La Ferté Gaucher

The town is named after a lord from the French court named Gaucher who lived in the early 12th century. As the owner of a vast estate, he had a town built, which he called Fort de Gaucher (Firmitas Galcherii), now La Ferté-Gaucher.

He married one of the Count of Champagne's daughters who brought a dowry of land in Montmirail, making him Lord Montmirail. Thus, for several centuries, the lords of La Ferté-Gaucher were also the lords of Montmirail. This title was inherited or bought by a series of families through to the 19th century.

The calf market

La Ferté-Gaucher used to do brisk business in livestock. The calf market was first opened in 1847, and proved very busy.

The town council decided to build a specially designed hall for it. The structure was ground-breaking, boasting a metal structure, just as sturdy as wood but more lightweight. Victor Baltard also used iron to build the central market "Les Halles" in Paris. Inside the hall, there was room for 168 for calves on the platform which stood 80 centimetres above street level.

Cast-iron terminals connected by an iron bar, were used to tie the animals up. The calf market closed in 1910 and the hall was then turned into a reception hall. Restoration work performed in 1996-1997 refurbished the original structures.





Access: La Ferté-Gaucher 20 km east of Coulommiers by the D934.

Practical information: parking, supermarket, all shops. Accessible from the Coulommiers SNCF station or bus line 17 from the "Chessy-La Ferté-Gaucher" station of the RER A. Drops: total: 91m. Min: 103m. Max: 151m

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.

















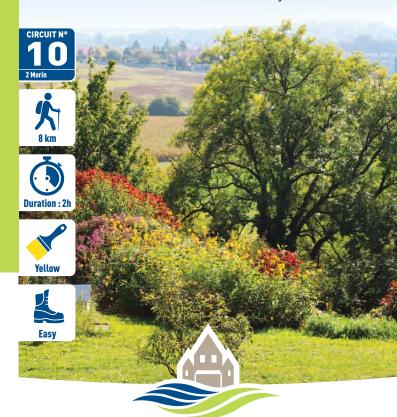
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Les Ramonnets-Montigny

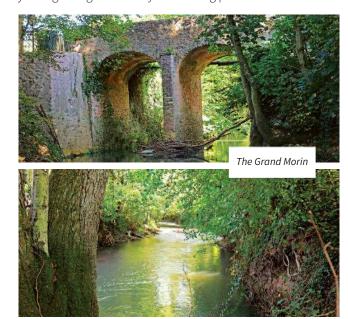
This circuit takes you through Les Ramonnets and the hamlet of Montigny, revealing a double panorama on the meandering Grand-Morin between La Ferté-Gaucher and Jouy-sur-Morin.





Les Ramonnets-Montigny

- 1 From the Tourist Information Office, go a little way up the street towards No. 29 and take the Ruelle des Grenouilles running along the supermarket. In the street, turn left, cross the Grand-Morin, then bear right on the D934. Climb up the second path on the left, bear right, cross the road and go straight up to the plateau.
- 2 At the fork, turn right, cross the road and walk along the warehouses on the left. The street becomes Le Chemin Paré, a vestige of the Gallo-Roman road from the town now known as Troyes to the present Meaux. Cross over the D204, walk along Montblin and cross the small road.
- 3 Keep going for 700m, take the road going down on your right. Zigzag right-left over the D934 then through the green space. Follow the D66 on the left. At Les Ramonnets, take the road on your right which becomes a path. Follow this path along the river for 700m.
- 4 Bear right on the road, cross the Grand-Morin, climb up Rue de la Planchotte on the left then Grande Rue. In Montigny, take Rue des Oliveaux. It goes past the washhouse.
- **5** On the D204, turn right then take the wide path down on your right. Follow the street in the same direction, along the buildings. Fork left on the D204 and take Rue A. Maginot on your right. Walk along this street for 350m, take Rue Jean Jaurès then turn left into the D204. Take the second street on your right to get back to your starting point.





The trail markings on this route are installed and maintained by 250 footpath wardens from the Seine-et-Marne departmental hiking committee. (Codérando 77). It is part of a network of 4,500 km of walking and hiking trails in the department.

If you notice any irregularities during your hikes (errors or lack of markings, poor maintenance, illegal waste disposal), please inform Codérando 77 via the website http://sentinelles.sportsdenature.fr/ by selecting the "hiking" activity.