




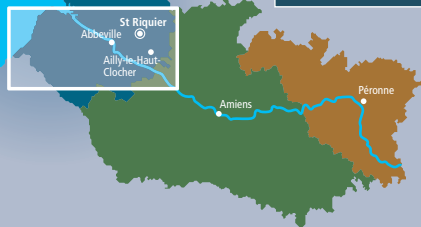
The “Centuloise” Walk PR®

A walk around a town with a prestigious past and which has become an important place for cultural exchanges.

-  Time: 3 hours
-  Distance: 9km
-  Route: moderate

Starting at: Saint-Riquier Mairie (Town Hall)

Saint-Riquier, 10km east of Abbeville, 7km north-west of Ailly le Haut Clocher.



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La Somme

Of Interest

- ① With your back to the Mairie (Town Hall), turn right and then take the Rue Michel to the left. Turn right and cross the River Scardon. Pass in front of the school and walk along the lane opposite. Go past Napoleon House to reach the Place de l'Abbatiale.

► 16th century, *UNESCO World Heritage* listed belfry; 18th century *Hôtel-Dieu Chapel*, decorated by Simon de Pfaffenhoffen, an Austrian sculptor who lived in the town in 1750.

- ② Take the D925 towards Doullens. After the second road to the left, take the narrow path between the houses.

► *The origin of the word “Centule” - the name once carried by this ancient Merovingian village - has never been discovered, but the inhabitants of Saint-Riquier are still known as the Centulois.*

- ③ When you reach the Rue d'Yvrench, turn left. Cross

the D32 and take the Rue de Millencourt opposite. At the crossroads continue straight on.

- ④ Turn left at the GR123 route. Turn right at the first house and then head left and then right. Turn left, cross the small bridge and cross the Rue de Drugy. At the crucifix, continue straight on along the Imperial Way.

- ⑤ At the crossroads, cross the D925 and turn left along the Ponthieu Crossing. Walk past the former Saint-Riquier Station.

- ⑥ At the Rue Verte, turn right to reach the road. Turn left and, at the crucifix, take the path to the left.

- ⑦ Turn left at the corner of the woods and follow the path alongside it to reach the D12.

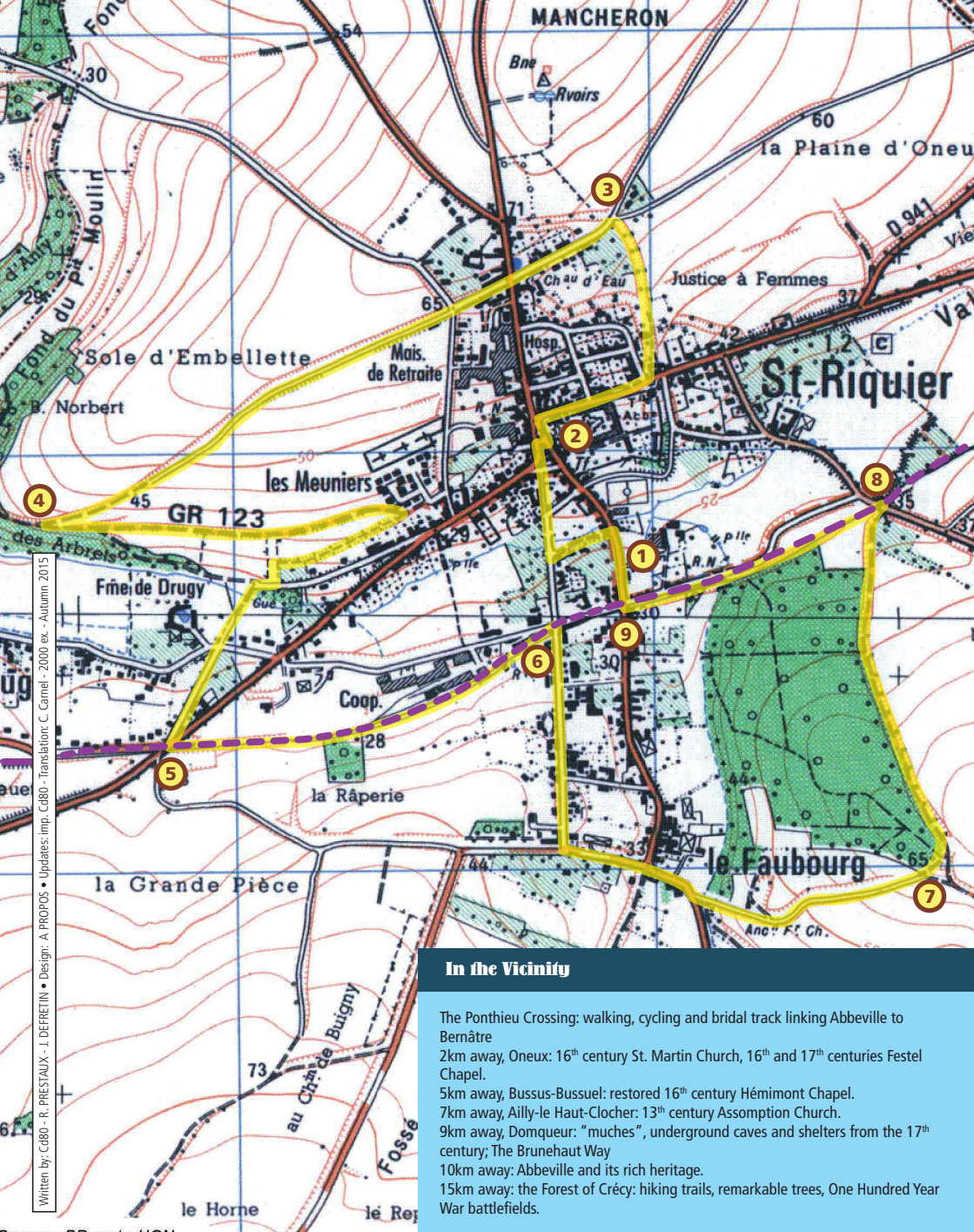
- ⑧ At the end, turn left along the Ponthieu Crossing. Cross Rue Notre-Dame.

- ⑨ At the main road, turn left along the Ponthieu Crossing to return to the Mairie.

A Sumptuous Gift from the Carolingians!

The abbey, a former Benedictine monastery from the 7th century, built around the tomb of Saint-Riquier, quickly became the most important of the region, mainly thanks to Charlemagne's ambitions. The abbey-church, which has been destroyed, restored and enriched numerous times, is a harmonious master-piece of Gothic art, particularly of the Flamboyant style. Enclosed by a protective wall, the buildings in the park date from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. The abbey-church receives many visitors and also hosts a popular music festival each year. The abbey is owned by the Department of the Somme and houses a museum of art and popular traditions as well as a cultural centre proposing frequent exhibitions and events.

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In the Vicinity

- The Ponthieu Crossing: walking, cycling and bridal track linking Abbeville to Bernâtre
- 2km away, Oneux: 16th century St. Martin Church, 16th and 17th centuries Festel Chapel.
- 5km away, Bussus-Bussuel: restored 16th century Hémimont Chapel.
- 7km away, Ailly-le Haut-Clocher: 13th century Assomption Church.
- 9km away, Domqueur: "muches", underground caves and shelters from the 17th century; The Brunehaut Way
- 10km away: Abbeville and its rich heritage.
- 15km away: The Forest of Crécy: hiking trails, remarkable trees, One Hundred Year War battlefields.

Sign posts

Route continues

Wrong direction

Change of direction

Ponthieu crossing

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250

500

750

1 km

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This hiking trail is maintained by the municipality of Saint-Riquier

