

The Town Hall: a former Priory

This 16th- and 17th-century former parish Priory with a mansard roof was founded by St-Jacques de Provins abbey, now housing Sourdun Town Hall. The outer building and the recently-restored 18th-century wood panelling inside have been listed as historic monuments.

Château de l'Ormurion

This 18th-century château was restored in the 19th century. It still features its 16th-century towers, with arrow slits adapted for firearms. The oldest trees in the grounds date from the 19th century. The castle was occupied by the Germans during WWII, then served as a rehabilitation centre for young people.



Moulin Rouge

Moulin Rouge is a hamlet that's part of Léchelle. It boasts the two main springs feeding the Voulzie (out of the 18 existing springs), in La Vicomté (28,000 m³/day) in Le Bassin (5,000m³/day). The 18 springs produce 61,000 m³ a day, and are managed by Les Eaux de Paris. They partly supply the city of Paris with water. This water is sent to Paris via a 55km aqueduct. In 1829, the Voulzie worked three mills: the Moulin des Fontaines and La Vicomté each with two grindstones and Moulin Rouge with four.

Les Eparmailles

This hamlet belongs to the town de Saint-Brice, with allotments lining the street named after it. "Eparmailles" means land where you can save "maille", which was currency minted between 1308 and 1441.

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The chemin des Hussards

- 1 Leave the car park via the path between the bakery and the Town Hall, and follow Rue du Puits-des-Champs. Cross the D619, then follow the street on your right then, on the left, Rue de l'Ormurion. Go past the tree-filled park.
- 2 Take two left turns to keep going round the park. Walk alongside the château de l'Ormurion. Turn right then left at the roundabout, then take the road on your right out of Sourdun. Follow the D78 straight ahead for 500m, go down the path on the left and along the D74 for 100m. Turn right and go through Moulin-Rouge (where Les Eaux de Paris takes spring water from the Voulzie.)
- 3 As you leave the hamlet, the road becomes a path. Cross over the railway track, go up on the left and, at the crossroads, turn left then go down on the left. The path enters the wood then runs alongside it for 2km. As you go down, turn right, just as you leave the woods. Cross the crossroads, go past the military terrain and at the next crossroads, go down the street to your left (the large tower just before the clinic St-Brice is a former lime kiln).
- 4 Keep going in the same direction, then when you reach Boulevard du Général-Plessier (a tree-lined alley where the city walls used to be), turn left heading to Provins railway station (another starting point for this hike).
- 5 Turn left, cross over the railway tracks and turn right at the roundabout. Shortly afterwards, follow the left path to La Fontaine and turn left into the road to Chalaudre. Pass underneath the D619, walk 500m then turn right.
- 6 Just outside Hennepont, go up the path on the left, pass the water reservoirs then turn right then left. Walk along the D1 on your right for 100m (take care), then turn left for 600m. Turn left again to enter Chalaudre-la-Petite.
- 7 Pass the washhouse, go over the crossroads next to it. (There are picnic areas around here. On the right of the square, the 16th-century Snail House). At the bend in the road, leave the D1 for Rue d'Hermé on the left then turn left again into the Voie Aux-Vins. Bear right then take the path on your right. It leads through the woods. On the edge of the wood, turn right into the wood and then right again. Cross over the fields, walk along the copes then turn left. After 700m, turn right past Montbron farm.
- 8 Cross the D78. Turn left into the path, enter in Sourdun via Rue des Vignes, take two left turns, then the second on your right into Ruelle Absolue to get back to the church car park.



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.