

Villeneuve-la-Petite

This village was first mentioned in the 6th century. The 11th-century church, Notre-Dame de l'Assomption, was refurbished in the 16th century. It has been officially classified as a Historic Monument. Inside you can see woodwork, a retable and a set of multi-coloured statues made of wood and stone. The village also features a 17th-century dovecote, a 17th-century fountain and a 19th-century washhouse.



La Butte à Queue Chat (Cat's Tail hill)

As the high point of the town (140m), it was occupied from Prehistoric times to the Gallo-Roman period. There is an enclosure 140m in diameter, surrounded by three concentric moats setting the boundaries of the village through to the High Middle Ages, according to the vestiges of wooden palisades found in one of the moats.



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Access: Villeneuve-la-Petite is 7 km east of Bray-sur-Seine by the D 411 and 59, and 26 km south of Provins by the D403, the D412 and the D411 and D59.

Practical information: elevation gain: 127m.

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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Hiking

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VILLENAUXE-LA-PETITE La Butte à Queue Chat (Cat's Tail hill)

Another lesser-known site in Seine-et-Marne, yet is studded with surprises: Villeneuve and Villuis churches and the Queue Chat (cat's tail), overlooking the plain, which has been inhabited since Prehistoric times.

CIRCUIT N°

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Bassée-Montois



15,2 km



Duration : 3h45



Yellow



Medium



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La Butte à Queue Chat (Cat's Tail hill)

1 Follow Rue de l'Eglise past the church porch, then take Rue du Château-d'Eau on your right (sleigh on the left). Follow the ridge path for 1,250m (views of the Seine valley on the left and Butte à Queue Chat on the horizon to your right). Turn left, the path bears right, then turn left to Villuis cemetery.

2 Cross the Passy road and when you reach the woods, take Rue des Forges on your right for 200m. At No. 18, turn into the alley on your right then the path to the left leading to the church. Go round on the left and take the path outside the gate. Turn right into Rue de Passy and take the path on the left. Continue for 400m. The path bears left and continues to the D59. Cross the D59 and continue for 800m, turn right towards Baby. Take the path on the left round the back of the Baby gardens (with a lovely chequered grange) then take the second right (Rue de la Vallée). Go up Rue Grande on the left.

3 Pass the church. Leave the path on the left and go up for 1,300m. Take the path on your right and head for the wood opposite until you reach the small road (with a viewpoint and picnic table).

4 Continue in the same direction along the edge of the wood and enter it via the next path. Turn right at the crossroads then take the ridge path on the left for over a kilometre (great views to the north and south). At the entrance to the wood, bear right and go straight ahead for 1,600m on the path that slopes gently downward (views of Villenauxe-la-Petite). Zigzag left-right twice. Follow the road on your right then, just outside Villenauxe, take the D39 on your right for 50m. Go up Rue des Mardelles on the left and Rue de l'Ecole on your right to get back to the church.



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.