

The Jouy forest

The forest used to belong to the counts of Champagne, then the Cistercian Abbey in Jouy. It stretches over 1,956 hectares. This forest lies on the Brie plateau at an altitude of 136-168m. The territory is now mainly part of the town of Chenoise, the rest being portioned out to St-Just en Brie in the west, St-Hilliers to the east and Jouy le Châtel to the north. It is lined by two rivers, the Yvron in the south and the Réveillon in the north.

The Abbaye brook springs to the north-east. The RD231 is a busy road running through it from Provins to Lagny-sur-Marne. It has been divided up geometrically with wide paths. The main tree species are Sessile and English oaks, beech, birch, hornbeam and chestnut. There are two remarkable oaks, the Montauban oak which fell during the 1999 storm, 350 years old, and the Ronceaux oak, still standing, which is over 200 years old.



Jouy abbey

This former Cistercian abbey is built next to the Jouy forest, in Chenoise. It was founded in 1124 by Thibault II, thanks to two rich Cistercians, Pierre du Châtel and Milon de Naud. In 1156, Henri I of Champagne bestowed it with the Jouy forest. The only remains of the abbey church are vestiges of the flat, 2-storey chevet and of the abbey, a 13th-century grange, with powerful buttresses. Its sheer size shows how important the estate was. These vestiges have been listed as historic monuments since 1942. From the road, you can see an 18th-century bourgeois home completely unrelated to the abbey.

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Carte IGN: 2515E

Departure: Chenoise (church car park)

GPS: Lat. Long. : 48.61518 - 3.19231

UTM: 31U 0514 174 - 5384 696

Access: Chenoise is located 10km from Provins by the D231 and 45 km from Melun by the D408, the D619, the D209 and the D75.

Practical information: possibility of merging this route with that of "The Ronceaux oak circuit" to make a larger route. Picnic area next to the departure car park. All shops.

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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CIRCUIT N°

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Provinois



9,3 km



Duration : 3h



Yellow



Easy



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The Beau Chêne circuit (Lovely Oak)

- 1 Follow the path on your right out of the car park, turn left, then right into Rue de la Forêt (D75). It crosses the D231 (take care) and plunges into the forest.
- 2 Leave the road as it enters the forest, taking the forest path on the left. Walk along the Basse Route on your right and turn left in the Route du Milieu.
- 3 At the crossroads, take the Route Jacques on your right. 150m further on, turn left into the path, then left again to walk on the edge of the forest. Bear right in the road.
- 4 At the crossroads (near Jouy Abbey), follow the road on your right which goes into the forest and leads to the D75. Cut across this road (take care) to the Basse-Route. Turn right to the Beau Chêne crossroads. (There's a picnic area and the Beau Chêne log cabin on your right).
- 5 Walk along the Route des Bordes on the left. As you leave the forest, follow the path on your right first on the edge of the forest, then through it, to the D75. Turn left into this road.
- 2 At the edge of the forest, retrace your steps back to the starting point. 1



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.