

The ostrich farm

This farm grows cereals and breeds free-range ostriches. Ostriches are flightless birds, part of the ratite family. There are three sorts of ratite: ostriches from Africa, rhea from South America and emus from Australia. These animals are herbivorous; at the farm, they eat meadow grass, dehydrated lucerne and cereals. You can visit this farm and buy its produce at a farm shop.

Les Tertres and the watershed

A *tertre* is a small rocky outcrop with a flat top. In this region they are made of sand and sandstone, a reminder that the Paris basin was underwater 13 million years ago. These tertres form a watershed, with water flowing either north towards the Marne or south towards the Seine.

Les Petites Vosges

The term *vosges* means a place of wood and water. In the wood, the Petites Vosges summit stands 193m high. In the early 20th century it was sliced open for a railway track running from Provins to Esternay. The sand from this outcrop used to be quarried.



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Departure: Villiers-Saint-Georges
(town hall car park)

GPS: Lat. Long. : 48.64988 - 3.40639

UTM: 31U 0529 926 - 5388 618

Access: Villiers-Saint-Georges is located 14 km northeast of Provins by the D403.

Practical information: elevation gain: 49m. 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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Hiking

in Provinois, Bassée-Montois and Morin

VILLIERS-SAINT-GEORGES Through the fields around the Vosges outcrops

This hike takes you through typical Brie scenery: farmland, bosquets, woods and isolated farms with two high points atop wooded hills: Les Tertres (190m) and Les Petites Vosges (193m).

CIRCUIT N°

20

Provinois



11,7 km



Duration : 4h



Yellow



Easy







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Through the fields around the Vosges outcrops

- 1 Leave the car park via Rue de Provins on the left and quickly turn right into the Sente de l'Eponge. At the well, go left, then right. Follow Rue de Rupereux (D12) on the left for 400m.
- 2 Take the tarmac path on your right which becomes a dirt track. Follow it for 1.4km.
- 3 At the junction, turn left between the fields (N.B several paths no longer exist in this area). 1km later, keep left then cross the D12.
- 4 Walk past farm La Fontaine farm opposite. Take the left path through the wood to the road near the hamlet Flaix. (100m on the left, at the cross, a panorama of the neighbouring countryside).
- 5 Take the path opposite to continue upwards. It goes through the wood to a local road.
- 6 Take this road on the left for 50m, and take the path on the right leading to a wood and going round it. Turn right, go through the wood, then go down to the road.
- 7 Take the path on the left. Follow this path for 1.7km taking care as you cross the D403, the D72 then the former railway track.
- 8 Some 200m after the railway track turn left into the path which becomes a road after the aerial and go through the wood. It then runs alongside the railway track. Cross over the railway track to continue on the other side for 200m, the path then leaves the track.
- 9 Enter Villiers-Saint-Georges via Rue de Nogent and, after two streets on the left, bear left in the Sente du Puits then the Rue du Puits which takes you to the church and the Town Hall car park.



Trail markings

- Continue straight 
- Turn left 
- Turn right 
- Wrong way 



Access to download the folder and the gpx track

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.