

## Stubbing and Tocards

In the Petit Morin valley, as elsewhere, rivers are lined with pastureland and paths weaving through old willow trees. These often have cracked trunks caused by frequent pruning to stimulate new shoots.

The aim was to make supplementary food for livestock from young green shoots, and to use longer shoots as firewood.

This pruning method, known as stubbing, was all but obsolete. Conservationists have revived it to preserve the landscape, and because the cracked tree trunks are used as shelters by all sorts of animals.

Locally, this pruning method is now used on another species growing on hillsides and in woods: the hornbeam, used to mark the limits of each plot of land. These are known as tocards, and can be spotted here and there, along the pathway.



"Tocards"



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IGN Map: 2514 E

Departure: Orly-sur-Morin (church)

GPS: Lat. Long. : 48.90435 - 03.22992

UTM: 31U 0516 822 - 5416 869

**Access:** Orly-sur-Morin lies 30km to the east of Meaux via the D603, D407 and D31e.

### The Hiker's Code of Conduct

- Do not leave the marked paths.
- If there are any doubts regarding which path to take, markings take precedence over the description.
- Respect nature and private property.
- Don't litter.
- Avoid routes during hunting season (check with the town halls or the Seine-et-Marne hunting federation).
- Close gates and fences after you.
- Whenever possible, remove any obstacles from the path.



9,7 km



Duration: 3h15



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### ORLY-SUR-MORIN Tocards in Boitron

Have fun spotting the tocards along the way, on either side of the valley, especially as you go through the woods.



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## Tocards in Boitron

- Starting at the square, take Rue de l'Hêtre (D31) on your left, cross the bridge, then cross the Place des Marronniers on your right. Follow Rue de la Planchette on your right then Rue Franche on your left. It becomes a path. Cut across the little road and cross the Petit-Morin river on your right.
- Take the track on your left, then turn right onto the D55 which goes through Coton. In the hamlet, go left at the fork onto the path that runs along the river then through the wood. Continue along the road until you reach La Forge.
- Take the valley road (D31) then climb the *Chemin des Vignes* on your right in the wood.
- Take the marshy track on your left and go up the path on your right, before the D55 to Coton. Climb the D55 for 30m, turn left into Rue des Marnières, which becomes a track. Take the Boitron road on your left for 800m. In the wood, go up the Orly-sur-Morin road on your right for 600m.
- Go down the track through the wood on your left and continue via Rue du Chêne Madame. Take Rue de la Charlerie on your right to the church.



Church in Orly-sur-Morin



A charming encounter along the way



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