices:
Pont-Rémy: 03 22 27 20 71
Long: 03 22 31 82 50

Of Interest

Samara, a Long Calm River!

A plaque at the Pont-Rémy lock states that the River Somme has travelled from Saint-Simon, 129km away. In reality, Saint-Simon is where the river becomes navigable; the source of the river is actually at Fonsommes in the Aisne. Feeding on other rivers and streams, it slowly crosses the department to which it has given its name - the Somme or Samara in Latin- and flows into the Channel at Saint-Valery-sur-Somme. It there creates a bay of the same name, renowned as one of the most beautiful bays in the world. The river-bed divides and the river spreads out, surrounded by fish-filled ponds and wetlands: the former peat-bogs. The River Somme is navigable for two thirds of its 250km, either along the river itself or along the lateral canals.

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In the Vicinity

At Pont-Rémy: Ambiani Association, archaeological reconstructions of Gallic buildings and a river boat from Gallo-Roman times.
More information: 00 33 (0)3 22 27 06 91.
2km away, Eaucourt sur Somme: windmill, the ruins of a mediaeval castle, retting ponds.
4km away, Mareuil-Caubert: ponds and fishing.
6km away, Long: hydro-electric factory, 12th century St. Jean-Baptiste Church, 18th century chateau "Folie".
7km away, Longpré-les-Corps-Saints: Maison de Marais (Marshland Centre), viewpoint, walking and boat trips.
9km away: Abbeville and its rich heritage. This includes the 15th century, St. Vulfran Collegiate; the 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; Boucher de Perthes Museum of Archaeology.
Somme Valley Cycle Route

Sign posts

Route continues

Wrong direction

Change of direction

This hiking trail is not suitable for horse-riding (tow path).

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This hiking trail is maintained by the Communauté de communes de la region d'Hallencourt and the municipalities of Pont-Rémy and Coquerel.

Vallée de Somme

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