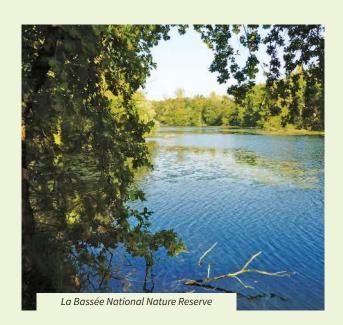
La Bassée

La Bassée is part of the Seine valley, in a vast flood plain upstream from Paris. It stretches from the Aube-Seine confluence upstream (Romilly-sur-Seine) and the Seine-Yonne confluence downstream (Montereau-Fault-Yonne). Covering 30,000 hectares, La Bassée is one of 152 wetland areas of national importance, reputed for its amazing natural heritage.

This territory is well-known for its environmental riches and natural resources. It is central to political, economic and environmental issues. In geological terms, La Bassée is a great source of alluvial materials (sand and gravel). On a Campien limestone bed, over 65 million years old, this territory has been shaped by the Seine and its affluents, which have worn down the limestone on ancient and recent alluvion deposits.

Located at the heart of this territory, La Bassée National Nature Reserve stretches across 854 ha as a mosaic of very rich natural habitats, an original feature being the presence of dry lawns next to wetlands (lakes, streams, reed beds, sedge, wet grassland, freshwater swamp forest etc.). With over 614 plant species listed, i.e. 40% of the flora in Île-de-France, the reserve is home to many protected plants such as wild vines, with one of the greatest populations in France.





Access: Longueville 46 km from Melun via the D408 and D49. Practical information: all shops. Transport: Longueville station on the Transilien line Paris Gare de l'Est – Longueville – Provins. This route is a stage of a 2-day hike from one station to another (possibility of taking the bus (line 1) to return to Longueville. More information on:

The Hiker's Code of Conduct

lescarsmoreau.fr.). It can of course be hiked as a day hike.

- 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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FROM STATION TO STATION

LONGUEVILLE / PONT-SUR-YONNE

La Bassée Nature Reserve

Step 1: from Longueville to Bray-sur-Seine

You will see a large variety of scenery: from Chalmaison heights, you will get panoramic views of the Yonne, Aube and Seine-et-Marne. You then pass through La Bassée

wetlands before coming to Bray-sur-Seine and its half-timbered houses.





entre Bassée, Montois et Morin

La Bassée Nature Reserve

1 Leaving Longueville railway station (line P), go down towards the left out of the village and follow Voulzie valley to Tachy.

2 Bear left, pass under the railway track and go up to the wood. Take the path on the right, which first hugs the edge of the wood then crosses fields. Pass the water tower and go up on the left to reach the wood. Turn right. A vast panorama stretches out before your eyes: the Seine valley, La Bassée Nature Reserve and in the background, 20/25km away, the hills of Yonne. Come back down the hill, cross the railway track and continue along a little road towards the left, cross over the D-road and follow the path opposite. It heads to your right and comes to the Everly water tower.

3 Bear completely left and go over the railway track. Leave the first path on the right, then the second on the left to follow the well-blazed path across La Bassée Nature Reserve, first through the woods then fields.

4 The path leads to a little road in Grand Peugny. Zigzag right/left and continue on to Mouy-sur-Seine. Pass the church and the Town Hall, turn right to the roundabout. Take the road on the left which crosses the Seine and enter Bray-sur-Seine. 5



In **Bray-sur-Seine** you can explore the little alleyways, coming across several half-timbered houses.

Sainte-Croix church was burned down in 978, restored in 1165 par Henri I and dedicated on 31 August 1169, by William of



Champagne, archbishop of Sens. It features a Renaissance gate, an 18th-century bell tower and shining 12th-century absidioles. **The Wheat Marketplace** was built in 1842 to replace the older market in very poor condition. It has been listed as a Historic Monument.



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.